



Habitat for Humanity[®] of Morgan County



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They Came. They Saw. They Conquered!



At Habitat we were blessed to kick off the spring build by welcoming ten students from Harvard University. While many college

students spend spring break hiking in the mountains or lounging on the beach, these students chose to take part in an alternative spring break program and volunteer. We were fortunate to have them choose Decatur, Alabama as their destination! Every year, the students are hosted by members of the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak. On March 12, the students confronted an empty slab at the site of Marilyn Chamber's home. By the end of the week, exterior walls had been constructed and trusses were set! We, along with Decatur Mayor Tab Bowling and his wife, Sherry, all celebrated with a dinner at the home of Mark and Gay Maloney. Our second build will begin April 27 for Stacy Cary. Stacy is looking forward to partnering with us to construct a "forever home" for her and her children.

Please use the form on page 3 to help fund these and future Habitat homes. For info on volunteering, visit www.morganhabitat.org or call Melaine at 256-340-9609.



We're on a Roll!



More than 300 people crowded in the Elks Lodge on Saturday night, March 10, to lay it all on the line and try to beat the house at the 6th annual Big Deal. This year's event could not have been made possible without the support of the Decatur Jaycees and more than 30 additional sponsors who helped make this night a huge success. Kelly Graham, President of the Decatur Jaycees, said "The Big Deal is one of our favorite events because it's so fun, but also because we know that we are helping to build a house for a family later on in the year." The Big Deal raised \$20,000 to provide decent and affordable places to call home for people right here in Morgan County.

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Build Like a GIRL!!

In the days leading up to Mother's Day, construction crews of women volunteers will be pounding nails and raising walls at Habitat for Humanity construction sites across the country in recognition of National Women Build Week. On Saturday, May 5, Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County are looking for local women volunteers to come out and help families reach their dream of home ownership. Construction or home improvement experience is not necessary.

This year's event will take place at 401 and 405 Denver Place SW, Decatur. We will start at 8:00 am and finish up work around 2:00 p.m. We will be doing painting and vinyl siding on one home and roof decking on the second house. Habitat will teach all skills needed for the job that day. Wear clothes appropriate for the weather, and please remember closed toe shoes. Lunch will be provided for registered volunteers.

If you would like more information about this event, or if you would like to sign up, please call Melaine Young at 256-340-9609. You can also email her at Melaine@morgahabitat.org.

IN MEMORY OF

William Floyd Key, Sr.
1936—2018

Morgan County's first Habitat homeowner



We're happy to welcome Melaine Young to the Habitat team as our new Volunteer Coordinator! Melaine hails from Columbia, Tennessee, but has lived numerous places across the Southeast. She graduated from Martin Methodist College (Pulaski, TN) in 2013 with a degree in Biology. Two years later, she participated in Leadership Giles, a leadership development program sponsored by the Giles County (TN) Chamber of Commerce. She brings skills developed through various past work experiences including teaching, event planning, and quality control. Some time ago, Melaine determined that she would eventually work in an organization that served a greater purpose than just putting a profit in someone's pocket. She says, "Now I wake up every day knowing that I'm helping to make a difference in the lives of others, and that's just part of why I love my job with Habitat." Her own life struggles cause her to empathize with Habitat homebuyers, and she delights in seeing the hope and determination on their faces as they press forward to fulfill their dream of homeownership.

Melaine lives with her husband, Sean, her miniature schnauzer, Sherlock, and her younger sister, Hope (when she isn't studying abroad). She is a "theme park junkie" and also loves reading, sewing, camping, fishing, dancing, and performing very out-of-tune vocal solos to a wide variety of music.

Be sure to stop by the office or the job site to give Melaine a hearty Morgan County welcome!

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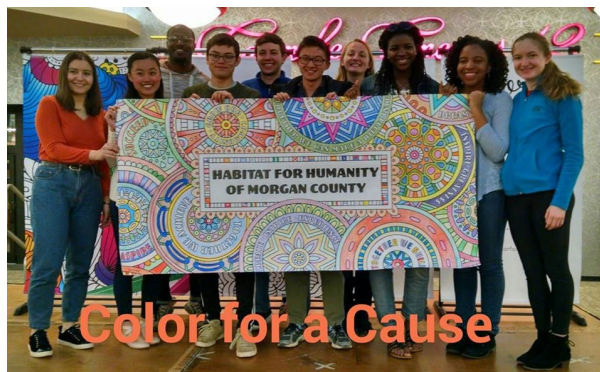
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Big Deal photos courtesy of Chelsea Roadman PR and Branding



Color for a Cause, Decatur Mall, 3/13/18



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Homeowner Budgeting Class



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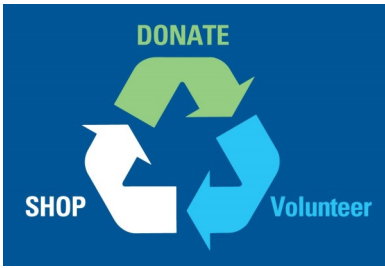
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The ReStore Corner

"Your home improvement outlet"

EXCITING NEWS!! The ReStore has NEW STORE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9:00—4:00; Saturday, 9:00—2:00

Come by on your way home from work and check us out!



Meanwhile, don't forget to...

DONATE—We take new and gently used household items and building materials. To schedule your pick-up: call us at 256-308-1160, or visit www.morganhabitat.org/restore/#pickup.

SHOP—There are many new items at our ReStore including Luxury Vinyl Tile. The planks click together, and the result is fantastic! Priced at \$1.59 per square foot, it won't last long...you can expect to pay twice that anywhere else! Also, check out our new line of hardware and paint accessories. From brushes, to rollers and blue masking tape, we have what you need to complete your paint project. Besides that, where else can you find reasonable prices on like-new furniture or unique "one of a kind items" like the rug chair pictured here?



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