

DEAR HABITAT FRIENDS:

JANUARY 2012

We are happy to report Starkville Area Habitat for Humanity had a **VERY** successful 2011! That is in no small part due to you and your continued support of this ministry. We appreciate all of your volunteer hours, donations, and prayers. In 2011 we were able to complete three new homes for deserving families in the Starkville community.



Jermeria, Jejuan, Kimberly, and Damyia Riley in their Habitat Home

Most recently Kimberly Riley and her three children moved into their new home just before Thanksgiving. The Riley's Habitat Home was the Third Annual Maroon Edition Home. This home is built in conjunction with Mississippi State University and the Maroon Volunteer Center on campus. Over 500 students, faculty, and staff worked on the Riley's home this fall. We had a great turnout at the Riley family's Home Dedication and were proud to celebrate with the Rileys and so many of the integral supporters of Habitat from MSU!

Tracy Young. These houses were built with the volunteer hours of three out-of-state college and high school groups who give up their Spring Break to come to Starkville, MS, and build a house for Habitat.

Our 2011 Phillips Financial Habitat Golf Classic was a great success this spring! We had record numbers of golfers, team sponsors, and hole sponsors for last year's Classic. The proceeds from the Golf Classic go directly to building a Habitat home, and the \$30,000 raised were very helpful in the building of the three houses we built in 2011.

We very much appreciate the great response we had from our 2011 Christmas Appeals campaign. We cannot begin to thank you, our Habitat Friends, for your support of this ministry in these tough economic times. Without your continued support and faithfulness, Starkville Habitat could not continue this ministry that is making such an impact on local, deserving families.



Kimberly Riley receiving a bible and donated hand-made MSU quilt from President Keenum

SPRING 2012 PARTNER FAMILIES!!!

Trina Williams: We are proud to introduce Trina to our Habitat Friends. Trina has been working at Fastbreak for the past four years. She was very excited to share with us that she recently received a promotion at Fastbreak this New Year! She has two children: Alexis who is twelve, and Blake who is eight. As a single mother, Trina has worked hard to instill faith in Christ, honesty, and excellent work ethics in her children. Alexis was not able to be present at the Family Selection Committee's home visit, but she wrote a note stating that having a home of their own would help her achieve her goals of graduating from high school, college, and law school. Alexis said that having a home of their own would be a great accomplishment for her Mom. It would also show her children that Trina was wise when she taught them that anything you put your mind to and work hard for can be accomplished with God's grace. Trina is looking forward to raising her two children in their own home!

Shonda Randle: We are excited to introduce our other spring 2012 partner family: Shonda and her two children. Shonda's children are Jalyn (7) and Rylee (2). Shonda has been working at Wal-Mart for over nine years. Their two bedroom apartment was crowded, had poor plumbing, and had no outdoor play area for the children except the concrete parking lot. Shonda told the Family Selection Committee she has been hoping and praying for a better, more stable living environment for herself and her two children. Shonda feels that having a Habitat home of their own is the breakthrough for which they have been waiting, and the children are excited about having a yard of their very own! Shonda is also looking forward to the opportunity to help build their very own home.

2012 Phillips Financial Habitat Golf Classic date is set!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 18th, 2012, to participate in the Golf Classic; you won't want to miss it. More details to come in the near future!

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Collegiate Challenge Program: Ground breaking for our two spring houses is set for **Sunday, March 4, 2012, at 2:00 P.M.** The ground breaking will take place in the Sunset Subdivision at the building sites for the houses- 56 and 63 Murdock. The houses are directly across the street from each other. We hope you can join us on March 4rd to help kick off the building of two more Habitat Homes!



We have four out-of-state groups coming to volunteer their time to build these two houses, but we also need help from our Friends, like you, to make this year's Collegiate Challenge a success!

We rely heavily on Sunday School Classes, Circles, Bunco Groups, and any other group of friends to help us to feed the volunteers that work hard all day to build these houses for Habitat. If you are part of a group at your church or elsewhere, please consider getting some people together to provide a meal for our volunteers.



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

- March 4-9
- March 11-16
- March 18-23
- April 1-6

Each day we need assistance to provide:

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

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!