

Annual Impact Report FY25

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of Forsyth County

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for Humanity®
of Forsyth County



years of
homes.
community.
hope.

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



For 40 years, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County has stood alongside families in our community, building not just houses, but stability, opportunity, and hope. What began as a simple belief – that everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to call home – has become a reality for hundreds of families through the dedication of volunteers, partners, and supporters.

I know this impact personally. More than two decades ago, I was a Habitat homeowner. That opportunity changed the trajectory of my life, providing the foundation for a brighter future. Stories like mine are at the heart of Habitat's mission.

Today, we see that impact across our community – from neighborhood revitalization efforts like Boston-Thurmond to new developments like Stone Terrace. Our Home Repair program helps older adults safely age in place, while ReStores generate critical funding and provide affordable goods for families. Through education and support, Habitat continues to empower individuals with the tools to achieve long-term stability.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains strong. Habitat is building more than homes – we are building futures. Together, we will continue to expand access to affordable housing and strengthen our community for generations to come.

With gratitude for all who make this work possible, we move forward – **yesterday, today, and forever.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keyra".

Keyra Faulkner Williams
Board President

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“Neither government projects nor rent subsidies have solved the problem. Lack of available, affordable housing is the number one issue our clients face today.”



The Inspiration for Habitat Forsyth

The roots of Habitat Forsyth were planted in 1976, when Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, spoke at First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Fuller, a former millionaire who gave up his fortune to serve others, had launched Habitat alongside Clarence Jordan at Koinonia Farm in Georgia. Their idea was simple but revolutionary: families in need would help build their homes alongside volunteers and repay no-interest loans, creating a cycle of opportunity.

Among those inspired was David Matthews. The son of a police chief, Matthews had seen poverty firsthand in Burlington, N.C., and Fuller's vision resonated deeply. The two men became friends, keeping in touch through letters and conversations in the years that followed. Matthews watched the movement grow nationally, while quietly considering how it might take root in Forsyth County.

By 1983, Fuller invited Matthews to join the work full time in Americus, Georgia. Instead, Matthews chose to remain in Winston-Salem, serving on Habitat's national advisory board and channeling his energy into starting a local affiliate. With the help of Rev. Ginny Britt of Crisis Control Ministry and Brenda Evans of Experiment in Self-Reliance, the first Forsyth interest meeting was held in May 1984.



Linda and Millard Fuller



Fuller Also to Speak to Habitat

Millard Fuller, executive director and co-founder of Habitat for Humanity Inc. of Americus, Ga., will speak to the local chapter of Habitat at 3 p.m. Sunday in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church.

Fuller will be in the city participating in a world missions conference at Reynolda Presbyterian Church. He will be speaking at Reynolda for the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and at 7 p.m. worship Sunday.

Habitat is a non-profit Christian housing ministry dedicated to helping poor people improve the conditions in which they are forced to live. Local chapters establish a Fund for Humanity from which money is used to build or renovate homes which are

ter workers and recipients of the houses. The capital, originally used to build a house, is returned to the Fund for Humanity through the home owner's monthly payments over a 15-, 20- or 25-year period. This repaid money is used to build more houses.

Paul Ingle, new chairman for Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County Inc., said Fuller's visit will offer local Habitat members and interested friends an opportunity to meet him and to talk about Habitat. The program will close at 4:30 p.m.

Fuller's visit, Ingle said, "signals an opportunity for all to experience first hand his message about the 'occurrences of Jesus' and the facts that poor people need capital, not charity."

Wake Forest University, Ingle said, Carter "expounded at length on Habitat for Humanity and the opportunities for personal commitment to the elimination of poverty."

Ingle said the local chapter will be making a visit to Charlotte in March to see the Habitat homes which have been built there and to visit with Charlotte's Habitat Partners.

"In April, we will travel to New Jersey to present our application for affiliation with Habitat International. And, hopefully, our first groundbreaking (for a Habitat house) will take place in May."

Ingle said Habitat needs land for building sites that it is interested



In early 1985, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County officially came to life. The fledgling affiliate received its charter from Habitat for Humanity International, along with articles of incorporation from the N.C. Secretary of State. Until tax-exempt status could be secured, Crisis Control Ministry welcomed Habitat under its umbrella, offering office space and support. After more than a year of planning, fundraising, and forming a Board of Directors, the vision of local volunteers became reality: Forsyth County had its very own Habitat affiliate, ready to transform dreams of affordable housing into homes and hope.



- Rev. Michael Bradshaw
- Mark Case
- Brenda Evans
- Rev. Carlton Eversley
- Verlee Fowler
- Gene Gaines
- Rev. Warnie Hay
- Warren Hodges
- Joe Hoover
- Paul Ingle
- David Matthews
- Nell Parker
- Penni Pearson
- John Scaro
- Marianne Steintrager
- Janice Ramadan
- Sarah Swann Watson

SPRING BUILDING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE IN NEED

HABITAPPENINGS

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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF FORSYTH COUNTY, INC.
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

*** HFHFC UNVEILS *** SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!



1

Some of you partners have been looking so intently for our next project to be announced that your eyes are red from the strain. Take heart! The SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE is pleased to announce not one, not two, but THREE Sites for Sore Eyes".

1 On April 14th, HFHFC submitted a bid to the City of Winston-Salem in the amount of \$3750 for a plot totaling 0.65 acres. The property is well situated on Greenway Avenue between Okalina and Monroe Aves. The property was offered under the "Dollar a Lot Program"; meaning that, as the construction of the house gets underway, \$3750 will be refunded to the successful bidder.

Although unofficial, HFHFC is expected to be offered the property. The closing of the sale is possible by June 1. An actual transfer of money and the successful bidder between the City of Winston-Salem will be required and the \$3750 months. The Site Selection Committee points out the need and no interest loan in this situation. Perhaps your church could help. Come on partners!



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2 The second offering for your summers enjoyment can be viewed at 1313 E. Third Street. MR. BOB KIRK has generously donated this property, pictured above. The process of receiving this property is in progress. The house is large and currently in need of extensive repair. A meeting with a City Inactive convinced Site Committee members that the work required was within the capabilities of HFHFC. At the same time, considerable creativity and commitment to a long term job will be needed here.



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CONGRATULATIONS Mike & Bradshaw

Put on your thinking cap and go by for a look at it. Please report any bright ideas to Mary Ann Steintrager or the Habitat office.

3 And, finally, the project that may well be getting the biggest push this summer is located on the Old Greensboro/Reidsville Road between Wales St. and Denver St. HFHFC recently purchased 0.35 acres of an access road into the new YMCA near Winston Lake. The property has several nice, mature trees that, hopefully, can be saved. The neighborhood is "flexible" and could accommodate a variety of Habitat family candidates.

1...2...3...GO!

neighbor?

up the pool of eligible families so that we can spread the ownership of Habitat houses through the families' participation in "sweat equity" hours. Using this concept families who have

who is my



Breaking Ground on a Dream

In fall 1985, Habitat Forsyth launched its very first build at 1327 Thurmond Street. Each weekend, eager volunteers came together with little more than borrowed tools, self-taught skills, and a shared passion. What they lacked in experience, they more than made up for with determination and faith—ready to lay the foundation for change.



BREAKING GROUND





Building More Than a House

By early 1986, the vision on Thurmond Street had begun to take shape. Volunteers raised walls, hammered nails, and encouraged one another through each step of the process. What started as an empty lot quickly became a symbol of possibility for families in need of safe, affordable housing. The build drew neighbors, churches, and community members together in a spirit of unity, transforming raw lumber into a home—and strangers into partners in mission. The first Habitat Forsyth house was not only a shelter; it was the foundation of a movement that would continue to grow for decades to come.

Rita Barker contributes sweat equity hours toward her Habitat home.



Homeownership

Jose stands proudly on the porch of his new home, a dream realized at 44 years old. For the past two years, he worked steadily at a knitting manufacturing company, building stability – but homeownership still felt far away.

What kept him moving forward was his 17-year-old daughter, Liz, who still lives in El Salvador. The hope of reuniting with her and giving her a safe, permanent place to call home became his motivation. That hope led him to Habitat for Humanity – a program he learned about through his cousin – and ultimately changed the course of his life.

For years, Jose lived with relatives and rented rooms. While he was grateful for shelter, he never felt fully at ease. Hosting church friends, celebrating milestones, or simply enjoying privacy often required permission. The lack of independence weighed heavily on him.

Joining Habitat was a leap of faith – but one that quickly felt right.

“All the educational classes were beneficial to me, but the finance classes were a life-changing experience,” Jose shared.

“I also worked in the repair program as a volunteer, and the learning I got from it was immense, as I was able to hone my skills and abilities in the field.”

Through hard work, perseverance, and the encouragement of Habitat staff, Jose began to believe fully in what once felt impossible.

Today, Jose not only owns his home – he is also employed by Habitat Forsyth as a Repair Associate in the Home Repair Department, continuing to give back to the mission that helped transform his life.

With keys in hand and stability beneath his feet, Jose now looks ahead with peace.

“The benefit for both me and my daughter is enormous. I have a legacy to leave for my daughter. I have a roof over my head where I can rest in peace.”

He imagines the day Liz will walk through the front door of the home he worked so hard to achieve – a future filled with belonging, pride, and opportunity.

The journey wasn't easy. But for Jose, every step, every class, every volunteer hour, and every challenge was worth it – for the life he is building, and for the daughter he hopes to soon welcome home.



“...the finance classes were a life-changing experience.”
— Jose



15 families entered the homeownership program

34 families served through the homeownership program



46 homeownership in progress classes held

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Home Repair

When Cynthia and Charles moved into their home in 1996, they imagined it as the place where their family would grow and thrive. Nearly 30 years later, that same home still holds deep meaning – but new health challenges made daily life more difficult.

Charles, a Marine veteran and grandfather, now faces mobility limitations while undergoing dialysis for kidney failure. Simple tasks, including bathing and moving safely around the house, had become increasingly challenging.

Through Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County's Home Repair Program, their home was modified to better meet their needs. Habitat repaired windows to improve airflow and remodeled the bathroom, adding a walk-in shower and built-in chair for safer, more comfortable use.

"It's been a blessing," Cynthia said. "The cost we had to put down was a blessing because we couldn't have done it any other way."

Throughout Charles' health journey, Cynthia has remained positive, often bringing humor to difficult moments.

"He never complains," she said. "He's an easygoing man. He said he doesn't like getting old, and I told him, 'What's the other choice?'"

Cynthia also spoke gratefully about the Habitat team.

"It's been wonderful working with Habitat because they treat you like real people," she said. "They didn't make us feel small or needy. They just saw our concerns and said, 'Here's what we can do.'"

After waiting years for help elsewhere, Cynthia and Charles were relieved by how quickly Habitat stepped in. Within a month of approval, the project was underway.

"It was just easy," Cynthia said.

Because of Habitat's Home Repair Program, they can continue living safely and comfortably in the home they've loved for nearly 30 years.



BEFORE

DURING

AFTER



15

total repairs



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13

critical repairs



Reaching New Heights

During spring break, nine teens from Habitat's YEP! (Youth Empowerment Program) spent their week not just having fun, but learning, exploring, and giving back. The week-long program was packed with diverse, enriching activities that balanced creativity, community service, and adventure.

A highlight of the week was a day trip to Charlotte, where teens participated in a digital photography workshop with The Harvey Gantt Center and MODA Lab. There, they learned the fundamentals of photojournalism and practiced visual storytelling through their own lenses. The day wrapped up with some high-energy fun at Frankie's Fun Center playing laser tag.

Back home, the group took in the beauty of the outdoors with a scenic hike to the summit of Pilot Mountain – a moment captured in many of the week's favorite photos. They also gave back in a big way by preparing hundreds of meals at Second Harvest Food

Bank's Providence kitchen. Many expressed interest in volunteering again this summer.

The week included a two-day creative writing workshop with Authoring Action, where students explored their voices and personal stories through poetry and prose. Throughout the week, teens also enjoyed meals together, movie time, basketball, and team-building games that deepened their connections with each other.

Spring break with YEP! proved that learning, service, and fun make the perfect combination for youth empowerment.



YEP! Teens Explore, Create and Give Back



 **25**
youth empowerment
educational events

10 
youth empowerment
fun events & field trips

 **350**
participants
in YEP!

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Land Development

After years of planning, infrastructure investment, and early home construction, Habitat Forsyth has entered a new phase at Stone Terrace – one focused on momentum, innovation, and long-term impact.

Located adjacent to Ogburn Station in Winston-Salem's North Ward, the 75-lot Stone Terrace community represents one of Habitat's most significant neighborhood development efforts. With major infrastructure challenges now resolved and roads in place through strong partnership with the City of Winston-Salem, the groundwork has been laid for continued growth.

Today, Habitat is refocusing efforts on accelerating development within the neighborhood – bringing more families

home while thoughtfully shaping a cohesive, thriving community.

At the same time, Stone Terrace is becoming a place to explore what's next in how Habitat builds. The organization is actively evaluating new construction approaches and efficiencies that can help increase the number of homes built while maintaining quality and affordability.

This next chapter reflects more than progress – it represents a strategic shift toward building smarter, faster, and with greater impact.

As homes continue to rise in Stone Terrace, so does the vision: a neighborhood where families don't just find housing, but also stability, opportunity, and a place to put down roots.

66



lots slated for
future building

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5

new homes
built for families
in Forsyth County

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Construction

For more than a decade, the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools Career Center Carpentry Program has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, offering students the chance to gain hands-on experience while helping to build homes for families in need. Each school year, the students construct a full-scale home on campus that will later be moved to its permanent site, becoming a home for a deserving Habitat homebuyer.

D.J. DeYoung, Carpentry Instructor at the Career Center, emphasizes

that this project is about more than just learning construction skills. “Our partnership with Habitat gives students the chance to learn technical skills, but also teaches them the importance of giving back,” says DeYoung. “They’re able to look at the house and say, ‘I built that,’ and understand they’ve made a real difference.”

The carpentry program, which has been developing skilled tradespeople for over a decade, focuses on both craftsmanship and community service. “The impact on students is long-lasting,” says

DeYoung. “They learn teamwork, perseverance, and the value of helping others, while contributing to something that will last for years.”

Once the students’ work is finished on campus, it is moved to its permanent location, where Habitat volunteers and students finalize the construction. This partnership between the Career Center and Habitat has prepared students for their future careers while also helping to create stability, hope, and opportunity for local families – one home at a time.



IN TRANSIT



ON THE FOUNDATION



FINAL HOME

Volunteers

At Habitat Forsyth, strong partnerships are the foundation of every home we build – and few embody that spirit more fully than Schneider Electric.

Over the course of nine days, Schneider Electric employees stepped away from their daily work and onto the construction site, trading desks for tool belts to help build safe, affordable homes alongside Habitat families. These build days reflect shared values and a deep commitment to community.

“Schneider Impact values – Inclusion, Mastery, Purpose, Action, Curiosity, and Teamwork – closely align with Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County’s commitment to service, safety, community, collaboration, diversity, stewardship, and excellence,” said Celine Hawley. “That shared foundation is what makes our partnership so meaningful.”

That alignment is evident on every build day. Whether raising walls, installing

siding, or working alongside future homeowners completing their sweat equity hours, Schneider Electric volunteers bring energy, teamwork, and a clear sense of purpose to the job site.

“It’s extremely rewarding for me to coordinate our twice yearly build days,” Hawley said. “Volunteering continues to boost our sense of purpose and pride in being part of Schneider Electric.”

For Habitat Forsyth, partnerships like this do more than move construction forward – they strengthen the mission. Each volunteer hour helps reduce building costs, making homeownership more affordable. Just as importantly, it builds connection – reminding homeowners they are supported by a community that believes in their future.

Together, we’re not just building houses. We’re building something stronger: shared purpose, lasting impact, and a community where everyone has a place to call home.





27 corporate groups

15 collegiate challenge groups

15 church and civic groups

17,690 volunteer hours

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Philanthropy

A Legacy That Connects Yesterday, Today, and Forever

Sometimes kindness arrives quietly – but its impact reaches far beyond a single lifetime.

This year, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County received an unexpected and extraordinary gift: a transformational bequest from a woman who had a heart for housing in our community. She chose to include Habitat Forsyth in her estate plans, and only after her passing did we learn of her decision.

We may never know what moments from her yesterday shaped her belief in the importance of safe, affordable housing. What we do know is that her compassion is changing lives today – helping families build stability, strength, and independence through homeownership and critical repairs.

And her generosity will live on forever.

Her legacy will help ensure that future generations of families in

Forsyth County have the opportunity to achieve the dignity and security that comes with a safe place to call home. Without seeking recognition, she has become part of the foundation of this organization's future.

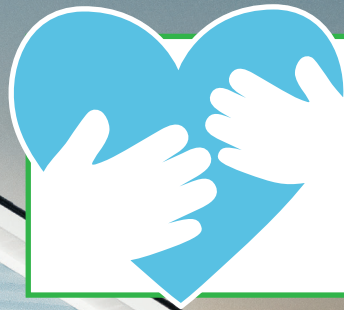
Her story is a powerful reminder: each of us has the ability to leave behind more than memories – we can leave hope.

Create Your Own Yesterday, Today, Forever Legacy

You can make a lasting impact by including Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County in your estate plans. A bequest costs nothing today, but its impact can transform lives for generations.

To learn more about planned giving, contact Cindy Stubblefield at cindy.stubblefield@habitatforsyth.org





countless

lives enhanced
by the act of giving

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ReStore

When you support Habitat ReStore by shopping, donating or volunteering, you are helping families build or repair affordable homes in our community.

At Habitat ReStore on Coliseum Drive, a new kind of transformation is taking shape – one that starts not on a job site, but right inside the store.

With the addition of brand-new flat pack cabinets – generously donated by L & H Cabinetry – customers now have access to affordable, high-quality kitchen solutions that can completely reimagine their homes. What truly sets this experience apart isn't just the product – it's the guidance.

That's where Store Manager Seth comes in.

What began as simply stocking cabinets has evolved into something more. Seth has stepped into a new role as an in-store kitchen designer, working one-on-one with customers to bring their vision to life – whether updating a small space or planning a full kitchen renovation.

“I love seeing it come together,” Seth says. “A lot of customers come in not knowing where to start. Being able to help them design something that works for their home – and their budget – is really rewarding.”

Using the flat pack cabinet inventory available at the Coliseum ReStore, Seth walks customers through options, configurations, and design ideas, turning what can feel overwhelming into something approachable and even exciting.

And like everything at the ReStore, the impact goes beyond the home. Every cabinet purchased helps fund Habitat Forsyth's mission – building safe, affordable homes right here in our community.

At the Coliseum ReStore, it's more than shopping. It's design, possibility, and purpose – all in one place.





Open to the public.

Kernersville ReStore
819 S. Main Street
Kernersville, NC

Coliseum ReStore
608 Coliseum Drive
Winston-Salem, NC

Peters Creek ReStore
LIQUIDATION CENTER
2551 Peters Creek Pkwy
Winston-Salem, NC


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 **2,433**
donation
pickups

45  **families**
helped to
clean out
estates


25 kitchen
decons


2,596,537
pounds of materials
diverted from landfills 

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19

mortgages
paid off

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Financial Impact



Revenue

● Contributions*	\$2,873,766
● Government	\$211,266
● Mortgages	\$884,171
● ReStore	\$1,996,255
● Other	\$210,319

Total Revenue **\$6,175,777**

** Includes a gracious bequest from a generous donor, as recognized on page 24.*



Expenses

● Programs	\$4,174,967
● Management	\$481,884
● Fundraising	\$234,799

Total Expenses **\$4,891,650**

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