



# HOME FRONT

## DEDICATION OF HOUSE NUMBER TWENTY!!!



Habitat for Humanity Pickens County dedicated their 20<sup>th</sup> home on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm at New Hope Acres in Pickens County. Jordanna Stiers, the new owner, was carefully vetted and has put in over 200 hours of “sweat equity” at the home and has taken many classes on home ownership to get to this point. She and her two children have been looking forward to their dream of being homeowners for years.

The pandemic largely impacted the building schedule but all of those involved persevered and completed this home. The lot was cleared in March 2020 and construction began again after nearly a two month complete shut-down due to COVID. Safety protocols were put in place and construction began with limited volunteers and rising building costs. But the great volunteers of Pickens County did not even let a pandemic stop them from helping this family achieve their dream. There are too many financial donors, vendors, and volunteers to mention here but this project has taken the efforts of many in this loving and charitable community of Pickens County.



**Holy Family Outreach Ministry** donates \$5,000 to Habitat Pickens. Pictured here is Leamarie True, Chair, presenting a check to HFH President Monique Vinelli at a recent Outreach Ministry meeting.



## LET'S TOAST TO FAINTING GOAT VINEYARDS!

Habitat for Humanity Pickens County (HFHPC) depends on financial donations to make our program successful. We love working with local businesses and volunteers. Fainting Goat Vineyards in Jasper offered to plan a special fundraising event with us. Then the pandemic hit and all plans were postponed. But that didn't stop Fainting Goat Vineyards desire to help us. They changed their course of action and decided to dedicate a percentage of the sales of a special wine, Harvesting Home, to HFHPC. As of result of this generous offer, HFHPC has received a very welcomed amount each month since this program started. In a year of nationwide decline in charitable donations due to the pandemic, this was huge! We so appreciate their efforts and would love to encourage all of our readers to support this wonderful business. Fainting Goat Vineyards is located at 201 Vineyard Way, at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. David and Robin Higginbotham are the owners and they share the property with four fainting goats (Ronnie, Reagan, Dolley and Mamie) and two Great Pyrenees (Teddy and Rosie). They are open Monday through Saturday, 12:00pm to 6:00pm and Sunday 12:30pm to 6:00pm. They offer live music on the weekends. They specialize in producing small lots of high quality wines. So please show visit and show support for the businesses that allow HFHPC to provide affordable housing to those who would otherwise never reach their dream of home ownership. Call 706-692-WINE for directions and information.

**THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S THOUGHTS!**

As another year comes to a close we find it a time of reflection and remembrance. A time of being thankful and renewing hope. A time of confirming our commitment to our mission, Habitat for Humanity in Pickens County, continues *to put God’s love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.* We are proud to announce that after covid 19 delayed construction Habitat Pickens home #20 has been completed and a deserving family has taken ownership. In addition, we are proud that for the first time in our history we will soon complete the rehab of a home for another deserving mother and her son.

As we look ahead to the future we are making plans to continue providing homes to those in need in Pickens County. In Phase I of New Hope Acres we have just two out of seven lots left on which to construct additional homes. Phase II is an additional 9.5 acres that will yield another 8 lots once is it developed with county standard road, water lines, hydrants, and certified water control features. Phase II is currently being studied by the Board as to immediate need, funding, and how these points influence future projects. Throughout the years we have always been able to continue building safe, decent, affordable housing and we want this to continue. The need to continue giving to Habitat for Humanity of Pickens County is greater than ever! The need for housing has only increased. Our desire to provide affordable housing has increased as well. We need you to partner with us in making these dreams come true for deserving families.

At Habitat for Humanity in Pickens County we are aware of the fiscal impact of the pandemic on most, if not all, of the county’s businesses and its citizens. Our board of directors continues to examine our operational, construction and discretionary resources with the aim of keeping our projects moving forward. However, there comes a time when we are unable to move forward without continued support from our consistent donors, new donors, and those yet to be developed. Please keep us in mind as you budget your contributions. You can be assured that the good you do will be directed to families who are residents of Pickens County. Families in need that will raise their children in Pickens County, contribute to its prosperity and be supporting members of the community. We thank you for all that you do to ensure the continued success of HFHPC and our community! We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving the Merriest Christmas ever!

God Bless,  
Debra Cook  
Executive Director

**HFHPC MISSION STATEMENT**

**Our mission is to mobilize volunteers from the churches, businesses, organizations, and households of our community to form a cohesive coalition to fund and build simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with God and God’s people in need. We do this in support of the covenants and values of Habitat for Humanity International with the ultimate goal of eliminating poverty housing in Pickens County, Georgia.**

***HFHPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

Monique Vinelli,*President*  
Grady Hopper,*Vice-President*  
Donna Torres,*Treasurer*  
Rhonda Wittmer, *Treasurer*

Jim Brescia  
Jene Bryant  
Lamar Cantrell  
Raymond Champitto  
Terry Franzen  
Jim Fries

Suzette Hermann  
Mark Mitton  
Jonathan Schooler  
Susan Spehar  
Jan Stephens  
Wayne Wheeler  
Chris Williams

**YES!! I would like to help Habitat for Humanity, Pickens County Georgia!**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution Amount:\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Credit Card #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMO/IHO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Person to Notify:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

***You may also donate for GIVING TUESDAY or anytime, online at [www.PickensHFH.org](http://www.PickensHFH.org)***

***THANK YOU!***