



## Go All-in for a Great Cause!

Decatur Jaycees, Toray Composite Materials America and DoubleTree Hotel in Decatur present The Big Deal — a Casino-style gaming night benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County.

Come enjoy games like blackjack, poker, roulette, and slot machines. This is a casual event with a cash bar; appetizers will be provided.

This premiere fundraising event, to benefit Habitat's mission to build self-reliance, strength and stability through affordable home ownership for local families, will be held at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton Decatur Riverfront on March 21, 2020, from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door, and include food, two drink tickets and \$500 in play money. Tickets may be purchased online at [decaturjaycees.com](http://decaturjaycees.com) and from the Habitat ReStore. You can view various sponsorship opportunities on the Decatur Jaycees website.

If you 'go bust,' you can purchase additional casino play money. Guests will also have the chance to win a variety of fantastic prizes throughout the evening!

Proceeds will go towards the Habitat Spring Build in our Hartselle neighborhood.

## Welcome Home, Pickett Family!



Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County dedicated their 90th house on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

The house, located at 402 Fairmont Court SW in Decatur, is the new home of Simone Pickett and her daughter.

The house not only was sponsored by 3M, but also was built on their property to allow more employees to volunteer.

The house was moved to its current site prior to its dedication.

Tom Apse and Adam Glenn of 3M presented the keys to the excited new homeowners.

Joined by family and friends for the dedication, the Picketts also were given special quilts by Ivy Veinot of the Quilt Lovers Quilt Guild and were presented a Bible by Greg Ethridge. Daryl Little from The Nation's Evangelism Centre in Priceville led the Prayer of Dedication.

## New ReStore Hours

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday - Friday - 9 - 5  
Saturday - 9 - 4

## Upcoming Events

### March

- Western Kentucky University: 9-13
- Harvard Build: 16 - 20
- The Big Deal Fundraiser: 21

## Spring Build – Stitts Family – Hartselle



**Muajani Stitts and MJ**

Muajani Stitts, a single woman who has custody of her disabled nephew MJ, is our Homeowner-in-Progress for our Spring build on Homeplace Avenue in the Phoenix Place subdivision in Hartselle. The build will begin March 16. Muajani currently lives in a non-handicapped accessible apartment that isn't properly maintained.

She has also dealt with flooding and mold issues since living there.

These issues particularly pose problems for MJ, who is wheelchair-bound and uses a ventilator. Their new home will have three bedrooms and two baths and will be equipped to accommodate MJ's disabilities.

Student volunteers from Western Kentucky University and Harvard University are scheduled to help prep for and begin the build in March.

### How You Can Help:

*Become a member of our construction crew!*

- Volunteer a few half days a week
- Assist with building the Habitat homes during the Spring and Fall
- Oversee community volunteers with tasks during the build season

*Be a Community Volunteer!*

- No experience necessary
- Volunteer at your convenience

*Provide Meals/Snacks!*

- Need for breakfast, snacks and possibly lunches a few days a week for our volunteers

If you, your business, or your church is interested in helping in any way, contact Jenny Denton at 256-340-9609, 256-476-5302 or [Jenny@MorganHabitat.org](mailto:Jenny@MorganHabitat.org).

The build schedule will be posted on our website [MorganHabitat.org](http://MorganHabitat.org) under the Calendar. You can sign up to volunteer for the days listed.

Thank you in advance for everyone willing to assist us throughout the year. Habitat would not exist without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers!

## Homeowners in Progress

DONATE TODAY AND BRING THEM HOME!



**Brittany Alexander**



**Makala Coker**



**Amiberly Cole**



**Michisha Griffin**



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**Brandon and Keunna Swopes**

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## Employee Spotlight: Jenny Denton

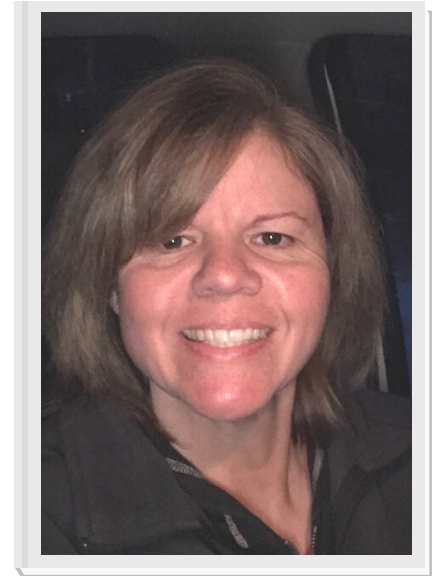
A Texas native, Jenny moved to Alexandria, Alabama, in 1983, graduating from Alexandria High School in 1989. She attended college on an athletic scholarship and obtained her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Athens State University. She went on to receive her Master's in Public Safety Administration from Auburn University in Montgomery.

After graduating from North Alabama Police Academy in 1995, she was the first female hired by the Hartselle Police Department. She began working as a patrol officer, transferred to the investigation division in 1997, and was promoted to sergeant in 1999.

In 2004, Jenny was hired by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Parole. While there, she was promoted to senior officer, and worked as a senior training officer from 2017 until her retirement in December 2019. Throughout her career in law enforcement she always enjoyed serving and helping others, not only through her job, but in her personal life as well, through volunteering.

Jenny has been volunteering for Habitat for Humanity for ten years. She has served on the Homeowner Selection Committee since 2014. In 2015, she was selected as Vice President of the Board, moving on to Board President from 2016-2018.

She was hired as Volunteer/Construction Coordinator in May of 2019. Jenny's desire to help the less fortunate, along with her love for building, landscaping, and remodeling, make Habitat a perfect fit for her to continue to do what she is passionate about. She believes in the mission of Habitat— to provide safe and affordable housing to qualified homeowners. She enjoys working with the future homeowners and her favorite part is presenting them the keys to their new home. She is excited about serving in her new role and is grateful for this opportunity.



*If you're interested in volunteering for the ReStore or for the Spring Builds, please contact Jenny Denton, Volunteer/Construction Coordinator at 256-476-5302 or 256-340-9609 or email [Jenny@morganhabitat.org](mailto:Jenny@morganhabitat.org)*

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