



# Habitat for Humanity®



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## BIKE TO BUILD CELEBRATES 15TH YEAR



### HABITAT'S MISSION

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

#### MISSION VISION:

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

#### MISSION PRINCIPLES:

1. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.
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3. Advocate for affordable housing.
4. Promote dignity and hope.
5. Support sustainable and transformative development.

#### WHO WE ARE

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families.

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#### Phone numbers:

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LAURINBURG — There are few cycling events left in North Carolina.

But the Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County Bike to Build fundraiser keeps peddling along.

The event, planned for May 12, is in its 15th year.

"It is a milestone for all those people who have help organize this event year after year," said Chris Carpenter, Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County director. "Groups often start out with great ideas, but are only able to carry them out for so long. Bike rides are tough to put on and we want to recognize those who have put in all the hard work. This a unique event."

Bike to Build is the sole fundraising event for the local Habitat for Humanity, which is preparing to build its 49th home in Scotland County.

The event typically raises about one-fourth of the \$85,000 cost to build a new Habitat home.

The actual cost of the homes, offset by donations and volunteer labor, is ultimately borne by those who own and live in them, who repay Habitat through interest-free loans.

Sticking with tradition, there will be a 64-, 32-, 21- and 10.5-mile bike race, which riders can register for \$25 or \$20 each for a team of four or more. The cycling races are not meant to be competitive.

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Cyclists leave the Scotland Memorial Hospital campus for 10, 21, 32, and 64-mile routes through Scotland County as part of the annual Habitat for Humanity Bike to Build.



Cyclists of all ages got a pep talk before the starting horn sounded at the starting line of a recent Habitat for Humanity's Bike to Build event.

## RESTORE — GOOD DEALS AND GOOD DEEDS

LAURINBURG — Habitat for Humanity's ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

The local store is located at 12340 McColl Road is operated by Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County.

The ReStore first opened its doors at 114 Roper Street in 1995 as an ongoing funding effort to support Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County. In the fall of 2008, Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County built and moved into a new office and ReStore building.

Run by full-time and part-time employees and a host of volunteers, the store is full of donated sinks and bathroom fixtures, couches, kitchen utensils and medical supplies — providing for its shoppers, from all walks of life, a veritable treasure hunt.

"We strive to keep our prices fair with the mindset of making our customers happy while helping



#### File photo

Volunteer Trish Dooling looks for a way to reuse an old saddle found at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Laurinburg. Dooling and Anastacia Sitnikova host classes to show people how to upcycle objects found in the store.

families," said Elizabeth Spry, ReStore manager.

The 12,000 square foot facility supports the nonprofit's efforts to build homes for families in need.

"The ReStore is a very important key to the success of Habitat for Humanity. The profits from the store go to building homes for families," Spry said.

She added that the store also helps build strength, stability, self-reliance in the community.

To assist with that success, the store accepts both new and used building materials, furniture, cabinets, appliances, flooring and bathroom fixtures that are in good, re-useable condition.

"We rely on our donations from the community to keep our shelves and floor stocked," Spry said. "So, everyone that donates is helping a family in need get an affordable home and that it is pretty magical."

Spry said the store the perfect place for those planning to move who want to get rid of excess; estate clearances; garage or attic clear-outs; and yard sale remains.

People can also donate cars or boats. The donations are all tax deductible.

"We accept nearly everything and will pick up large items" Spry said.

Items can be donated Mondays through Saturdays at the facility's large bay door.

Mike Bullard serves as donation manager.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Habitat for Humanity, contact them at 910-276-3337 or stop by the ReStore. Spry can be reached at [store@habitatScotlandcounty.org](mailto:store@habitatScotlandcounty.org)

The ReStore is open to the public. Hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The organization invite everyone to shop with them.



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### CELEBRATES

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Registration for the 5k Walk/Run or the 10k Walk/Run is \$25.

Fees for the cycling and the walk/runs are reduced this year in honor of the 15th anniversary. The rate for young participants is even better. Students can sign up for \$10.

"To celebrate all the hard work that has been put into hosting this event, there is a special on the entry fees," Carpenter said. "It is also a nice way to have more people, both young and old, participate."

Carpenter, an avid cyclist, said Bike to Build is something the entire family can take part in.

"The event is the day before Mother's Day," he said. "We want moms to see it as a great opportunity to get out with their kids and walk or ride. It is certainly a fun activity to do with family."

Those who do take part will receive a free event t-shirt, participation medal, breakfast and lunch. There will also be awards given to the first overall finisher in both the men's and women's 5k and 10k divisions. Runner's finishing first in their age group will also be awarded.

Age groups for the event are 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 or older. Participants under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. There will be volunteers available to supervise children during the races.

The nonprofit set this year's sponsorship goal at \$20,000.

"In terms of sponsorships, we not where we would like to be, but are getting there," Carpenter said. "They are vital to helping us put on Bike to Build so we are hoping to have more."

Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County has built a total of 47 homes in the county since it was established in 1992.

"The effort is not only helping new homeowners, but the tax base that these homes help generate for the county is important too," Carpenter said.

Participants can register anytime before the event, but they needed to sign up before April 30 to guaranteed the correct shirt size.

To register go by the Habitat office at 2340 McColl Road, Laurinburg or visit [biketobuild.org](http://biketobuild.org). For information on the Bike to Build Fundraiser, email [info@biketobuild.org](mailto:info@biketobuild.org).



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# HABITAT READY TO BUILD NEW HOME



Christine Revels, who works at Scotland Memorial Hospital, was selected by Habitat as its latest homeowner. Revels and her two children pose at the site of the home planned for Sweetgum Circle, Laurinburg.

LAURINBURG – In less than two month, Habitat of Humanity of Scotland County will be at it again.

The Christian ministry that works to build affordable houses for families in need, will begin construction on its 49th home in July. Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County was founded in 1992.

Christine Revels, who works at Scotland Memorial Hospital, was selected by Habitat as its latest homeowner.

Officials hope to have Revels and her two children in the home – planned for Sweetgum Circle, Laurinburg – by Thanksgiving.

Carpenter said home dedication ceremonies are always joyful and meaningful for everyone involved.

“To see a family take ownership of their home, which will be their home forever, is magical,” Carpenter said. “It’s why we do this.”

The new homeowner also pitches in.

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As part of the partnership agreement between Habitat and its homeowners is a commitment to put “sweat equity” into their new home and volunteer at the Habitat’s ReStore, which supports Habitat projects through the resale of reclaimed construction materials and home furnishings. The new homeowners also take personal finance classes to better manage their money.

“There is misconception that we give homes away to people who have no income or very little income, but that is not the case,” said Habitat Executive Director Chris Carpenter said. “People may also think they make too money to apply, but we ask that they come in and sit down with us. We try to help families that can afford pay for a house and may have a need.”

To be eligible, the maximum annual salary for a family of five can be no more than \$32,600. A committee made of local volunteers – some current Habitat homeowners – make the determination of who gets to move in.

The Scotland Habitat chapter also forges partnerships to accomplish its mission. To build a recent home in Maxton, the chapter bought building

supplies at Pembroke Hardware and hired Maxton building contractor R.L. Locklear. County Commissioner Burlester Campbell and the town of Maxton worked with the project on permits and compliance issues.

To date, Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County has built or rehabilitated 48 homes. Since 1976, the national organization has built or repaired more than 1 million homes, serving more than 5 million people worldwide.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness. Habitat was founded in 1968 at a religious community in rural Georgia, and its first home was constructed in 1969.

It was the the fall of 1991, when a group of Scotland County residents met at the Presbyterian Hut on Church Street to explore the possibility of forming a local Habitat organization.

“We make no profit and charge no interest,” Carpenter said. “The Bible that we give to new homeowners is symbolic of our Christian roots.”

To inquire about the application process or to pledge to volunteer, call 910-276-3337.

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# VOLUNTEERS VITAL TO HABITAT

LAURINBURG — A good home relies on the strength of its foundation.

The same can be said for Habitat of Humanity. The good that the Scotland County nonprofit does relies on the strength of its foundation — volunteers.

“Volunteers are an essential part of every nonprofit,” said Chris Carpenter, executive director for Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County. “They help keep administration costs down and that allows more money to be available for our mission.”

In the United States alone, more than 62 million people volunteered with an organization at least once, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Habitat for Humanity alone has welcomed more than 1.8 million volunteers who helped families build and improve places to call home.

Carpenter said by volunteering with the local Habitat for Humanity, Scotland County residents can be a part of the change they want to see in the community.

The nonprofit offer several opportunities to build or repair homes with families, in addition to volunteer work opportunities at the Habitat ReStore. People can also invite your friends and family to join the effort.

To volunteer, participants need no prior experience. Just come out with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.

Instruction is provided, and volunteers are never required to do any work



they're uncomfortable doing. Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and sturdy, close-toed shoes.

“Habitat for Humanity is blessed with many volunteers who support our construction projects when we are building,” Carpenter said. “These include individuals and business groups. We are also blessed with a wonderful group of ReStore volunteers who are here each and every week.”

Here is a list of some “wonderful” volunteers that assist the local Habitat for Humanity:

- Trish Dooling — over the Book Section
- Brandon Locklear — five days a week in Donation Receiving.
- Anastacia - DIY (Do It Yourself) Monthly Seminars and Daily Volunteer
- Austin Bartell- ReStore Volunteer for DIY Seminars
- Terrence Dollard – over the Media Section
- Catherine Quick – Thursday ReStore Volunteer
- Beth James – Wednesday ReStore Volunteer
- Gloria Morrison – Wednesday ReStore Volunteer
- Tyrone Young – Daily ReStore Volunteer

To learn about volunteer opportunities, call 910-276-3337 or contact Brittney Galbreath, Community Outreach Coordinator at [homes@habitatscotlandcounty.org](mailto:homes@habitatscotlandcounty.org)



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