



# Ashe County Habitat for Humanity®

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Blueprint Breakfast: Building Hope in Ashe County.

Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 am at Jefferson Landing. This will be a free one hour fundraising breakfast and a great opportunity to learn what Habitat for Humanity is doing in Ashe County.

Rev. Richard McBride, the chaplain and Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter advisor at Elon University will speak and share how Habitat for Humanity has enriched his life and the lives of others.

If you would like more information on our 1st Annual Blueprint Breakfast, please contact Tracy-Lynn Schuster at (336)384-2398 or [fundraiser@ashehabitat.org](mailto:fundraiser@ashehabitat.org)

### Ashe Habitat for Humanity: Yard Sale

Items are currently being collected for the upcoming Summer Yard Sale. If you have items you would like to donate please contact the Ashe Habitat for Humanity at (336)846-1251 or visit us on the web.

Location and Date To Be Announced. Watch the local papers and [AsheHabitat.org](http://AsheHabitat.org) for details.



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## Building Hope In Ashe County

Dear Habitat Friends:

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter! It's just one of the many things that's getting done "behind the scenes" as we move toward the construction of our first house. As you may know, a steering committee (which progressed to a Board of Directors) worked for about a year to walk through the steps to become an official Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We were officially recognized as such on October 1, 2008, and could then begin to concentrate on the tasks required to build homes in partnership with families in need.

We have eight standing committees, most of which meet monthly to accomplish important tasks such as selecting families, planning homeowner education classes, drawing up house plans, organizing events, creating financial statements, designing the website, etc. If you've been involved with any sort of non-profit organization, you know that it takes many hands to make light work of everything that has to be done to make the organization successful. I'd like to say "thanks" to the committee chairs and members who are getting things done! If you're not already involved in one of our committees and would like to be, please visit our website and go to the "Contact Us" page to describe your area of skill or interest.

Passionate individuals and churches have long been the backbone of Habitat for Humanity. We are currently seeking local churches that would like to be involved in our ministry. Churches have historically provided much needed support for Habitat by way of volunteer workgroups, funds and even lunches at the jobsite. If you think your church would like to be involved in some way, we have volunteers who would be happy to make a presentation to your church, pastor or church group. Please contact us through the website or leave a message at the office if you'd like to speak to someone on our Church Relations committee.

Thank you for your interest in Ashe County Habitat for Humanity! If you would like to sign up for our quarterly e-newsletter please visit us on the web. Together we can build hope in Ashe County!

*Jeannie Tygielski*

President  
Board of Directors

To sign up for our E-News  
visit us on the web:  
[www.AsheHabitat.org](http://www.AsheHabitat.org)



Are you looking for a great way to serve your community?

Habitat for Humanity is looking for people in all areas. We need people in every area: from construction workers to painters, to someone to answer the phone, to recruiters and committee volunteers.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build more Habitat houses.

Habitat is sure you have what it takes to make this a success. So, grab a friend and get involved today. Visit [AsheHabitat.org](http://AsheHabitat.org) for a list of committees and volunteer opportunities or call (336) 846-1251 today to see how you can make a difference.

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## Ashe Habitat Seeks Local Land to Build Homes

Ashe Habitat for Humanity is asking someone in the community to step forward to help make a local family's dream come true. The organization is seeking someone who will donate at least one lot of land for the first Habitat home in Ashe County to be built on.

Ashe Habitat for Humanity recently completed the application and interview process, from which came qualified families ready for a Habitat home. One family will be chosen as the primary recipient, while another family will assist in the first build as they accumulate hours towards their Habitat-required hours of "sweat equity." Through this process, in addition to meeting very specific need qualifications, a couple must work 250 hours per person to qualify to purchase a home.

Ashe Habitat for Humanity was recognized as an official Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the fall of 2008. The new organization currently does not have funds to purchase property, although fundraising efforts are planned to begin this spring.

"Quite simply, we are hoping to find a generous and caring person, or persons, who are in a position to donate a lot or lots to Ashe Habitat for Humanity," explained Walt Petersen, chairperson of the Site Selection Committee. "We would even consider a small tract of land that can be subdivided and thus offer property for future homes. We are looking for usable and practical. As far as location within the county, we're very flexible."

This project may bring potential tax advantages to the donor with the land donation, but Habitat officials recommend potential donors contact their personal accountant for professional advice.

For more information, contact Site Selection Committee Chair Walt Petersen at (336) 877-7807 (cell) to learn more about how you can help.

### Tools Needed

Ashe Habitat is actively seeking donations for construction tools. For a complete list of tools needed please visit our [TOOLS LIST](#) on the web.

## Ashe Habitat Receives Home Depot Grant

Ashe County Habitat for Humanity recently received a \$3000.00 grant from The Home Depot Housing Impact Grant. This grant is awarded to nonprofit organizations that focus on affordable housing projects which use environmentally friendly materials and upgrade housing to achieve green building standards.

As a new affiliate, Ashe County Habitat for Humanity is eager to fulfill our mission to make safe, affordable housing available in Ashe County. Ashe County Habitat for Humanity may include green building materials including solar panels, and building materials using recycled material. In addition, landscaping will include native plants as possible leaving as many of the native trees intact. Ashe County Habitat for Humanity is striving to build a home with a small environmental footprint that will meet and exceed many certification requirements for green building standards.