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Welcome New Staff Members: Christina & Randi



Christina Greenwood

Volunteer Coordinator

Christina Greenwood began working at Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity in June as our new volunteer coordinator. She immediately jumped right in and has begun forming relationships with our volunteers, homeowners, and sponsors on the construction sites. Previously an AmeriCorps Team Member and later working at Youth Villages Inner Harbour, she comes to us with a vast amount of volunteer experience and a drive to get things done. Christina will be focusing on how to make community stewardship sustainable, fun, and impactful. Outside of the office or worksites, Christina loves spending her time any place with live music and good people, primarily with her fiancé, who she will marry in August. Christina lives her life through a message by Gandhi, "The best way to find oneself is to lose yourself in service."

Are you an individual or part of a team looking to get involved with Gwinnett Habitat? Reach out to Christina! cgreenwood@habitatgwinnett.org | 770-931-8080 x: 1010



Randi Sayers

Director of Philanthropy

Randi Sayers started in July as the director of philanthropy at Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity. She is looking forward to funding more houses and home repair projects, now and in the long-term, than ever before for Gwinnett Habitat. Her passion for bringing people together to make a larger impact is met with her skills in fundraising and teamwork in a community she loves, Gwinnett. Randi previously worked at the American Red Cross. She was married in June and enjoys spending time with her husband traveling, exploring new restaurants, adventuring outdoors and attending concerts.

Are you a business or organization who is interested in partnering with Gwinnett Habitat? Reach out to Randi! rsayers@habitatgwinnett.org | 770-931-8080 x: 1025

Please join us in welcoming Christina and Randi to Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity. We are most excited to work alongside these ladies and watch them flourish in our organization and our community. 🏠

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Greetings From Your Lawrenceville ReStore

If you've never been to the Gwinnett ReStore in Lawrenceville, you are missing out on this great resource. The ReStore is a good deal for you, your community and the environment.

Gwinnett ReStore is a home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

So, how are they associated with Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity? A portion of the profits goes to Gwinnett Habitat to help build strength, stability, & self-reliance through shelter. It's as simple as donate, shop, build homes!

To donate your gently used items, please give us a call on our donation hotline at **770-962-4200**, or schedule your free pickup online at:
<http://suburbanatlantarestores.org/donate>.

We want you to know how grateful we are for your continued support. As a donor, shopper and volunteer, you help Habitat for Humanity build homes and hope for families right here in Gwinnett County.

Thank you,

The staff & volunteers at Gwinnett ReStore
 2100 Riverside Pkwy, Lawrenceville GA 30043

Alice Cunningham retires after wearing many hats



When Alice Cunningham was asked to join the Gwinnett Habitat Board of Directors in 2010, she had no idea that in a very short while she would leave retirement and lead the organization as the interim director. In 2013, she led the search for a new director, recommended hiring Brent Bohanan, and then returned to the board of directors as the president.

Next, in 2015, Alice became a part-time employee as development director to build the foundation for a strong fundraising program. Then in 2017, after discussing all that needed to be accomplished in our community to increase affordable housing availability, Brent Bohanan, Don Goldsmith, board president, and Alice attended a workshop about campaigns and fundraising. As a result of that experience, Brent asked Alice to lead our campaign full-time.

The timing was perfect. Never had Gwinnett Habitat had so many families apply to become homeowners or to have home repair or accessibility modifications made to their homes. The rest is history. According to Alice, "Launching a campaign was an exciting next step. I knew we had to do more than what we had been doing to meet the community needs. The opportunity to bring in funding to help more families, neighborhoods, low-income elderly, disabled and veteran homeowners than ever, was a challenge I was ready for!"

Now it is 2019. The launch of the campaign was spectacular. Alice related, "The community made some very generous gifts to help us build and repair more homes and have funds to purchase land as well meet the other goals of our campaign. We have more funds to raise over the next two years, and I am convinced we will meet our goal. I am exceedingly thankful for the opportunity to help more families have a better place to live."

To show their gratitude for Alice's dedication to the organization, the Gwinnett Habitat board of directors renamed the Brighter Futures Fund to the Alice Cunningham Brighter Futures Fund. Alice established this campaign and now her legacy will live on through it.

Alice has retired again and plans to continue volunteering. She has turned over the reins to Randi, a very capable, energetic and experienced philanthropy professional who will continue to build upon the donor base and help even more families in our community.

Thanks, Alice, for your contribution to Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity and for all you have done to help affordable housing availability in Gwinnett! 🏠





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A bargain sale occurs when you sell real estate that you've owned for more than one year to us for less than its current fair market value, subject to our agreement. After we purchase your property, you receive cash and a charitable deduction, and we receive the property at a bargain price. We both benefit financially.

Establish a Memorial and Endowment Gift

If you have a family member or friend whose life has been touched by us, we hope you'll consider making a gift to us in honor of that person. This is a great way to honor a loved one or yourself, support our efforts, and receive tax benefits.

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A band of sisters: future homeowners share building experience together



This spring, we kicked off a vigorous build season. We started with a plot of land covering 1.07 acres, and separated it into 5 lots. Starting right to left, we began building homes for Octavia, Grace, Abigail, Shannon and Jaime. Now, at the end of summer, we have almost completed the first two homes and are just getting started on the last two, which will be completed late Fall.

In the past few months of building, we have had a lot of fun getting to know our newest set of homeowners. These ladies are driven to succeed and provide for their families. They are strong, funny, and have an array of different backgrounds and stories. They have banded together in support and have started a group text, where they are able to compare their experiences and build their relationships. These homeowners support each other on the build sites too, where you can always count on seeing at least a couple of them out at one of the other homes.

This year, these homeowners have been supported by the community through volunteers, sponsors, our gracious Thursday Crew, which is also comprised of volunteers, and past homeowners. Sponsors have brought additional volunteer groups, some from out of state. The Gwinnett Daily Post has been out twice and written some great articles, which is a great place to check back on the progress and stories of these ladies, alongside our website. And our staff has rallied around them in support. We hope when we announce the dates of our first dedications, you will be able to join us in celebrating these victories too. 🏠





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Become a HopeBuilder and help us meet the needs in Gwinnett County.

- Make a donation to Gwinnett Habitat
- Volunteer on one of our build sites
- Be an advocate: Share the Habitat story with others and help raise awareness

**For more information, visit
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Executive Director's Corner

We are right in the middle of our busy construction season at Gwinnett Habitat. Five new homes are under construction in Lilburn on East Johns Road (behind Berkmar High School). The City of Lilburn is excited about our development and have required some upgrades to improve the community. They hope our new neighborhood will be a pilot for other cities in Gwinnett County.

We are excited because five new homeowners will soon be realizing their dream of homeownership. All of the homeowners are single women with incredible stories and strong determination. Four of these ladies are parents and the other is providing housing for her sibling. These women have found a new family among each other and will be unbelievable neighbors and friends. This is what Habitat is all about, "Building homes, communities and hope!"

Serving more families with affordable homeownership is just one of the goals of our Better Homes, Brighter Futures campaign. While five homes are currently under construction, we have just secured six home lots for next year and are reviewing two others. Later this summer we will purchase another tool trailer and start offering expanded home repair services to our Habitat Homeowners. Later this fall, we plan to have a strategic plan in place for our first neighborhood revitalization projects.

These are exciting times at our affiliate, and I am so glad that you are a part of it. Thanks again for your support as we build Better Homes & Brighter Futures together in Gwinnett County. Have a safe summer. God bless. 🏠

Brent S. Bohanan

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