

# Habitat NEWS

## Homes, Communities, Hope + YOU



**Thanks to you, we were able to meet the Stewards Fund Challenge and receive a matching grant of \$72,000! These critical funds will help continue our work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Habitat is needed now more than ever. And when we needed you, you stepped up!**

**Thank you for building a world where everyone has a decent place to live.  
We couldn't do it without you!**



# Town Council Unanimously Approves Weavers Grove!

**A**fter two years of meetings, presentations, technical reviews, and design modifications, the Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously approved Weavers Grove on June 24. Habitat purchased the first parcel of land off of Sunrise Road in 2002. Our vision for this property has grown alongside the great need for housing in Orange County. Of the 236 homes planned for the site, 100 are for Habitat homeowners and the remainder are market-rate homes, setting a new precedent for mixed-income living.

Like all Habitat homeowners, residents of Weavers Grove will qualify for a Habitat mortgage, go through a rigorous screening process, and contribute hundreds of hours of sweat equity in lieu of a down payment.

While we celebrate this accomplishment, our work is far from over. This is a moment when many in our community and our nation are grappling with the depth of the systemic inequality that has plagued our country for too long. In addition, the ongoing pandemic continues to highlight the importance of having a safe and stable home. **We believe that every person should have a stable home in which to live and thrive, regardless of how much wealth they can access.**

The strength of a community depends on all who support it. For us, that means providing everyone the opportunity to build a better life, starting with a home.



Visit [www.weaversgrove.org](http://www.weaversgrove.org) for more information and to sign up for email updates.

*Architectural renderings of duplexes in Weavers Grove*



# Home Preservation Continues during COVID-19

**D**id you know that Habitat doesn't only build new homes? Since 2010, the Home Preservation Program has provided almost 200 households with the opportunity to repair their homes affordably, allowing them to stay safely in their own homes.



Projects can vary widely, but common repairs address accessibility, heating and cooling, and roofing.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began impacting local business in mid-March, repair projects in our pipeline had to be adapted or put on hold for the safety of staff and homeowners. Despite the setback, ten Home Preservation projects have been completed since the pandemic began. Work has included replacing roofs, building accessibility ramps, replacing siding, pressure washing, and other activities that don't require entering the home's interior. **In total, a record breaking 32 projects were completed in fiscal year 2019-2020.**

Adolphus and Valor are a couple who have benefited from the program this year. Adolphus is a Marine Corps veteran, and they have lived in their Hillsborough home for nearly 50 years. Adolphus and Valor came to Habitat for assistance with much-needed critical repairs and accessibility modifications to their home. Valor's mobility challenges meant that Adolphus was carrying her up and down the front steps, a practice that became more and more hazardous as he aged.

In partnership with the Home Depot Foundation, Habitat was able to install an entrance ramp and replace the home's leaking roof in mid-March to ensure the couple is able to age comfortably in their home.



**Interested in learning more about Home Preservation or donating to this program? Visit [www.orangehabitat.org/homepreservation](http://www.orangehabitat.org/homepreservation)**

## Staff Spotlight: Alice Jacoby



**A**lice has held many different responsibilities during her eight years with Orange Habitat. She currently serves as our Associate Director of Engagement, working with our corporate partners, policy and advocacy efforts, and UNC-Chapel Hill students. Originally from the Midwest, she relocated to North Carolina to attend Guilford College. She served a year as an AmeriCorps Member with Durham Habitat before joining the Orange Habitat team in 2012.

### What is your favorite Habitat memory?

There are too many to count! I can say that I have never once attended a home dedication that didn't bring me to tears. It is incredible to see the culmination of so many months of hard work, to see the beaming faces of the homebuyer's friends and family, and to celebrate the relationships built along the way between volunteers, staff, and the community. It's humbling to be a small part of that.

### What's your favorite volunteer task on the jobsite?

There is nothing I love more than interior wall framing. I especially like the smaller walls because it's so satisfying to finish each one. When I started at Habitat I was so intimidated to build! Now I can't wait to get back on the jobsite with our amazing volunteers.

### What's on your summer reading list?

I'm earning my Masters of Public Policy and am enrolled in a summer economics course, so not exactly poolside material! I'm also reading *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein on the history of racist housing policy in the U.S. and *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded*, a collection of essays about barriers to creating social change within the modern system of nonprofits. I'd like to pick up the new *Hunger Games* too!

### What are your favorite foods?

Literally any cheese, from the fanciest import to Kraft singles. I love lemons and have been known to eat a Meyer lemon for breakfast. Rhubarb. All things fermented and pickled, the spicier the better.

### Outside of Habitat, what is the most interesting job you've had?

My first job out of college was as a field organizer with Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign in my hometown of Des Moines, Iowa. The work wasn't glamorous, but it was an incredible and formative experience for me in many ways. With the demands of a campaign, you don't have time to waste doubting your abilities or experience, you have to just jump in and trust yourself to make it work. I try to hold that lesson close to this day.



# High Heels and Hard Hats Fashion Show, *now virtual!*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fashion Show rescheduled to Saturday, August 29 will now take place online. From the comfort of your own home, watch local celebrities strut their stuff on the runway to raise money for affordable housing in Orange County.

Purchase your ticket and find event updates at  
**[www.orangehabitat.org/fashionshow!](http://www.orangehabitat.org/fashionshow!)**

**August 29, 2020 | Virtual | 7pm**



## Hillsborough ReStore now open!

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to build homes, community, and hope in Wake, Durham, and Orange counties as well as around the world. Currently accepting donations and scheduling pickups for select items! Check the websites for updates as hours and policies are subject to change during the pandemic.

### Hillsborough Location:

**672 North Churton Street Hillsborough, NC 27278**

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