

# **SPRING 2011 APOSTLE'S HOUSE:**

We are excited to introduce our new Habitat family to our Friends! This year's Apostle's House family is Bobby and Lywanda Shed. Bobby and Lywanda have two sons DeAndre, 20 and Termaine, 18. Lywanda is on oxygen part time and has some disability in her legs; Termaine has cerebral palsy. Their four year old granddaughter, Khalila also lives with them most of the time. The Shed's attend Springhill Missionary Baptist Church.

The Shed family came to Starkville from Louisville in 1997. After a couple of years of work at a different dealership, Bobby started working at Starkville Ford in 1999 and has been detailing cars there ever since. Bobby has a passion for helping others, and as a way to help provide more for his family, he enjoys doing part-time work on the side when he can. He has aspirations of one day starting his own car detailing business. Lywanda is currently unable to work because of problems with her knees, but takes pride in doing all she can to clean, cook, and care for her family and their home. She is looking forward to making this new Habitat house their family home. The Sheds enjoy watching their son, Termaine play basketball in their spare time.



DeAndre, Khalila, Lywanda, Termaine, and Bobby Shed

The five Sheds will be moving into their new home from a small, older 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment. They are cramped for space in their current situation and are happy they will have better air to breathe without the mold problems they currently deal with. The Sheds are anxiously awaiting the new house and want to thank all the volunteers in advance!

## Habitat Homeowner Updates and News:

Mia Hollingshed moved into her Habitat house in the fall of 2008 with her two sons and one daughter. She recently got a new job working as a supervisor at the Hilton Garden Inn and said that she loves her new position! Mia is very proud of all three of her children and reported they are all doing well in school. Marlow (15) and Christopher (14) enjoy playing football for their school teams, and Jasmine (12) spends her free time playing for the basketball team at school. Mia was quick to point out that they love their new home and everything is going very well for the Hollingshed family. As a homeowner, Mia feels that she has gained added confidence in herself which helped her when going through the process of attaining her new position as supervisor at the hotel.

Annie Kennard moved into her house in March of 1995. We are happy to celebrate with Annie the great news that she paid off her mortgage at the end of 2010! In addition to paying off the loan, she was able to retire in November from the hospital where she worked for the past 10 years. "I enjoyed raising my kids in this house", was one of the first things Annie said when we talked to her. She is very proud of the house that was made possible through Habitat for Humanity and said "we had nothing going for us" previous to getting the house and it changed the course of where she and her family were going. Annie is very happy that her four children also live in Starkville, along with her 20 grandchildren, and enjoys spending time with her family whenever she can. All volunteers and builders should be proud of the houses they help construct, as Annie told us she has had no real problems with her house over the years!

**\*\*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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**COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE PROGRAM:** Ground breaking on our next Apostle's House is set for March 6, 2011 at 2:00. We have three groups coming to volunteer their time to build this house but we also need help from our Friends, like you, to make this year's house a success!

The days when our out-of-town volunteers will be in Starkville this spring are:

- March 7-11
- March 21-25
- April 15-19

Each day we need assistance to provide:

- Lunch at the work site for all volunteers
- Devotions at lunch
- Dinner for all volunteers

In addition, we would like to have a host at the work site throughout the day. Information will be provided to this person to help them assist in making each day run smoothly. This person would be there to welcome the volunteers to the site, relay pertinent information to the volunteers, and ensure each volunteer has filled out the waiver and is wearing a hard hat. No heavy work required of the host!

If you are able to help us with any of these areas, please contact the office at 662-324-7008. We appreciate any way you can assist us during Collegiate Challenge and look forward to hearing from you!



Student volunteers picking up their lunches donated by our Habitat Friends at the work site!