

## One door closes, another opens



Nashville Area Habitat board chair Matthew Wilson

As 2010 begins to wind down, so does an extraordinary era led by current CEO Chris McCarthy. Chris's talent and dedication has catapulted Nashville Area Habitat to become a top Habitat affiliate and one of the top Nashville area nonprofits.

Her retirement at the end of 2010 leaves a great legacy of growth and expansion. Chris has added so much value to Nashville Area Habitat – most importantly, our capacity to serve effectively, help more families and make Nashville a much better place.

With every loss, something bright always follows. Through a careful selection process led by board members, key stakeholders and an external consultant, Danny Herron was chosen to carry Nashville Area Habitat forward. He has been on board for a few months as president, and he will take the reins as CEO in January 2011. Danny brings many talents and much experience to Nashville Area Habitat. We welcome him and embrace his leadership.

Thanks to everyone for your support and volunteerism in 2010. Let's continue building a better community!

## Seasoned banking executive Danny Herron becomes agency president

Shortly after Chris McCarthy announced her plans to retire at the end of 2010, a search committee composed of board members and other community leaders began seeking a successor to lead the agency into the future. Seasoned banking executive Danny Herron was chosen from a pool of 150 applicants, and he became president on August 2. Chris will stay on as CEO through the end of the year, and Danny will assume the role of CEO in January 2011.

Danny will work closely with Chris, chief financial officer John Roberts, chief operating officer Ralph Knauss, and chief administrative officer Lucile Houseworth to build on the success Chris has brought to Nashville Area Habitat over the past nine years.

Danny was a bank CEO for 14 years, first in 1993 at First Southern Savings and Loan, which became a commercial bank and was renamed Cumberland Bank in 2004. Cumberland Bank grew to more than \$700 million in total assets (seven times the assets it had when Danny took the helm) and 14 branches.

More recently, Danny was president of Enterprise Construction. Enterprise developed more than 1,000 residential lots and 100,000 square feet of commercial real estate in Williamson County.

"We are so fortunate to have found a leader with expertise in both banking and real estate, which are important assets for running a nonprofit that functions as a real estate developer as well as a mortgage lender," said Matthew Wilson, board chair. "Danny has leadership and development skills that I believe will take Nashville Area Habitat to the next level."



## Habitat completes agency's 450th home, honors THDA

On August 28, representatives from Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) joined in the celebration of Nashville Area Habitat's 450th home in the agency's 26-year history, built for purchase by Teresa Briggs. Teresa's house was sponsored by THDA, with matching funds from an anonymous donor. THDA also generously funded seven other homes in the "Bring it Home!" challenge to complete Timberwood. 85 percent of the homes built by Nashville Area Habitat in its 26-year history were built between 2002 and 2010.



(L to R) Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity CEO Chris McCarthy, homeowner Teresa Briggs, and Andre Kelly, rental assistance specialist with Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

## Nuts and Bolts

### Nashville Area Habitat news in brief

Nashville Area Habitat is grateful for \$97,500 contributed by an anonymous donor toward the agency's work to build sustainable communities of homes built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

Thank you to HCA for selecting Nashville Area Habitat for a Microsoft Technology grant of \$46,400 for a Microsoft software update, two laptop computers, 16 desktop computers and two servers to keep the agency's technology up-to-date to better serve the community. HCA also donated an estimated 80 hours of volunteer information technology support.

Generous recording artists David Gray and Ray LaMontagne gave \$30,000 from the proceeds of their August 22 concert to build one of the last 26 homes in Timberwood.

Children's favorite "Yo Gabba Gabba Live! There's a Party in my City!" will contribute \$1 from every ticket sold for the production's October 21 show in Nashville to Nashville Area Habitat.

In response to a request from volunteer HomeWORKS teacher Pat Hollander, Paula Deen Enterprises generously donated ten 11-piece sets of Paula Deen Signature Porcelain cookware for participants who attended the March 8 "Power of Cooking," an elective class for Habitat partner families.

The Morgan Stanley Foundation made a \$2,500 donation in honor of Stuart Smith, senior vice president of the SWS Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Nashville. The company's Volunteer Incentive Program recognized Stuart's history of volunteer service for Nashville Area Habitat.

Past board chair Randy Laszewski was a finalist for the Center for Nonprofit Management's 2010 Salute to Excellence: Board Member of the Year. Nashville Area Habitat was also a finalist for Award for Achievement: Team Building. The awards ceremony was held on September 21 at the Renaissance Hotel.

SOS Harley Siemer has been recognized as one of Bank of America's Local Heroes. Harley has requested that his \$5,000 award be given to Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity.