



Meet the Burbidge Family

Derek, Jessica, Lillian (9), K'Anna (5),
Jaxson (4) and Jace (1)

Derek is employed at Publix and Jessica is a preschool teacher for Early Headstart. Currently, they live with a family member in an overcrowded environment. Derek and Jessica have been desperately looking for a better living situation but rising rental costs have made it impossible. They learned about the Habitat Homeownership Program and knew this was an opportunity that could change their lives. Jessica said, "Habitat for Humanity will be our saving grace and will allow us to give our children a better environment to grow up in." Our local affordable housing crisis is no surprise; add a pandemic, and the crisis worsens. Families are finding it harder to make ends meet due to escalating housing costs. We receive an average of 90 housing assistance inquiries a month. The need for affordable homeownership is greater than ever.

Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity's Board of Directors approved our fiscal year budget to support building 30 homes for qualified, deserving families. Because we have an unprecedented amount of qualified applicants, we have increased our home builds to 33. We currently have 36 families approved in our Homeownership Program, more than any time in our 33 year history. Some families will have to wait almost two years to purchase their Habitat home.

The COVID-19 pandemic and local shut downs caused a significant loss of revenue. Our resale stores were closed for six weeks, we had to cancel or postpone fundraising events and we saw a decline in individual donations. In order to raise necessary funds for families like Derek and Jessica, Charlotte County Habitat is embarking on an '**Annual Home Build Campaign**'. The 'Annual Home Build Campaign' will run from October 15, 2020 thru February 28, 2021 with a goal of raising \$200,000. All money raised in this campaign will go directly into building homes for families in Charlotte County.

Kathy Calvin, CEO of the United Nations Foundation said, "Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference." Will you consider making a financial contribution to our 'Annual Home Build Campaign'? Your donation will make a difference in the lives of Derek, Jessica and the other families approved in the Habitat Homeownership Program.

On behalf of our staff, board of directors and the families we serve, thank you for believing in the Habitat mission. Together we can continue to make a difference and build a stronger community one family at a time.
God bless you,

Gabrielle Reineck
Senior Director of Outreach

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Meet our Future Homeowners



Emily Byrkett

My children will have a home to grow up in without us having a financial burden



Tahrea McClary

Being a Habitat homeowner means having a safe, affordable home to call our own



Samantha McNeal

Having a Habitat home means not having to worry about having a roof over my children's head ever again



Elizabeth Ashcraft

I will feel privileged to own a permanent, safe home for my family



Teresa Brick

I applied for a Habitat home so that my granddaughters will have more room to grow. This is a wonderful opportunity



Alycia Weeks

Having a Habitat home will make it easier to save for the future and be able to afford things for my girls such as birthday and Christmas gifts and extracurricular activities

Click here to view the Homeowner Brochure

Take the first step to see if the Habitat Homeowner Program is right for you by filling out the prequalification form here

Volunteer Spotlight



**Thank you for the GIFT of YOU!
Thank you for your generosity of time.**

**Thank you for the helpful moments, minutes, hours and days! (Over 36,880 hours!)
You are the reason Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity can reach our goals.**

You pave the way for the Future Homeowners to achieve their dream of homeownership, many celebrating their first Christmas in their new homes this year.

You are loved and appreciated by everyone at Habitat – Future and Existing Homeowners, Staff and Board of Directors.

May this be a blessed and joyful time for you and everyone in your life.

To volunteer contact Jill : volunteers@charlottecountyhfh.org or 941-639-3162

22nd Annual Virtual Turkey Trot



5K Run / Fun Walk

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Join us in helping families like the Burbidges by fundraising and participating in this year's Virtual Turkey Trot

Net proceeds will be added to our Annual Home Build Campaign

Keep your Thanksgiving tradition going....

Join or connect with your family and friends for a virtual event. Run or walk at the location of your choice and support local families.

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2021

Apostles Build and Women Build Campaigns

While we are all adjusting to new norms resulting from the pandemic, Charlotte County Habitat is staying on track as we prepare for our 2021 Apostles Build and Women Build projects. We are determined now more than ever to continue making a necessary and positive difference in our community.

Construction of our 11th Apostles Build home will begin in early January. We currently have nine (9) churches, who have participated in previous AB projects, returning to provide funding and volunteers. The home will be built in Punta Gorda, and the future homeowner is a single father, who is focused on providing a stable upbringing for his 3 year old son. Our church partners understand the current low-income housing need in Charlotte County and are ready to nail 2x4's, install siding and paint walls with smiles and prayers. Our goal is to have the home completed by mid-April.

Our Women Build project is scheduled to begin during February. We encourage Charlotte County women to join us in the construction of a home for a qualified single mother and her two young sons. Female volunteers enjoy replacing their kitchen aprons with nail aprons to help build an affordable, safe home and a positive future for a local family. Current health restrictions will be followed at the build sites to ensure the safety of our participants. We are looking forward to completing successful, fun builds and plan to show our strength and determination during these challenging times.



If you are interested in learning more about either of these builds, please call our office at 941-639-3162.

ReSale Store News

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