

Fall 2023

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NEWSLETTER

*Building homes,  
communities, and hope.*



## Construction in Monroe

### Building Hope with Community Leaders

*Pictured L-R: Ron Watson, District Manager; Carey Smith, Store Manager; Margaret, Habitat Homeowner; Chip Scanland, Naida Brewer, Assistant Store Manager*

For years it has been a dream for me to become a homeowner. Habitat for Humanity gave us this opportunity, and we are so grateful to them for changing our lives. We went from living in a rental trailer that was not livable, but all we could afford, to having the opportunity to get out of there. Rent had spiked so high it was hard to find affordable housing, but Habitat for Humanity gave us a way, and we thank God for them! They are my new family! They have been there for us since we applied for a Habitat house. They are still here for us now. I recently lost my mom, and they reached out to me and my family and sent their condolences. They will be a part of our family forever, and we will forever be grateful to them.

*We thank them so much for helping us become homeowners and helping other people who may never get the opportunity to become homeowners. It is a dream come true.*

And Publix, wow, they have been an outstanding company to work for! I have the best supervisors and district manager of all time. They have also been awesome since I began working for them. I have been a Publix employee for about three and a half years. I worked with them in their Watkinsville location for about a year and a half, and now, I have been at the new Monroe Publix for about a year and a half. Presently, I am training for an office staff role with Publix. They have been so

supportive of me and my family. They encourage me and help me reach my goal of moving up with the company I love working for. Like Habitat for Humanity, Publix has been a wonderful part of my family. Both are so family-oriented and have been incredibly supportive since I lost my mom! Both companies are Godsend for our community; they make our lives easier.

I am so proud to be a part of both the Publix and Habitat for Humanity families for all they have done and continue to do. It is also a blessing that The United Way of Walton County, which we contribute to via Publix, has a part in this. Gwinnett/Walton Habitat is one of three new nonprofit partners this year. I want to thank Habitat for Humanity, Publix, and the United Way of Walton County for all they have done and continue to do for my family and many other families! God speed! ♥

**–Margaret, Monroe Habitat Homeowner**



*Margaret's newly constructed Habitat Home in Monroe, Georgia.*

# Building Together: A Partnership for the Community

We celebrated the Home Dedication for Antwi, Pokuaa, and their two wonderful sons at the end of July. Together with the City of Lawrenceville, we built a strong and stable home, making their dream of homeownership a reality!

We're thrilled to have partnered with the City of Lawrenceville to Build Better foundations for families like Antwi and Pokuaa's. This collaboration has allowed us to construct affordable homes and provide a sense of stability

and security to deserving families in our community. Together, we're making a meaningful impact!

A special thank you to Mayor David Still, City Manager Chuck Warbington, Assistant City Manager Barry Mock, and all the amazing volunteers and staff of the City of Lawrenceville. Your generous donation of land, funding for construction, and valuable time spent volunteering have made this dream home possible for Antwi and his family.



L-R: Barry Mock, Lawrenceville Assistant City Manager; Brent Bohanan, Gwinnett/Walton Habitat Executive Director; Chuck Warbington, Lawrenceville City Manager

We thank the City of Lawrenceville for its commitment to affordable housing and partnership in building two complete homes in Lawrenceville! Special thanks to David Still, Mayor, City of Lawrenceville; Chuck Warbington, City Manager, City of Lawrenceville; John Mullin, Chief of Police, City of Lawrenceville; Glenn Martin, Lawrenceville City Council; Marlene Taylor-Crawford, Lawrenceville City Council; Victoria Jones, Lawrenceville City Council.









Home Dedication  
for  
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LAWRENCEVILLE  
GEORGIA

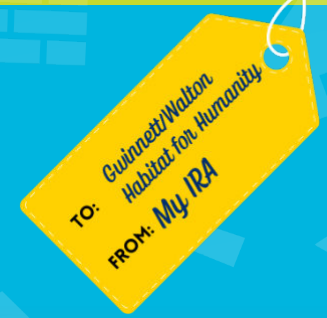
# Team Member Updates

## Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity Team Updates

	 <b>Jen Welch</b> Deputy Executive Director PROMOTED		 <b>Patrick Baez</b> WRAP Program Coordinator PROMOTED		 <b>Taylor Goldsmith</b> WRAP Program Repair Tech HIRED
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## Lawrenceville ReStore Team Updates

	 <b>Alex Epps</b> Front End / Social Media HIRED		 <b>Jasiah James</b> Sales Floor Specialist HIRED		 <b>Philip Cauble</b> Warehouse Specialist HIRED
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## Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

Make a difference this year! Did you know that if you are at least 70½ years old, you can make tax-free charitable donations directly from your IRA? By making what's called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), you can donate to Gwinnett/Walton Habitat, excluding up to \$100,000 annually from gross income. Simply request that your IRA trustee make a distribution directly from your IRA to us, specify our affiliate, Gwinnett/Walton Habitat for Humanity, along with our address.

## Giving Spotlight

Text-to-Give



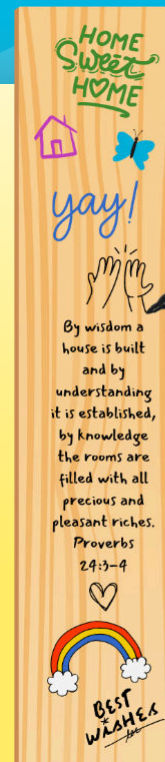
Join Habitat's tradition and leave a lasting impact on Habitat homes. **With a \$100 donation, you can sponsor a stud—a vital piece of wood that helps build a home.** Every stud counts; we need over 300 to complete a Habitat home!

Text-to-give is an easy, mobile method for contributing to your favorite causes on the go. You can text our custom code and give to Gwinnett/Walton Habitat via a secure fundraising page.

To give, Text "STUD" to 44-321

## Corporate or Team Building Sponsorship

Sponsor a Stud for the Whole House



Host a Lunch and Learn or teambuilding activity at your office and members of our team will visit to share more about the Habitat mission. Your team can leave messages of hope or even your company logo on your studs to be incorporated into an upcoming build. Plus, your team will be invited to the home dedication ceremony and get to see their contribution in action!

SCAN HERE to download our Corporate Team Building Flyer:





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## Make a Donation

Online: [habitatgwinnett.org/giving](http://habitatgwinnett.org/giving)  
Text-to-Give: Text BBGW to 44-321



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## Executive Director's Corner

This year is moving along so fast. **We have already completed five homes this year, started the sixth home in Monroe, and will start the final two homes in Loganville in the next few weeks.** This year has also been a banner year for our repair programs. Our A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) home repair program serving the elderly, disabled, and veterans has served 15 households and is gearing up for a busy fall. Our new plumbing repair program, Water Resources Assistance Program (WRAP), has served 170 households with plumbing repairs since its inception in March of 2022. Our WRAP program also received the 2023 Hammer Time Repair Award at the Georgia Habitat Conference in June for the affiliate demonstrating an innovative repair program that increases the number of households served. We are so proud of our WRAP team and all they have accomplished.

**We are on pace to serve over 180 families this fiscal year with all our programs,** which will be the most we have ever served! We truly appreciate all our donors and volunteers that are making dreams

come true for families in our community. None of this would be possible without your support!

We are already planning for 2024, which will include the start of a new 14-home neighborhood in Lilburn. This is only possible due to the success of our **Build Better** capital campaign, which is providing the funds to complete 24 homes by the end of 2025. With your support, 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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