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Proudly serving Alabama families in Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties.



> Our Partner Families' journeys showed me that we are all capable of achieving our dreams and goals, as long as we are patient, hard-working, resilient, and believe in the power of God.
>
> Alison Drost
> Habitat Board Member

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From the Executive Director

I cannot remember a more exciting time to be a part of our mission. In fiscal year 2026 (FY26), we served nearly 10% of all families in our organization's history. Twelve families achieved their dream of homeownership. Twenty-six families can remain safely in their homes because of our Home Repair Program. That is 38 low-income families who now have the peace and comfort of a safe, affordable home. Meanwhile, our community education programs are bridging the gap for individuals who are eager to learn about starting their homeownership journey.

Beyond our housing programs, we've had more opportunities than ever for the community to join our mission. Our Women Build brought together 10 women-led volunteer teams as they built a home for one of our deserving partner families. Raise the Roof marked the largest event in our organization's history, uniting supporters from across three counties to hear powerful homeowner testimonies and help us achieve our fundraising goal.

Access to affordable housing continues to be a major need, not just in our community, but in the country at large. This year, we increased our advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national levels by meeting with elected officials and supporting affordable housing initiatives.

Serving Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties is an honor. While this year was one for the books, we look forward to an even more exciting future.

Let's keep buiding together.

In partnership,

Jeremy Foulks
Executive Director

From the FY26 Board President

I had the privilege to serve as Habitat's Board President for two years and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the organization and share its value with the community. In my role as CEO of the Limestone County Economic Development Association, I see first-hand the need for affordable housing. I am thankful that Habitat gives us all the chance to play a role in making housing affordable and accessible. Whether it's helping a family build their home or shopping at the ReStore, thank you for being a part of our mission.

Bethany Shockney
FY25-26 Board President













Neighbors Celebrating Together

Sometimes, life moves so quickly that checking in with neighbors and connecting with community ends up on the back burner. But on America's 250th anniversary, Sasha Irby, a proud Habitat homeowner since 2020, began coordinating a block party for her fellow Habitat homeowners to enjoy the holiday together.

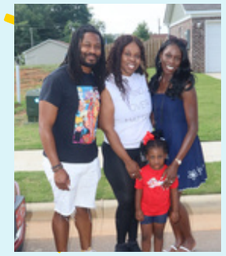
Sasha's neighborhood is home to 23 Habitat families (and still growing!). Though some families know each other from their time in the Homeownership Program, it's rare to have an excuse for everyone to get together.

"The kids had an amazing time enjoying the activities, bounce houses, ice cream truck, and spending time together. It was truly a heartwarming afternoon, and we're already looking forward to making it even better next year," says Sasha.

This is the impact that safe, stable housing can have on a community: families coming together to have fun, build relationships, and make memories. All made possible because they have a place to call home.







Repairing Homes, Restoring Safety

FY26 was the third year of Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley's Home Repair Program and the best one yet. Our organization completed 26 home repairs for local families across Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties. Habitat staff, volunteers, and community partners have worked with families to rebuild porches, replace HVACs and water heaters, install new windows, and so much more. These repairs help low-income homeowners remain safe and comfortable in their homes, meaning greater stability for their lives and their communities.

In the spring, we launched our Veterans Home Repair Program to provide free repairs to local veterans. We are proud to offer this dedicated program that will support those who have served our country.



Before



After

FY26 by the Numbers



12
Families moved into their affordable homes



26
Repairs completed

$650
Average monthly mortgage of homes closed



100%
Rating from Charity Navigator

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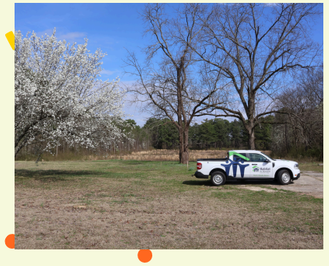


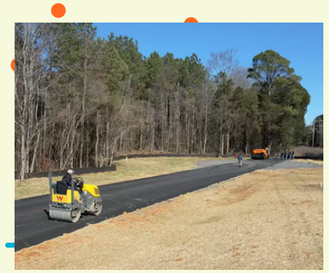
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ReStore Arts and Sustainabilty galleries displaying work from local artists



7,283 Volunteer hours

Building a Foundation for Community





It's about to get busy in Limestone and Jackson Counties!

Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley has purchased 14.2 acres of land in Athens. This extensive property will allow us to build 41 affordable starter homes for low-income families in Limestone County. The earliest stages of development are already underway, and we hope to begin on-site infrastructure once all approvals and evaluations are completed. It is an honor to have the support of local leadership as we continue to serve more families in Limestone County.

Habitat has also completed critical infrastructure for eight residential lots in Jackson County. This work is an important first step toward expanding affordable homeownership opportunities in a county that projects significant growth in the coming years. We want to ensure that all families have access to housing, even as the area continues to develop.

In the past four years, our service area has expanded from one county to three. There is so much building ahead of us, and we can't wait to share the journey with you!

Want to learn more about Habitat & our programs?

Check out these great ways to support Habitat and keep up with the work we're doing in Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties.

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