



Hello!

Welcome to your monthly Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas update! It is my pleasure to report to you each month on all our activity that's made possible by the support of friends like you.



Just yesterday morning our board approved **SIX new homebuyers!** There was palpable joy in the office that afternoon as several of them came in to quickly sign their Partnership Agreements.

You may recall we had multiple homebuyer orientation sessions in January and more than 125 interested persons attended. Many chose not to apply at this time and some realized they didn't meet the application criteria. Of the six new homebuyers, two of them had applied before and worked hard to improve their situation and their application. Yay!

Also yesterday, two of our new homes in the Baring Cross neighborhood of North Little Rock received their C.O. or Certificate of Occupancy! We will close on those in the coming days and two new homebuyers will move into their very first home.

Good news abounds here at Habitat and we give you, our friends and supporters, heaps of gratitude.

Read on for more, and thank you again,




Atlanta-bound

Five HFHCA staff members are heading to Atlanta for the biennial **Habitat National Conference March 4-7**. Executive Director Kelly Fleming will try to corral this group: Andrea Newton, contractor; Craig Keltner, ReStore manager; Destiny Smith, ReStore assistant manager; and Morgan Benton, executive assistant and volunteer coordinator.

There are plenary sessions with Habitat International leaders for inspiration, dozens of learning sessions, a sizeable exhibitor fair (two years ago we found our new loan servicer there), and plenty of time to socialize with peers from across the country.

All Arkansas representatives will gather one evening, and – ok, we admit it – one night the group will attend an Atlanta Hawks game (on Kelly's nickel, not yours)! You know what they say about all work and no play! We will share some of our takeaways in next month's newsletter.



Dedication for home #242

We are excited to dedicate home #242 **THIS Friday, February 23, at 3:30 p.m.**, at 1310 W. 10th Street in North Little Rock. This will be our fourth home dedication in the last five months, and we aren't done yet!

Our homebuyer, Martina and her ten-year-old granddaughter, are excited to have their very own home in a neighborhood that is quickly becoming a community of Habitat homeowners.

This home was made possible by the federal **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** through the **City of North Little Rock**, both terrific partners in building homes, communities, and hope. Join us for this heartwarming event!



BAGGO, Brats, N' Blues is coming!

We're excited to host our fourth annual **BAGGO, Brats N' Blues** FUNdraising event! Please join us at our new venue this year – **Sunset Lodge at the Rusty Tractor Vineyards** – on **Sunday, April 28, from 3-7 p.m.** The two-person team BAGGO tournament will offer a two-game guarantee with prizes for the top three teams.

During the event, we will also have a ceremonial "note burning" for some of our Habitat homeowners who have paid off their mortgages in the past year.

Attendees will enjoy live blues music from Lucious Spiller, receive a grilled brat or burger, two free beers or soft drinks, and a specialty cocktail with Tito's Handmade Vodka. We will also have the Lobolly truck and other local food trucks on site so you can purchase additional food and treats while cheering on your favorite team in the BAGGO tournament.

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Welcome, Morgan!

Morgan joined our team in November of 2023 as an executive assistant. Born and raised in Little Rock, she returned to Arkansas after living in Northern Colorado since 2018 where she worked for another Habitat affiliate.



Our staff actually met Morgan (far left in the photo above) for the first time at the national Habitat conference in Atlanta in 2022!

She attended the University of Central Arkansas where she studied Sociology, took a year off to join AmeriCorps, and has been working in the nonprofit sector ever since. Her experience includes community engagement for a homeless shelter, directing programs for a charter school, and administration for a real estate company.

When not at the Habitat office or a build site, she loves to spend time with her friends, play piano, and have a cheeseburger down at Buffalo Grill.

Upcoming Events



BAGGO, Brats N' Blues 2024

Sunday, April 28, 3-7 p.m.
NEW LOCATION - *Sunset Lodge at the Rusty Tractor Vineyards*

Sponsorships and tickets are now on sale for our fourth annual, super popular BAGGO, Brats N' Blues fundraising event. Get your team registered and prepare for another year of fun for a good cause.

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