

## Dear Habitat Friends:

**August 2011**

There is quite a bit going on with your Starkville Area Habitat for Humanity that we want to share with you!

**2011 Phillips Financial Habitat Golf Classic:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Habitat Golf Classic was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success, raising over \$30,000. Proceeds from the golf classic go directly towards the building of a Habitat home for a low-income working family. We would like to extend a special thank you to Lynn Phillips-Gaines and Phillips Financial for sponsoring the Classic again this year.



Myles Carpenter, provider of leadership to The Classic and Lynn Phillips-Gaines, Classic Sponsor

Without the continued support of local businesses and golfers, this tournament would not be possible. We had a record number of businesses sponsor a hole in 2011 at 105. This year we had 27 teams play in the tournament, which is also a record number for the Habitat Classic.



2011 Phillips Financial Habitat Golf Classic Winning Team: Shaw Nickels, Johnny Fair, Jack Riekhof, and Sterling Dahl

### Spring Houses:

The Spring 2011 Apostle's House is completed at 29 Greenwood Street and the Shed family has moved in. They are enjoying their new house and starting to feel like it is their home! A Dedication Ceremony for the house will be sometime in late August- stay tuned for the time and date.

The other Spring House, 15 Greenwood Street, was just finished. It is ready for Christine Henderson, Tracy Young, and her two sons to move in August 1. The family is anxiously awaiting moving into their new Habitat Home!

# **HABITAT HOMEOWNER UPDATES & NEWS:**

Itce Solis and her 4 children moved into their Habitat Home on Apple Street in 2008. Itce is still working at the Sheriff's Office, and last year was promoted to her current position as the Accreditation Manager. She is also volunteering her time as a cheerleading coach this fall for her son's football team.

Her oldest child, Chantel is 18 and graduated this year from Starkville High School. She was very involved in the Millsap's Building Trade program and elected State Officer for MS in the Skills USA Program, as well as, named Student of the Year for the past two years at Millsap's. In the fall, she will be starting at East Mississippi Community College to pursue her dream of a degree in Construction Management. Her desire to follow this career path was in part related to watching her own home being built, as well as, her involvement in the Millsap's program at SHS. She hopes to help John Breazeale, Habitat Building Supervisor, in building another Habitat Home in the future! Itce's second child is Jessica, 12, who will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. She is still battling a variety of health issues, but continues to work hard in school. Calvin, 9, is Itce's oldest son and will be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He took a 6 week elective summer school class this summer focusing on nutrition and plant soil. Last school year, he loved playing both basketball and football. Itce's youngest child, Cameron, 6, will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and enjoys playing Pop Warner football like his big brother.

Itce is extremely grateful for her Habitat Home and the fact that it allowed her to get on her feet. "Having our own home has given my children and myself so much confidence. It has allowed us to accomplish so many things we may have never been able to," Itce said in a recent interview. The whole family appreciates having a place to call their own. Itce takes comfort in the fact that no matter what happens, her children all have a home to come back to.

**\*\*We want to continue to expand this section of our newsletter. If you are a current Habitat Homeowner, we would love to hear how you and your family are doing, as well as, how your new home has impacted or changed your lives! Please be in contact with our office, so we can share your news with our Friends and celebrate with your family. Please call the office at 662-324-7008, so we can highlight your family in an upcoming edition of our newsletter\*\***

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# GROUNDBREAKING FOR MAROON EDITION HOUSE- AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>



Mississippi State University and Starkville Area Habitat for Humanity are teaming up again this fall to build The Maroon Edition House. This fall's house will be the third year that students, faculty, and staff have come together to help build a Habitat home for a needy Starkville family. In the past Maroon Edition houses were built with the help of over 500 Mississippi State students, contributing over 2,000 hours of volunteer labor to help this family. The Groundbreaking for **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Maroon Edition House** is set for **Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** The site is located in Sunset Subdivision at **70 Murdock Lane.**

The partner family is Kimberly Riley and her three children, Damyia, 10, and twins Jermeria and Jejuan, 6. The Riley family has been living in their current home in government housing on Reed Rd. for the last nine and a half years. Their home is small with poor lighting and

insufficient air conditioning. In their current living situation the children have to be extremely careful and limit their time outside due to the proximity of busy traffic on Reed Rd.

Kimberly has been working for Aramark Food Services on campus for three years. She serves as a lead manager for Aramark in the Union. Outside of work Kimberly enjoys spending time with her three kids and cooking for her family. Together they enjoy skating, bowling, or going to the movies. A highlight in their home is family movie night. Kimberly will pop some popcorn for the family and they all like to watch scary movies together.

Damyia is going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is a doll lover and likes to be outside, especially riding bikes. The twins will be starting 1<sup>st</sup> grade this fall. Jejuan also likes to ride bikes and do anything outdoors. Catching insects and playing football are among his favorites. Jermeria is more laid back than her siblings and would rather spend her time inside playing with her kitchen set. Kimberly is looking forward to sitting outside on the front porch of her own home and watching her children play in their very own yard.



Jejuan, Kimberly, Jermeria, and Damyia