

Burnet Commons Dedication

This month, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville celebrated with the community's newest homebuyer, Binta Rose, in the mixed-income community of Burnet Commons. Binta's story of perseverance in the face of deep adversity added extra meaning to the dedication ceremony.

A Licensed Practical Nurse at the Student Wellness Center at UVA and mother of three sons, Binta lost her eldest child in **a tragic motorcycle accident in 2020** very near to the location of the new home. Though she and her boys felt a connection to the home – especially given how close it is to her work – she grappled with her decision to purchase it because of its proximity to the site of her worst moment.

Ultimately, she says, she relied on her strong faith in God's guidance.

“Even when I didn't think it was time for me to take Burnet, I think God said, ‘no Binta, it's time for you now,’” she said. “God gave me the strength to pick me up. I feel like I could write a book about how I overcame so many obstacles in my life that tried to stop me or knock me down and I got back up. You know I think I'm just so blessed that everything happened the way it did.”



“We are so proud of Binta and her boys,” said Dan Rosensweig, Habitat’s President and CEO. “They came together at a really hard time, working as a family to contribute more than 200 hours of sweat equity on both the construction site and at The Habitat Store to heal and make their shared dream of homeownership come true.”

You can listen to the [audio recording of the dedication ceremony here](#).

Asheville Update

Asheville Area (NC) Habitat CEO, Andy Barnett and his team extend their gratitude for the financial support sent their way by the Charlottesville community.

In spite of the fact that Hurricane Helene left their Administrative Office and the Asheville ReStore severely damaged and closed indefinitely, they are making steady progress. They were recently able to welcome home a new homebuyer, Chantel Lewis, just two weeks behind the pre-hurricane schedule. They’ve also launched an Emergency Repair program (focused on Helene recovery in partnership with other agencies) to supplement their traditional home repair program, and have reopened one of their remote Restores.

As recovery efforts continue and rebuilding efforts kick into high gear, they will reassess their ability to accommodate more volunteers. Stay tuned for further updates. You can also continue to support them [here](#).

Foxfield Success!

On a beautiful sunny Sunday, Habitat staff, volunteers, donors and Partner Families gathered for the annual Fall Foxfield Races. It was a great day of camaraderie and exhilarating horse races!

In this fourth year of partnership, the Foxfield Board of Directors announced its donation of \$50,406 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville’s Southwood neighborhood, bringing the four year running total to \$205,600.



Foxfield Races has given back to the local community from the earliest days, and its dedication to continuing the tradition is strong.

“Coming together as a community to make the impossible a reality, is a common thread that unites the Foxfield Races and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville,” shared Michelle Wamsley, Habitat’s Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer. “Whether through preservation of open space where everyone can come together to enjoy steeplechase and fellowship, or through preservation and sustainable redevelopment of affordable communities that ensure all of our neighbors have a place to call home - we all win when we come together around what matters most.”

Watch a [Thank You Message from President and CEO Dan Rosensweig here](#)

Happy Halloween!

Your Habitat Team has spirit! We love a good costume contest and we need your help. You can cast your votes for your favorite cast of characters and help us decide the winning bunch!

Team Advancement - Local Businesses



Team Construction - The Minions



Department of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP) - Family Game Night



The Habitat Store - The Berts (+Dave)



Team Property Management - The Waldos



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