



# Habitat for Humanity®

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Go "all-in" for a good cause! **Toray America, Jack Daniels Cooperage**, and the **Decatur Jaycees** present the Big Deal casino-gaming night on Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. This year's event will be held at the Elks Lodge (2625 Centron Drive SW, Decatur). Participants will enjoy casino-style games (no real money involved) like blackjack, poker, roulette, and slot machines. Additional sponsors for the evening include 3M, Cook's Pest Control, Ogle Law Firm, Thompson Homes, Raymond James, Traditions Bank, Renasant Bank, 6 Pockets Billiards, and Cooper, Hill and LeCroix. The Big Deal is a casual event with a cash bar and appetizers provided. Tickets are on sale for \$30.00 in advance or \$40.00 at the door. You can purchase your tickets online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com), from the Decatur Jaycees, or at the Habitat ReStore, the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, or Avanti Computers. This year we will be giving away a hot air balloon ride, 2 round trip tickets from Southwest Airlines, 4 one-day Disney tickets, 2 guided tours to Jack Daniels Cooperage...and much more! If you would like more information about this event, please contact Landis Griffin at 256-340-9609, ext. 223, or email her at [Landis@morganhabitat.org](mailto:Landis@morganhabitat.org). Proceeds from this event will help us provide low-income families in Morgan County with decent and affordable places to call home.

## I DARE YOU !

It's almost spring...and that means it's time for Habitat to begin building houses again. We have the families, the floor-plans, the supervisors and the building site. All we need are **sponsors** and **volunteers** with willing hearts. Won't you be the instigator for your company or your church to **fund a "forever home"** for the Johnson or Moore family? They've been working toward their goal for two years! Please end their wait and **make their dreams of homeownership come true!**



## That's A Wrap!



Two more Habitat families celebrated last Christmas in their new home. Brandi Nicholas and her sons greeted a large crowd for their House Dedication on November 20th, thanks to the efforts of the United Way Women's Leadership Council. Two weeks later Amy Fortner and her children welcomed a houseful of guests for their House Dedication thanks to the support of the Morgan County Homebuilders. What better Christmas gift for children than a new home and a bedroom of their own? Ho, Ho, Ho!

**Help these families achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.**



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# Family Spotlight: Moore Family



Two teens looking to escape bad home situations and build something better...that would be Harold and Kathleen Moore. Decades later, they're on the verge of achieving their dream—homeownership, but the journey hasn't been without obstacles.

Harold and Kathleen were both raised in upstate New York. Their living situations and family lives were less than stellar, dotted with family members struggling with addictions. Each of them wanted something more, but wasn't sure where to find it. Eventually they found Jesus...and each other, which turned out to be a winning combination. They married and were determined to have a different family life than the ones they had personally experienced. They desperately wanted to be self-sufficient and not dependent on others for financial support. Their families didn't understand their desire for independence or their newfound faith, and eventually the Moores moved to Alabama to break away from what they considered "toxic family relationships".

In 2010, life had settled down, and both Harold and Kathleen were working full time jobs. A rare infection suddenly struck Harold, resulting in 2 emergency surgeries in one day. He was back to work in 2 months, but the physical trauma gradually took its toll, resulting in full blown kidney failure a year later. Kathleen became his caretaker, administering dialysis at home multiple times per week. In addition to a decrease in income and rising medical bills, the Moores were paying more than a third of their monthly income for rent and utilities. The house where they lived was old and in disrepair—a problem that exacerbated Harold's health issues. When they heard about Habitat, they thought, "Let's just go and check it out..." After hearing the details, they were convinced this could be a path to accomplishing a dream. Once their application was approved, they rolled up their sleeves and jumped right in...working on construction sites, attending classes, and documenting how they spent their money. Their teenage son, Michael, has loved the construction experience! He is thrilled to know that not only can he help build the family home, but someday, it will be his after his parents are gone. Now, he's even considering a future career in construction.

Kathleen says having their own home will be "a big, wonderful change for us". It will lift a huge burden off their shoulders and give them a new sense of safety and security. They are looking forward to cookouts on the back patio and Bible studies in the living room. They are so thankful for the things they've learned, the people they've met, and the opportunities they've been given. Their response to the Habitat program: "We've invested, but we've gotten SO much more!"

Harold and Kathleen are eligible to receive a house this spring, but will have to continue to "wait in the wings" until funding becomes available...how can YOU help? Can your church, business, or organization be a financial sponsor? Please call our office to learn more: 256-340-9609.

## A BIG "Thank You" to last quarter's contributors...we couldn't do it without YOU!!

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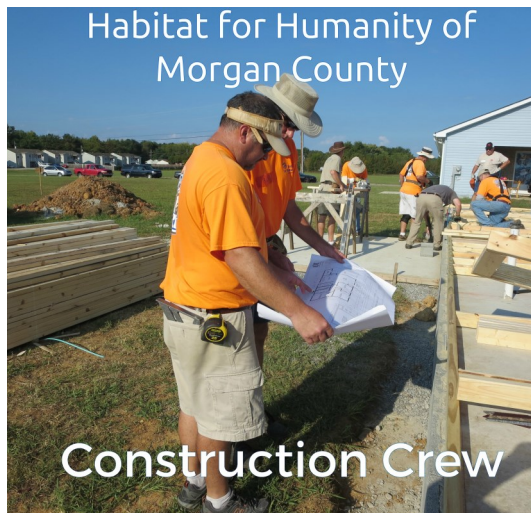
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# NEEDED: Construction Crew Members



- Do you enjoy participating in local missions and making your community a better place to live?
- Do you have some experience working in construction or painting?
- Could you donate your time at least once a week to help lead a group of volunteers on a build site?

Then **YOU** are the person we're looking for! Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County is expanding its Construction Crew to help on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays during our build seasons (September—November & March—June). If you'd like more information or want to join, please contact Jenny Guthrie (Volunteer Coordinator) at 256-340-9609 ext. 227. You can also email her at [jenny@morganhabitat.org](mailto:jenny@morganhabitat.org). Come join the fun!

## Volunteer Spotlight



Stephanie Looney has been volunteering at ReStore since November and really enjoys the opportunity to give back. "I've enjoyed meeting new people, new customers, donors, and staff." Stephanie has had volunteering for Habitat for Humanity on her "bucket list" for some time now. "ReStore was a perfect fit."



HFH of Morgan County recently received a generous donation from the United Way Women's Leadership Council. Pictured from left to right are: Donna Whitten, Mary Jane Mitchell, Mindy Thwing, Terri Collins, Melanie Little.



## ~~~~~ FALL DEDICATIONS ~~~~~

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"Your home improvement outlet"

Habitat ReStore, 1123 Central Pkwy. SW, Decatur  
256-308-1160

Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00, Saturday, 9:00-2:00

## Donate

We would like to thank all of our donors who supported our ReStore in 2016! Donating items to Habitat ReStore starts the process of helping families in Morgan County. Consider our local ReStore as a "Donation Station" where impact is made locally!

## Shop

Make sure to check us out for your household needs. We have everything from brand new paint, brand new tub and shower units, to crock pots and used furniture at great prices!

## Volunteer

ReStore is a great place to volunteer. Volunteers do a variety of important tasks to make sure our ReStore is the best it can be. Add to your New Year's resolution; consider donating your time as a volunteer in 2017.



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