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Last Friday, the walls of the Ashe Civic Center rocked with the sounds of laughter generated by the now world famous humorist Jeanne Robertson. Jeanne was invited here by Ashe County Habitat for Humanity as another in the group's efforts to raise funds to build affordable housing in our county.

Jeanne, a native of our state and a former Miss North Carolina and Miss Congeniality at the Miss America pageant, charmed the sold-out crowd with hilarious stories of her life experiences, presented in her native "Southern" language. Her two-hour performance concluded with an opportunity for audience members to meet Jeanne, get an autograph or have their photo taken with her. The event was co-sponsored by Sexton Christmas Tree Farms, Fifth Third Bank, Ashe High Country Realty & Vacation Rentals, Badger Funeral Home, Mountain West Builders, Boone Family Funeral Home, LifeStore, Warrensville Drug, Parkway Custom Insurance and Buffalo Tavern Bed & Breakfast. There was also a silent auction held in conjunction with the performance where bidders vied for 65 items donated by local businesses, ranging from oil changes and pizza to vacation rentals and original art.

"We were absolutely delighted with being able to bring Jeanne to our county and overwhelmed with the generous support of local businesses that provided sponsorships and items for our auction," stated Tracy-Lynn Schuster, president of the local Habitat affiliate, who also acted as emcee for the event.

Ashe County Habitat for Humanity is an all-volunteer Christian housing ministry supported by individuals, organizations, and churches across the county. It is scheduled to break ground on its first home in mid-September.

Volunteers are needed in every phase of the process. If you wish to help, contact Ashe County Habitat for Humanity at (336) 846-2525 or visit the website, www.ashehabitat.org.

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Digital photos of event available upon request

Interview Opportunities

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