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Habitat moves forward in a new decade, makes Nashville a better place to live



Nashville Area Habitat 2010 board chair Matthew Wilson and his wife, Tara, on October 1 at the dedication of Timberwood Park

As we begin a new decade, Nashville Area Habitat moves forward in a new environment. Unlike many non-profit organizations, Nashville Area Habitat has weathered the economic storm of the last year with great success.

We've had to become lean in many areas and focus on ways to be more efficient with every donated dollar and to use each volunteer's time in the most effective manner. The state of Nashville Area Habitat is better than it has ever been.

We're positioned to continue our mission of offering qualified, responsible families an opportunity for homeownership. In the process, we are changing individual lives and making the Nashville area a better place to live.

As chair for 2010, I am fortunate to be a part of an engaged, productive board that is committed to the mission. Our organization has a passionate management team and motivated staff, led by an inspiring CEO. I also continue to be amazed at the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Please join us this year to help build a better community!

Dickson community embraces Habitat for Humanity

In 2009, Dickson Habitat for Humanity raised more funds than in the previous two years combined

Golf tournaments raise \$14,000 to help build more Habitat homes in Dickson County

The first was September 26 at Willow Ridge Golf Course in McEwen, Tenn. Dr. Ed Blackburn and the Habitat Dickson division golf committee chaired the event.

Rain fell all morning, but teams were blessed with a beautiful afternoon of golf, prizes and food. Dale Owen of Charlotte, Tenn., hit a hole in one to win a \$500 Visa gift card.

On October 5, Greater Nashville Association of Realtors (GNAR) Dickson Chapter held its annual golf tournament at Greystone Golf Club in Dickson to benefit Habitat.

O'Charley's provided lunch, and WSMV Channel 4 sportscaster Rudy Kalis – playing at Greystone but unaware of the tournament – stopped for photos with Dickson Habitat supporters.

Dickson Division spring build starts April 24

Volunteers will build a home for Marsha Davenport on Saturdays and Sundays, April 24 to May 9, 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Polio crippled Marsha as a child, making it dangerous for her to maneuver the steps and uneven floors of the mobile home where she lives as an adult.

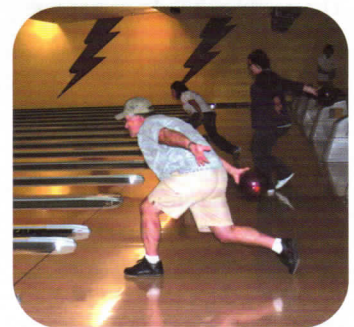
Sponsors for Marsha's Habitat home are Publix Foundation, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Charlotte Fagan United Methodist Church, Armstrong Flooring and TriStar Bank.

Proceeds from Habitat's fall Bowl-a-Thon and golf tournaments will help fund the home. If you would like to help, contact Chris Greene at cgreene@habitatnashville.org or (615) 441.9967.

"There are so many bighearted people here, and without their help, none of this would be possible," said development and volunteer manager Chris Greene. Since merging with Nashville Area Habitat in July 2007, the Dickson Division has purchased seven lots and built five homes in Dickson.



Dr. Ed Blackburn (third from L), who chaired the Habitat Dickson division golf tournament, pauses for a photo with his teammates (L to R) Clay Blackburn, Coyce Stokes and Paul Blackburn.



Phil Corbin, vice president of human resources for Tenneco, bowls a strike at the Habitat Dickson Division Bowl-a-Thon.

Pinnacle Financial hosts funding announcement — Nashville Area Habitat receives FHLB grant

Pinnacle Financial Partners hosted the announcement of 2010 grants totalling \$650,000 from Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati's Affordable Housing and "Preserving the American Dream" programs. Nashville Area Habitat received \$149,831 to help create 20 homes.

At the podium were Pinnacle president and CEO Terry Turner, FHLB of Cincinnati executive vice president and chief operating officer Andy Howell, Woodbine Community Organization executive director Cathie Dodd, and Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development deputy director Charlie Williams.

In its 20th year, FHLB's nationwide Affordable Housing Program continues to responsibly finance the creation of owner-occupied and rental housing for low-income households.



Representatives of Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati present a check to Pinnacle Financial Partners to fund Habitat homes in several Middle Tennessee Counties. Pictured are (L to R) Andy Howell, FHLB Cincinnati executive vice president and chief operating officer; John Besser, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County; Chris McCarthy, president and CEO of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity; Tory Tredway, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Wilson County; Barbara Quinn, president and CEO of Park Center; and Terry Turner, Pinnacle president and CEO