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A New Beginning in Monroe

Home Dedication for Nickolas and Family

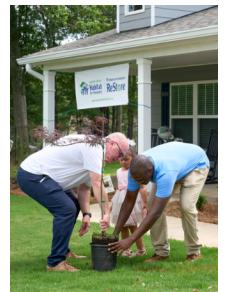
On June 7th, under clear skies in Monroe, a joyful crowd of Habitat supporters, volunteers, and community partners gathered to celebrate a powerful moment of hope and homecoming—the home dedication of W18, the newest Gwinnett/Walton Habitat house built for **U.S. Marine veteran Nickolas** and his young daughter.

With deep gratitude and emotion, Nickolas accepted the keys to his new home, calling the experience “life-changing.” Leading up to the event, Nickolas reflected on what this opportunity truly meant. “For me, this is about more than just a house,” he shared. **“It is about generational wealth. This is something we can own. My daughter will always have a place to call home.”**

This milestone was made possible by the unwavering dedication of Habitat volunteers, generous sponsors, and local partners who contributed their time, resources, and labor to bring this vision to life. Their commitment to honoring Nickolas’ service through the gift of homeownership made the day especially meaningful.

As blessings were spoken and a maple tree was planted in the yard, the porch of W18 became a powerful symbol of hope, reminding us all that when a community comes together, we can build better homes and foundations for the future.

Welcome home, Nickolas. Thank you for your service. May your new home be filled with peace, laughter, and love.



Nickolas and his daughter stand excitedly outside their new house on the day of their Home Dedication—a fresh start in Monroe, Georgia made possible through community, service, and hope.

Hard Hats and High Spirits: A Night to Remember at The 1818 Club



On May 7th, Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity hosted **Hard Hats and High Spirits** at **The 1818 Club**—a spirited evening of coalition, connection, and celebration. With the generous support of our event sponsors, **Rubin Lublin** and **LJA**, we unveiled our most exciting project to date: a 13-home affordable housing development in Lilburn, set to transform lives and strengthen our community.



Suwanee City Council member **Linnea Miller (L)** and Gwinnett/Walton Habitat Executive Director **Eric Miller (R, no relation)** celebrate the unveiling of Habitat's 13-home development in Lilburn.

The evening brought together Habitat supporters, local business leaders, and longtime donors to learn more about the vision behind this impactful project. Guests had the opportunity to hear from **Eric Miller**, our Executive Director, who shared how partnerships with local businesses and community advocates



Rhonda Street, Gwinnett/Walton Habitat Director of Homeowner Services (L), and **Kevin Jones**, VP of Retail Sales & Business Development at Oconee State Bank (R), connect at Hard Hats and High Spirits.

are vital to making affordable homeownership a reality. We're grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to the evening's success. With hard hats on and spirits high, we're building homes and forward motion.

Shop. Donate. Build. Join us at the ReStore



When you shop or donate to the Gwinnett/Walton Habitat ReStore, you're sure to find great deals on furniture, appliances, and home goods—you'll also help build homes and hope in our community. Every purchase and donation directly supports Habitat's mission to create housing solutions for local families. The ReStore also promotes sustainability by giving gently used items a second life. Whether you're remodeling, decluttering, or treasure hunting, the ReStore is a smart way to make a big impact. Visit our showroom in Lawrenceville!

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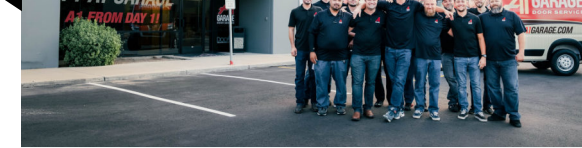
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A1 Garage Door Service

We're proud to spotlight **A1 Garage Door Service** for their generous \$10,000 donation and in-kind support of Habitat homes #164 and #165 in Lilburn. From providing high-quality garage doors and openers to complete installation, A1's partnership helps open the door to stability for hardworking families. Thank you, A1, for building stronger communities...one door at a time.

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Lynn Weekley Scholarship Honors Four Outstanding Scholars

This year's **Lynn Weekley Scholarship** recipients exemplify the power of perseverance, academic excellence, and the spirit of service that defines the mission of Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity. We're proud to recognize four incredible young women: **Farida and Fariha Fuad**, **Amina Abubaker**, and **Stephanie Larbi-Amoah**—who are not only scholars but future leaders, dreamers, and community changemakers.

Farida and Fariha Fuad, twin sisters with matching GPAs above 4.0, are both headed to the **University of Georgia** this fall. They share a passion for science and helping others. Farida plans to major in **biology**, while Fariha is pursuing a degree in **biological engineering**. Both are on the pre-med track, with dreams of becoming physicians dedicated to equity in healthcare.



Twin sisters **Fariha and Farida Fuad** receive the Lynn Weekley Scholarship alongside their proud mom, presented by **Lynn Weekley** herself. (L-R: Fariha, Lynn, Farida, Mom)

Amina Abubaker will attend **Georgia State University** to study **architecture**. Her passion for design and building sustainable communities reflects the heart of our mission. Amina's academic excellence and vision for the future promise a career that will shape both skylines and lives.



Amina Abubaker receives the Lynn Weekley Scholarship, joined by her mom and presenter **Lynn Weekley**.

Stephanie Larbi-Amoah is **University of Georgia**-bound with a focus on **mechanical engineering**. With her GPA soaring above 4.0, Stephanie plans to innovate solutions that bridge technology and real-world impact.

Congratulations to these four future trailblazers. Your Habitat family is so proud of you!



Stephanie Larbi-Amoah is all smiles as she receives the **Volunteer Scholarship** from **Lynn Weekley**.



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Executive Director's Corner

Boy does time fly! It's hard to believe it's already been three months since I joined Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity! I've spent this initial period immersing myself in the incredible mission we share and familiarizing myself with the vibrant communities of Gwinnett and Walton counties. It's been a privilege to connect one-on-one with our dedicated staff members, passionate board members, and valued community stakeholders. I've also been diving deep into our financials and learning about the huge impact of our wonderful programs.

As I look ahead, there's so much to be excited about at Gwinnett/Walton Habitat. Despite a very rainy spring, **we have broken ground on our 13-home pocket community in Lilburn**, a project that will bring much-needed affordable homeownership opportunities to the area. **The Water Resources Assistance Program (WRAP) continues to be incredibly successful**, crossing over 500 families served.

We are also thrilled to have been awarded \$1.4 million in CHIP funds, which will allow us to continue building homes and strengthening communities in Walton County. Plus, our **Habitat ReStore** is gearing up for a very busy summer, providing incredible savings as our customers begin digging into their summer projects.

Gwinnett/Walton Habitat has never been in a better position to make a positive impact on the citizens of our communities. **It is such an exciting time and we would love to have you join our mission.** Please reach out today if you would like to get involved and make a difference!



Eric Miller
Executive Director

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