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Affiliate News

Family Selection Committee Meets with Families

Granville County Habitat for Humanity (GCHFH) met with families who live in Granville County to discuss becoming the next Habitat for Humanity family. Meetings took place on Tuesday, July 28 and August 4, 2009 at the Granville County Habitat for Humanity offices, 604 West Industry Drive, Oxford. GCHFH also met with families on Thursday, July 30 at Vance Granville Community College, 1547 South Campus Drive, Butner/Creedmoor (right off of Highway 56). Each meeting began promptly at 6:00 p.m..

To determine if a family qualified for a Habitat for Humanity home, they had to bring the following items to one of the meetings:

- A) copy of 2 recent paycheck stubs
- B) copy of the most current year's federal income tax return
- C) a list of any other income (for example, child support, food stamps, alimony, etc)
- D) a list of all debts and financial obligations (These include your electric bill, telephone bill, rent, credit cards, loans, and car note).
- E) one utility bill that shows that you have lived in Granville County for at least one year.

If they didn't bring the above-mentioned items, then they had until August 15 to provide the information to be considered for the next Granville County Habitat for Humanity home. All items had to be mailed to GCHFH, P.O. Box 1369, Oxford, NC 27565 or hand-delivered to the office at 604 West Industry Drive, Oxford.

If families could not attend one of the meetings or if they had any questions, they were asked to contact Executive Director, Mark Prokop, at 919.693.5694 or at granvillehabitat@embarqmail.com.



Premier Women's Health Professionals PA becomes a 2009 House Sponsor

Premier Women's Health Professionals PA (PWHP) is joining Granville County Habitat for Humanity (GCHFH) family as a 2009 House Sponsor. PWHP is the third house sponsor for 2009.

Granville Health System - <http://granvillemedical.com> - joined the GCHFH family as a 2009 House Sponsor back in April 2009 and Food Lion - <http://www.foodlion.com> joined in June 2009.

GCHFH looks forward to working with all three companies during the building of the next Habitat home.

Myths and Facts

Myth: Only African Americans get Habitat for Humanity homes.

Fact: Habitat builds houses in partnership with those in need regardless of race, religion or any other difference. Prospective homeowners must meet three criteria: need; ability to repay the mortgage; and a willingness to partner with Habitat.

Myth: Habitat homeowners are on welfare.

Fact: While some Habitat homeowners receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children, many more are working people. Typically their annual income is less than half the local median income in their community.

Myth: You have to be Christian to become a Habitat homeowner.

Fact: Habitat homeowners are chosen without regard to race, religion or ethnic group, in keeping with U.S. law and with Habitat's abiding belief that God's love extends to everyone. Habitat also welcomes volunteers from all faiths, or no faith, who actively embrace Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing from the world.

Home Repair Tip of the Month

Ladder Safety

1. If you will be working on a roof, extend the ladder at least 3 feet above the roof, so you can transfer safely from the ladder to the roof.
2. Never stand on the top three rungs of a ladder, or on the top platform of a step ladder; it will be too top-heavy and likely to tip over.
3. Check that the ladder you are using is locked open (if a step ladder) or latched together (if an extension ladder).
4. Make sure the base is firmly planted. If the base of the ladder will stand on concrete or other hard and/or smooth material, place the ladder shoes down, so the rubber grips the surface. If you are using a ladder on grass or other soft surface, tip the shoes up and stick their pointed edges into the ground.
5. When working on a ladder, keep your hips between the two side rails. Trying to reach too far to one side or the other can cause the ladder to become unstable and fall.



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ReStore News

ReStore Hours

The ReStore is open on most Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on most Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, call 919.693.5694 and check to see if the ReStore is open.

ReStore Volunteers

The ReStore is always looking for volunteers to help out on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the ReStore, please contact us at 919.693.5694 or granvillehabitat@embarqmail.com. We invite retirees, church groups, businesses, and community members to join together and consistently manage the ReStore on another weekday so we can serve the general public even better.

Merchandise Highlights



We have used ovens/stoves for sale at the prices you want.

Back To School



First Day of School in Granville County is August 24.

Note 1: Thanks to Pastor Mark Tilley (of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Creedmoor, NC) for allowing us to meet other church leaders at his church on July 21 to raise awareness about Granville County Habitat for Humanity.

Note 2: Thanks to the following Oxford businesses for agreeing to sell the remainder of the GCHFH Recycled Art at their stores: "This and That", "Framed", and "Off the Wall Framing & Cafe".

Shop online and support Granville County Habitat for Humanity

Do you like to shop online? Do you like to help raise money for a great cause? If so, then go to <http://www.iGive.com/granvillehabitat> and get started doing both things.

A Granville County story

Even though she now had a full size bed of her own, Susan (name has been changed) still slept curled up, almost the way babies do. But she isn't a baby. Her body had become used to the sofa in the hallway of her mother's house, the hallway that was home to her family for five years. Five years of sleeping on an aging, hand-me-down sofa, legs curled up, little room to move. Five years that her own children had no real rooms of their own. She'd spent years putting her life back together, staring down the forces that were crushing other families like hers. She worked hard, supported her family as best she could, and taught her kids about decency and hard work. But they lived in a hallway - in Granville County.

She'd heard about Habitat for Humanity somewhere, had heard they were in the area, and applied to be a homeowner. She knew she had the drive, she knew she had the qualities Habitat expected. She had a job, she could make house payments, she could pay the taxes. She was willing to work the hours Habitat required to help build her house. Her heart and her soul knew she was qualified. Granville County Habitat for Humanity gave her an application, conducted interviews and background checks, and they knew it too. And so, Susan got the house she dreamed of. Not fancy, but warm, safe, adequate. Rooms for her kids. A real kitchen. She worked her heart out helping to build it. At the dedication, with her family and friends and Habitat folk gathered around, she was almost speechless. The Habitat folks didn't have dry eyes either. Right here in Granville County, how many chances do you get to make a dream come true?

If you're looking for a great, local charitable deduction to help you with your taxes, then consider Granville County Habitat for Humanity.

Granville County Habitat for Humanity is merging *business sense with the ideal of decent housing* for God's people in need. We have a goal to build of **two** homes in Granville County before the end of 2011. Not fancy places, not palaces. Just decent, warm, safe homes for which the Habitat families pay the mortgage, taxes, insurance, upkeep. It's not a give-away. It's not a government program. It is a way to give hard working people in sub-standard housing a chance.

To meet our goal of **two** homes by the end of 2011, we need donations of money, materials, time, and skills. If you're looking for a good charitable deduction, Granville County Habitat for Humanity is a way to do some real good locally. You can donate money, or if you prefer, building materials. Either way, you help your personal or business tax situation with a deduction and you help Granville County Habitat for Humanity build **two** homes before the end of 2011. **Two** families get added to the tax base, instead of being dependent. In addition, your name or the name of your church or business will be listed in our newsletter. The newsletter goes out to individuals, churches, businesses, and community groups and its readers are encouraged to patronize businesses that support Granville County Habitat for Humanity.

Good, decent housing for Granville County citizens makes all of our lives better. With help from you, **two** new homes will be built for families currently living in sub-standard housing. They'll be homeowners, buy goods and services, pay taxes. That's our goal. If it sounds good to you, we hope you can make a donation of either money or materials. If you or your company needs more information about Granville County Habitat for Humanity, then please call Executive Director, Mark Prokop, at 693.5694. You can also donate online via our website: <http://www.granvillecountyhfh.org>.

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Enclosed is a donation of (\$2500)____ (\$1,000)____ (\$500)____ (\$250)____ (\$100)____ (\$50)____ (Other)____

Name _____ Address _____

___ **I'd like to be contacted about donating building materials.** Phone _____

___ **I'd like to be contacted about _____ (Specify)** Phone _____

Gospel and Bluegrass Singing Celebration

Granville County Habitat for Humanity (GCHFH) hosted a Gospel and Bluegrass Singing Celebration on Friday night, August 7, 2009. The event, which started at 6:30 p.m., raised money for the building of the next GCHFH home. The event was held at the Oxford City Hall Auditorium, 300 Williamsboro Street, Oxford, NC 27565. Resurrection Quartet and County Associates, who sing Gospel and Bluegrass Music, performed. Thanks to everyone that attended.

Christmas in August Sale



The Christmas in August Sale starts Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Granville County Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Come and get all of your Christmas needs. Prices start as low as \$0.10.

Cars for Homes Program

Granville County Habitat for Humanity is constantly looking for ways to raise money to build homes for families in Granville County. One way that we can raise money is through Habitat for Humanity International's Cars for Homes Program. It is quick and easy to donate cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, construction equipment or other vehicles — running or not! Plus, when you donate your car, your vehicle donation may be eligible for tax deduction purposes if you itemize. (Consult the IRS or your tax adviser for details.)



For more information on the Cars for Homes Program, check out <http://www.carsforhomes.com> or call 1-877-277-HFHI (4344) toll free.

Granville County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors welcomes new two new board members

On Monday, July 27, 2009, the Granville County Habitat for Humanity (GCHFH) Board of Directors approved the following individuals to join the GCHFH Board of Directors:

- 1) Sandra Berry from Oxford, NC.
- 2) Fred Heath from Oxford, NC

James Berry (Sandra's husband) has joined us as our volunteer Accountant.

The Board welcomes Brenda, Fred, and James to the Habitat family.

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