# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAFAYETTE

# Summer 2023 Newsletter



#### **Tempest Homes**

Tempest Homes has been a trusted partner of Habitat for over 20 years. In that time, they have built at least one home a year for our partner families. The photo above shows Habitat Home #336, our most recent build from Tempest, for our homeowners, Maggie and Alfonso.

#### **Our Community Partners**

We would like to give a special thank you to our trusted community partners who have helped change the lives of our homeowners these past few months. Your partnership is so valuable and we cannot thank you enough for helping facilitate affordable housing in our community.

Arkor Architects and Engineers, Knox Roofing, Gaylor Electric, Anderson Plumbing, ACPP, Bone Dry Roofing, Tempest Homes, Kemble Koncrete, Dehaai Bobcat, Wilson Crane, Jess Vandergraff, Kueberth Electric, Shawn Geswein, Pete's Printing, Artisan Electric, Blue Fox, and Gray Exteriors.

#### Bob's Bulletin -Building Homes & Changing Lives

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed Home #339!

Construction has begun on "The House the Schools Built" and "The Women Build", where 400 volunteers will partner with us on our summer home builds.

I want to thank all of our donors and volunteers for making dreams come true for families who need reliable and stable environments. Together we can make a big impact on affordable housing in this community. If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Habitat home, please contact me for more information.

Thank you for making a difference and working toward a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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# OUR 6 NEWEST PARTNER FAMILIES



### Carla, Lily, and Layton



Carla is head custodian at Lafayette School Corporation. Carla enjoys her time with her 11 grandchildren, and raises Lily and Layton.

She wants to build a cozy home, for all of her grandchildren to enjoy.



#### Ashlynn, Ayla, and Kylan



Ashlynn is a Lafayette native. She is a delivery driver for Amazon, and is also a licensed esthetician.

Ashlynn has 2 children; Ayla (8) and Kylan (8 months) who are full of joy.

#### Kourtney, Lincoln, Khai, Karter, and Kalvin



Kourtney grew up in a Lafayette Habitat home, while Lincoln moved here from Tennessee when he was 15.

Lincoln is an oil change technician and Kourtney is a stay at home mom for Khai (9) and Karter (8). They are all excited about this opportunity and journey!

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# THE HOUSE THE SCHOOLS BUILT

Habitat is joining hands with teachers and students across the community to do something great! The schools are taking charge and making a difference by fundraising and getting their hands dirty volunteering. Student's were able to show off their creativity by decorating 2x4s to be used constructing this home. This is an incredible opportunity to partner with Lafayette Schools. We are so excited for this project and we hope you are too! If you would like to donate toward this build, please use the QR code below.





# **OUR 6 NEWEST PARTNER FAMILIES**

#### $( \rightarrow )$ Cooper



Cooper is a Lafayette native who works at the Lafayette Family YMCA. While on the iob he wears many hats!

He loves spending time outdoors. He likes the warm weather where he can be out on the water and fish.



## Rebecca and TJ



Rebecca grew up in Tennessee and moved to Lafayette for work, where she is now a CNA at Franciscan Hospital.

Her and her son TJ (9) love doing activities together and exploring the outdoors. He's so excited to have a new beginning in their Habitat Home.

# Amanda and Arial



Amanda was born in Chicago and moved to Lafayette to find a new beginning. Amanda works in a salon and at IU Arnett Hospital.

She enjoys hosting dinner parties, and can't wait to do this in her new home. Amanda wants to give Arial a stable home life where she will always be safe.



# **THE 2023 WOMEN BUILD**

We are excited to announce our 2023 Women Build to begin in June! This year we are building for a wonderful mother, Kelci, and her beautiful daughter, Kaliyah!

The Women Build has been an impactful Habitat tradition for many years. It is a remarkable build that brings together teams of women who fundraise and volunteer their time building a home. Most Habitat Homeowners are single mothers, and the Women Build is just one of the ways we go about empowering women in our community.

Special thanks to our sponsors on this project for making homeownership possible for Kelci and her daughter. Now they will always have a safe place to call home!

# THANK YOU, CHARLIE

### **319 HABITAT BUILDS AND THOUSANDS OF LIVES IMPACTED**

#### By Ryan Wellner- Construction Manager

Dear Charlie,



Although you weren't my biological father, you were certainly a father figure to us at Habitat. You embodied everything that I want to be as a man; the way you poured your heart onto others with a humble servant's spirit.

Every day when you volunteered, you blessed us with your presence. To us at Habitat, you were more than a volunteer, you were the greatest servant and leader of us all. And to that, I know you would say, "Na, na, na bud, you listen here...", followed by words of wisdom as you so often did, then lead into a story about you and your buddies in the Navy. Oh, what I would give for one more story!

Charlie Mayberry - A husband, father, grandfather, as well as a mentor and friend to all of us at Habitat for Humanity. You were the heartbeat to our organization, and I refuse to claim your passing as a "goodbye"; for me it's just a "see you later." After all, I know where you are now; you're probably doing some improvements on a heavenly home or at some celestial diner drinking that crappy cup of black Folgers coffee (seriously man?? Vanilla creamer!!). Although I cannot say "goodbye", I will say thank you for all the laughter, knowledge, kindness and humility. I'm going to miss you terribly my friend, and I thank you for everything.

Your Pal, Ryan

# **Charlie's Life:**

Charlie was born on December 30, 1939 in Mt. Vermont, IL and passed away on June 09, 2023. When Charlie was 7 years old he moved to St. James, Missouri, and when he was 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Charlie married Kay Burton on August 16, 1963 then moved to Great Lakes, IL where they had their daughter Charla. His greatest love as a sailor was being at sea. He served in multiple tours in the Navy and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold star (5 time recipient), among other accolades.

Charlie loved traveling the world and was blessed to travel to his 50th state with his daughter Charla in 2022. After retirement, in 1991, he began volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. He volunteered on 319 of the 339 houses completed by our organization thus far.

