



Happy New Year! We hope your 2024 is starting off happy, healthy, and warm! This edition of Habitat Happenings brings you celebration of a big Ashe Habitat anniversary, a construction update, and a first call for area artists for the 2024 Repurpose for a Reason event.

Ashe County Habitat for Humanity turns 15! – Habitat celebrated its 15th anniversary in October 2023. From those early recession days in 2008 to now, we have seen tremendous growth thanks to our supportive community. House number 11 is soon to break ground, and earlier years saw an additional nine “Brush with Kindness”



projects. These were short term projects where we helped low-income homeowners maintain their homes with the same Habitat philosophy of volunteer labor combined with no interest loans for materials to help families in need. We have also gone from “One Day ReSales” every other month —conducted out of storage containers—to an official ReStore in an indoor, heated location—with plumbing!—and open hours two days per week. Thanks to Ashe County financial supporters and volunteers, Ashe Habitat is going strong at 15 years old!

~Jeannie Tiegylski

Home Construction - By the time you read this newsletter, we'll be SO close to finishing not one but two construction projects! House number 10 in Hickory Hills has been getting some last minute details taken care of. Additionally, Habitat acquired a home for renovation in Bu also Meadows, which is also nearly complete; this home will be sold in order to raise funds for our next new construction, House number 11 in Hickory Hills. If you would like to help out from the ground up on House 11, please reach out to construction supervisor [JB](#) and he'll get you on his regular email list. Remember, no experience is necessary; just a willingness to learn and help!



Calling All Artists! - After a year hiatus, RePurpose for a Reason is returning to West Jefferson for 2024! We need the expertise of area artists and craftspeople to help us make it a success!

If you have the skills to turn a donated item into a one-of-a-kind treasure and would like to participate in this year's event, please email [Jeannie T](#) for details.



Local residents should watch the April 2024 Habitat Happenings newsletter for details about a summer Repurpose event.

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