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Newest Habitat Home Recipient
 By
 Carol Roop

The words “persistent” and “enthusiastic” only begin to describe Tracy Fields. She and her son are the newest partner

family for an Orange County Habitat for Humanity home. Twenty five other families have preceded her. Her smile flashes 100 watts when asked about her journey to home ownership. . .

Originally from Harpers’ Ferry, West Virginia, Tracy has lived in Orange County for five years. She says that she prayed for those five years for the opportunity to give her son, five year old Josiah, a safe place in the country to play. She has often worked two jobs to provide for her son. Living in a dark, forty year old trailer, she is unable to cook, do laundry or have a space of her own. “It is depressing,” she says. Habitat has helped her to do something that she was desperately trying to do: get a place of her own to come home to.

She sought assistance from Ruth Bramlett of Skyline Community Action. After many determined visits and phone calls by Tracy, Ruth got the call that set things in motion. A foreclosed home, ready to be refurbished, had been purchased by Habitat. Ruth thought immediately of Tracy. When *the Habitat Family Selection Committee* came to Tracy’s door with the news, her reaction was, “What! Are you serious?”

Tracy was extremely fortunate that things fell into place so quickly. She met all the qualifications required. Since Habitat for Humanity projects are “A Hand, Up Not a Hand Out,” Tracy, as a prospective homeowner, must have the required down payment, sufficient income for mortgage payments, *taxes & insurance* and the willingness and ability to put in 150 Sweat Equity hours.

When asked what she is most looking forward to, she sits back, sighs and smiles widely. “Birthday parties and sleepovers for my son. Holidays will be wonderful. Baking cookies in my kitchen and watching the snow fall in the trees.” She continues, “I thought, how will I ever afford a normal life for my child? Never in a million years did I think it would happen. God is good.”

A New Beginning



Tracy Fields, on left, with Cindy Reed (President of Orange County Habitat for Humanity) and Bill Nowers and Bud (Construction supervisors) at the “New Beginning” celebration

Orange County Habitat for Humanity has partnered with Habitat Virginia and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program that helps non-profit organizations buy homes that are in foreclosure. Under this program we have purchased a foreclosure house on the Lahore Road and work is underway refitting the house with a new repaired roof, new appliances, floor tile and carpet, other minor repairs and a new paint job. The old fiberboard siding will be replaced and new energy efficient windows and heat pump installed. So we are looking forward to finishing the work this summer to provide a new home for Tracy.

Check out our website for construction updates and pictures of volunteers getting it done. Check <http://ochfh.org>.



Richard Coleman with the help of Jack, Henry, Jonny and Gene spent one of those hot days in July repairing and putting new shingles on Tracy’s new home.

Halloween with Habitat



Mark your calendars!

Join us for Halloween with Habitat on
October 29, 2011

at the Barn at the Inn at Willow Grove.

- Festivities will begin at 7:00.
- Food by Elmwood at Sparks
- Dancing with Steve Bassett and Friends.
- Tickets are \$125/couple or \$65/single.
- All drinks included.
- Costumes are definitely recommended!

For further information and tickets contact Gina Sedwick at (540) 672-2651 or

GinaSedwick@gmail.com

A HUGE thank you goes out to

- **Kimberly Burke** (a local Silpada sales representative) - The jewelry party on June 28 was lots of fun and very successful. Ms. Burke generously donated her entire commission to OCHFH. Also a special thanks to Dawn Phillips for hosting the jewelry party.
- **Jon Freeze**, owner of MKJ Enterprise (133 Byrd St. in Orange), for donating his handmade wine table for the Spring Raffle. Ben Hale of Woodberry Forest was the lucky winner.



Nailing up vinyl siding (or thumb) on Tracy's future home.

Message from the President



By the time you read this newsletter, OCHFH will be well on the way towards our 26th house in this community. Our goal is to have our partner family in the house before the start of the school year!

All this came about because we worked diligently through the winter and spring with Habitat Virginia (our statewide Habitat organization) and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. NSP, as it is called, is a federal program designed to help non-profits buy houses that are in foreclosure. That's exactly what we did.

The house we bought is an older home, and it needs a few repairs and a little TLC. That's what we're doing this summer, and it's been an interesting process!

We believe that by using the NSP Program, this house will cost us perhaps half of what the cost would be if we built a new house from the ground up. That makes good economic sense and also fills an empty house with new life.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this? It's pretty exciting to see! Contact us...there are so many places you could help. You can swing a hammer, or serve up a hot soup to hungry volunteers. You can put on fundraisers or work on homeownership education for our partner families. You can paint or landscape. The opportunities to help a family have a decent and affordable place to live are abundant...join us!

Even as we work towards finishing this house for Tracy, the Habitat Board is making plans for our next (27th!) house. The land has been secured & cleared. In the coming months, a partner family will be selected. When sufficient funding is available, we'll be able to start another house-building adventure. Join us!



Bill Nowers, our construction supervisor, has assisted on most of the 26 Habitat houses built in Orange County. He is shown here installing one of the new energy efficient windows in Tracy's home.

The Whirlpool Corporation is providing a new stove and refrigerator, as they do for all Habitat built

homes. Whirlpool also is provided a substantial discount on the washer and dryer. Larson Corporation is providing a free storm/screen door and Hunter Douglas will be providing privacy blinds for the bathroom and bedrooms.



Sun Trust Donates

Bruce Boley, Branch Manager at Sun Trust Bank giving a \$500 donation to Cindy Reid, President of Orange County Habitat for Humanity, to help finish the next home.

Donations from businesses and individuals

make it possible for Orange County Habitat for Humanity to continue to provide safe affordable homes for some of Orange County's low income residents.



A very special thanks to Adrianna Cowan Waddy, of Cowan Realty shown here donating \$500 to Orange County Habitat for Humanity President Cindy Reid.

Orange County Habitat for Humanity's 11th Golf Tournament

October 7, 2011

Shotgun start at 9:00am

Individual..... \$65*

Fairway Sponsor – 2 Players..... \$200*

Tournament Sponsor – 4 Players... \$400*

*Includes Green Fees, Cart, & Lunches \$

Free range balls for practice.

Mulligans: \$5 each or 3 for \$10 at the course.

Playing the Waterfall 9 and the Island Green 9.

Ladies play the forward T's. Men play from the white T's.

Prizes

Hole-in-One on Hole 8 on the Island Green wins a NEW CAR courtesy Herndon Chevrolet in Orange!

First place: \$300 Gift Certificate*

Second place: \$200 Gift Certificate*

Third Place: \$150 Gift Certificate*

Fourth Place: \$100 Gift Certificate*

Also prizes for: Closest to the pin, closest to the line, longest drive, putting contest.

*All gift certificates are from Meadow's Farm Pro Shop



Send players names and VSGA Handicap (or best 3 scores in the last 12 months) with checks payable to Orange County Habitat for Humanity to:

OCHFH – Golf Tournament

PO Box 65

Orange, VA 22960



Support Habitat for Humanity through Donations and Purchase of used Building Materials and Furniture.

Although Orange County Habitat for Humanity does not have the facilities to store used and donated building materials and furniture, the larger chapters in Charlottesville and Fredericksburg do.

Habitat ReStores ReUse, ReCycle and ReSell functional building materials, furniture and tools, diverting thousands of tons of usable materials from local landfills. The community gets affordable and sometimes unusual items for home improvement and renovations at discounted prices. All proceeds are used to benefit Habitat's mission to provide affordable housing for low income families.

The Greater Charlottesville Habitat Restore is at 1221 Harris Street. You can call them at (434) 293-6331 for further information or check out their website at <http://cvillehabitatstore.org>.

The Greater Fredericksburg Habitat Restore is a 4755 Jefferson Davis Highway (4 Mile Fork Business Center, next to J&J Tile). You can call them at (540) 891-5009 or visit their website at <http://www.fredhab.org/resale.html>.

Both stores are open 6 days a week.

Bothe ReStores will pick up gently used furniture, construction supplies like cabinets, sinks, lighting and so much more depending on the quantity and how far donors are from the store. Besides individuals, businesses often donate surplus materials and furniture making these stores a good place to check if you are building a home or remodeling an existing one. Both stores accept donations of and have available for sale:

- A large variety of kitchen appliances.
- Kitchen and Bath cabinets and countertops.
- All kinds of interior and exterior doors.
- Windows and screens.
- Interior and exterior lighting.
- New carpet, rugs and flooring of all kinds.
- Tables and office furniture.
- Sofas, chairs and other home furniture.
- And many other items you can use.



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Our other current Board members include:

Dawn Cooper
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Carol Couch
Robert Clore
Rev. Denise Hall



Habitat to Sell EcoTulips Bulbs!

EcoTulips sells only organically grown tulip and other bulbs grown in Holland by a family that has been growing high quality bulbs for many years.

New brochures showcasing fall bulbs will be available at www.ochfh.org and from Board members by early September. We will take orders until the middle of October and the bulbs will be delivered to you by late October.

**ORANGE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
TAX – DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

YES!! I want to give a donation to Orange County Habitat for Humanity
Enclosed is a donation of: (Please specify) ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100
___\$500 ___\$1000 Other: \$_____
___Check is attached

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Email: _____ (for OCHFH newsletter)

MAIL TO: Orange County Habitat for Humanity
PO Box 65, Orange, VA 22960



**SWING
RAFFLE**

Take a chance on winning this attractive swing built and contributed by Bob

Krise. The proceeds of each sale will help finish OCHFH's 26th home in Orange County!

The swing is on display at the Virginia National Bank on Main St. in Orange. The drawing will be held in front of the Bank during the Orange Street Festival on Sept 10, 2011.

Tickets are \$2/ ticket or 3 for \$5 and are available at the Virginia National Bank or from any OCHFH Board member