



Chatham Habitat for Humanity

Media Release

Fairs Reaching Out to Families Who Dream of Homeownership

Homes can be purchased with a 0% interest mortgage and low monthly payments

Chatham Habitat for Humanity is hosting two fairs for families and individuals who want to own their own homes but aren't sure they can afford it. They are set for:

- **Thursday, March 3** from 6-8 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church at 914 Martin Luther King Blvd., Siler City.
- **Saturday, March 5** from 11 am-1 pm at Community House, 71 Anthony St., Pittsboro



Habitat homes are well-built and energy-efficient

"Join us and find out how you can own your own home through Chatham Habitat with a 0% interest loan and low monthly payments of \$500 to \$650, which covers your mortgage, insurance, and taxes," said Amanda Sale, Family Services Coordinator at Chatham Habitat. The events are free and open to the public. Childcare is available.

"When people arrive, they can enjoy the food and sign up for door prizes," said Sale. "We'll then talk briefly about the program, how to qualify for a home, and what the process is like." Families who have become homeowners through Chatham Habitat will also be on hand to share their experiences. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to fill out an application.

Owning a Habitat Home

Chatham Habitat builds and renovates houses along with families and individuals who demonstrate a need for affordable housing, the ability to pay, and a willingness to partner. Once approved, the family contributes volunteer hours toward the construction of their home and takes a series of classes designed to prepare them for homeownership. When the house is completed and the criteria are met, the family takes ownership and begins making full and timely payments on their 20 year, interest-free mortgage.

FAMILY SIZE - GROSS FAMILY INCOME

One - \$12,000 - \$28,500

Two - \$13,750 - \$32,750

Three - \$15,500 - \$36,750

Four - \$17,000 - \$40,750

Five - \$18,500 - \$44,000

Six - \$19,750 - \$47,250

Seven - \$21,500 - \$50,000

About Chatham Habitat houses

The typical Chatham Habitat house is between 900 and 1,200 square feet with 2 to 4 bedrooms (depending on the size of the family) and 1.5 baths. Designed for energy-efficiency, they rarely exceed \$36 per month to heat or cool. All homes include a front porch, outdoor storage space, and a rain catchment system. In addition to new homes, which take approximately 10 months to build, five renovated homes will soon be available, allowing families to move into their homes very quickly.

On becoming a homeowner



"On Saturday, I was working on Jina's house (future neighbor) and she told me they started the foundation of a new house and that it might be mine... So I asked Jack (construction site supervisor) and he took me and showed me and there are already bricks and a foundation! I was excited...and took two pictures!"

- Daneila Williams, new Chatham Habitat partner

For information about the homeownership fairs, contact Amanda Sale at (919) 542-0794 x 220 or amandasale@chathamhabitat.org. To learn more about Chatham Habitat for Humanity, visit www.chathamhabitat.org.

About Chatham Habitat for Humanity

Everyone in our community deserves a safe, decent place to live. Since 1989, we have worked to change substandard housing conditions throughout Chatham County by making homeownership possible for more than 100 families. We accomplish this by creating partnerships between families in need and hundreds of volunteers and donors. Together we transform lives, improve neighborhoods, and most importantly give hope and strength to our communities.

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