

Summer 2023

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NEWSLETTER

*Building homes,
communities, and hope.*



Building in Lawrenceville

Construction and Program Updates

The four homes in Lawrenceville are well underway! Thanks to the City of Lawrenceville team, 12 churches, and our Build Better donors, our first Lawrenceville home (#154 on Shoal Circle) for Karli and her family will be dedicated on June 3. Margaret Michelle and her family will move into home W12 in Monroe in June!

Grace Snellville was one of the churches that participated in our Faith Build Home, #154. As part of their sponsorship of this home, the members of the church

decided to "stock the pantry" for Karli. For the dedication, Karli will be presented with many items she needs to start her life in her new home, including food items, paper goods, cleaning supplies, and a huge variety of gift cards.

If you, your family, church, or corporate group would like to be a blessing to our homeowners in this way, let us know. We would love to help you with a "stock the pantry" event!

—Jan Mayheu, Director of Philanthropy



Gwinnett County District Attorney Patsy Austin-Gatson joined Gwinnett/Walton Habitat staff at our Lawrenceville Sign-a-Stud event.



ReStore Update

Over the last year, we have established some amazing ongoing relationships with local corporations.

Kichler is a luxury lighting brand that specializes in indoor and outdoor lighting. We receive regular donations of ceiling fans, chandeliers, sconces, vanity lights, porch sconces, and landscape lights. These items are damaged boxed goods or returns that we inspect and assemble before sale. Our Sales Specialist, Sam, heads up our lighting department and is great at assisting our customers in finding lights that fit their needs. We have more than doubled our lighting department footprint, and this last quarter saw a 109% increase in lighting sales compared to last year.

Williams Sonoma is another wonderful and generous partner for us, with scratch and dent and returned merchandise. From bathroom fixtures to furniture to home decor, we have seen it all. We have seen a 62% increase in those departments this quarter compared to last year.

We have also seen great success with GreenSheen paint, an eco-friendly, low-VOC, recycled paint. It is a premium eggshell interior/exterior latex offered in 18 pre-tinted shades and is extremely affordable at \$18 per gallon. We have sold nearly 1,800 units of gallon and five-gallon buckets in the last year. Our customer feedback has been great, with multiple repeat purchases. Plus, since we were selling paint, we decided to offer a large selection of paint supplies to be your one-stop-shop for that weekend project.

These corporate donors and partners have helped increase sales and transaction counts and brought in many new customers just from word of mouth. It has been a joy to serve our community by supplying premium items at affordable prices for our customers while generating more funds for current and future homeowners in Gwinnett and Walton counties.

-Darci Wells, ReStore Assistant Manager



Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity ReStore

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Celebrating Volunteerism and Academics: Lynn Weekley Scholarship Winners

We are thrilled to announce the 2023 recipients of the Lynn Weekley Volunteer College Scholarship – Sabrina and Megan! Both have shown remarkable dedication to academics and community service.

Sabrina, a Parkview High School senior with a 4.0 GPA, will attend Georgia State University's Honors College to study computer science. Her extensive volunteer work with Friends of

Refugees and personal projects like clothing drives highlight her commitment to community.

Megan, from Mountain View High School, is our second recipient. Megan has contributed significantly to her community as an active member of DECA and VP of the African Student Association. Planning to major in Pre-Nursing, her dedication embodies the spirit of the Lynn Weekley Scholarship.



Congratulations, Sabrina and Megan!

The Lynn Weekley Scholarship, named after our first paid volunteer coordinator, benefits college-bound seniors residing in a Gwinnett/Walton Habitat Home or with 50+ volunteer hours through Habitat. No home-building funds support this scholarship.

Meet Our New Team Member



Susan Spain
WRAP Program Assistant

Susan Spain is a long-time volunteer and supporter of Habitat for Humanity. She served as a volunteer and board member with the Conyers/Rockdale Habitat affiliate and has participated in five week-long Carter Work Projects, both domestically and abroad.

Since early 2021, Susan has been a faithful volunteer Crew Leader with Gwinnett/Walton Habitat home builds. For the past eight years, she has worked as an Administrative Assistant for Pellicano Construction in their Atlanta office, a job which helped her develop her administrative skills while keeping her close to the building world. Susan is also a published author of both Young Adult and Children's books, has four adult daughters, nine grandchildren, and lives in Snellville. She is thrilled to be a part of the Gwinnett/Walton Habitat team!

To Our Sponsors



Attention Roofers!

Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity is partnering with local GAF Certified Contractors and Roofing Companies to build and install a GAF roof over our new homeowners in Gwinnett and Walton Counties.

GAF is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity, installing over 2,300 roofs for families in need of safe, affordable, and decent housing since 2011.

Would you like to donate your time and provide a roof on a new Habitat home? Are you GAF certified? If you are, you may be eligible to provide a roof and GAF will donate the materials.

Thank you to these roofers who have recently provided a roof installation to Gwinnett/Walton Habitat:

House W12: **Accent Roofing**

House 155: **Georgia's Best Roofer**

House 156: **SkyShield Roofing**

WRAP Update:

As of May, we have served over **100 WRAP clients!**



"Patrick came and replaced both toilets and both shower heads and they're so nice! It's amazing!"

-Peggy, Happy WRAP Client



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Executive Director's Corner

We are well on our way to building twice as many homes this year as last year! We have already completed Home #154 in Lawrenceville for Karli and her family and Home W12 in Monroe for Margaret and her family. Both families will be dedicating their homes and moving in later in June. We are excited that they will achieve their dream of homeownership this summer.

Construction has already begun on two additional homes in Lawrenceville. We are grateful for the partnership with the City of Lawrenceville, which donated the four lots to construct these homes. Another great feature of this partnership is that city employees will volunteer to help build two complete homes. We really appreciate the city's willingness to address affordable housing. Our hope is that this will be a pilot program that other cities can emulate in the future.

Later this summer, we will begin construction on two more homes that will move us closer to our goal of serving eight families this year

with our homeownership program. This is only possible due to the success of our **Build Better** capital campaign, which will provide the funds to complete 24 homes over the next three years. We truly appreciate all our donors and volunteers making dreams come true for these families. If you would like to help make dreams come true by volunteering or sponsoring a build day, please contact our office for more information. With your help, we are **building better foundations** for families in Gwinnett & Walton Counties!

Thank you for making a difference.

God bless.



Brent S. Adams

Executive Director

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