



## Building Communities

### Recent Accomplishments

As we work to eradicate poverty housing, we meet wonderful people from all walks of life who have some connection to Habitat for Humanity, and in turn, to our mission. Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity (SCHFH) is proud to be your local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We are blessed with great volunteers, passionate homeowners and conscientious community investors.



*Delta house leaders Barry Matthews (back left) and Rick Lawhorn (back right), SCHFH Construction Manager Kevin McCormick (back center) pose with the Minter family at the dedication of the Minters' new home.*

In 2007 Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity helped seven families find dignity in their own homes. We implemented a new homeowner pre-qualifying process and introduced the Partner Advocate Liaison program (PALS).

The acquisition of buildable land has always been our foremost challenge. Although we currently have enough land to meet our building plans for 2008 and 2009, the results of our 2008 fundraising efforts will be used judiciously to acquire more land to meet the future needs of our mission. Keep an eye out for the Red Clay Campaign.

### AmeriCorps VISTA

SCHFH extends heartfelt thanks to its AmeriCorps VISTA members, Michelle Holmes, Minka Bell, and Suzy Dolan. AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America) is the national service program designed specifically to end poverty. Founded in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the frontlines in the fight against poverty in the United States of America for more than 40 years.

Minka is our newest VISTA. As a member of the development team, she will focus on fundraising and database issues. We are very happy to welcome her into the SCHFH family!

Suzy and Michelle are ending their time with us, moving on to very bright futures. Michelle assisted with volunteer coordination and built a database for tracking homeowner information. Michelle will continue her community service activities when her VISTA experience is complete.

Suzy revised the homeownership pre-qualifications process, and started the PAL Program. Suzy says, "I became a VISTA to learn more about how nonprofits operate, get some experience devising new programs for nonprofits, and to begin a career in the public sector. The staff at SCHFH was very encouraging and supportive of my ideas, and was always happy to answer any of my questions." Suzy plans to enter graduate school this fall. Our warmest wishes follow both Suzy and Michelle wherever they go!

## Our Partner Families



*The Nonju family at the dedication of their home on Lillian Lane.*

The aim of SCHFH's homeownership program is for families to achieve financial independence, to increase their economic opportunities, and to become successful homeowners. By improving the partner-family dynamic, families achieve long-term success and continue to stay involved in the organization even after moving into their own homes. Research suggests these long-term successes



*The Conney family moves into their new home on Alexander Court. Top students from Clayton County's Construction Technology Program were the primary volunteers on this first-ever rehab project for SCHFH.*

translate into safe, stable communities with families that are vital contributors to local economies. And the model works.

SCHFH walks alongside each homeowner, in 2007 providing more than four hundred student hours of training and education on a variety of skills such as budgeting, building good credit, life skills and home maintenance. As one of our supporters states: "You don't just hand out fish—you teach homeowners how to fish, and then hand them a pole." It is our partner families and their hopes for the future that inspire us to continue to build safe, decent, and affordable homes for generations to come. We look forward to sharing more success stories with you in 2008.



*Graciela Arroyo and two of her sons with the Bible presented at their home's dedication on Lillian Lane.*

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## Our Volunteers

SCHFH utilizes individual and group volunteers to work on construction sites, help in the office and serve on various committees. Volunteering with SCHFH is a particularly meaningful experi-

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*Just a few of the hard-working Youth Build crew from the Forest Park Street School. These young men and women dropped out of school only to find that life without an education is a difficult road. Now they're working on completing their GEDs and learning the building trade.*

ence because the results are so tangible. Volunteers see the results of building activities and come to know the families who benefit personally. It's quite clear our volunteers really makes a difference in their community.

This year, 1,675 volunteers worked a total of 9,623 hours to help eradicate poverty housing. Typically 20 to 40 volunteers participate each work day in every aspect of home construction. Our volunteers include individuals from the community and various groups participating in team building activities, such as corporations, churches, professional organizations and schools.



*Delta volunteers work with Habitat year after year to give something back to the community that supports their livelihoods.*

In addition to construction work, SCHFH volunteers serve on a number of committees that perform vital tasks. In particular, volunteers have played a key role in acquiring land and selecting partner-families. Volunteers also work in the SCHFH office, complementing the efforts of our staff in providing critical administrative support.

The SCHFH Gray Ghosts are among our most active volunteers. While some are retired, others remain actively engaged in the business world. On the jobsite, Gray Ghosts teach valuable skills to other volunteers. They work throughout the week to keep construction projects on track and on time. Some of our Gray Ghosts also serve on our Board



*SCHFH Gray Ghosts: Larry Bradbury, Charles Thompson and Denny Spalding (back row, left to right); Larry "Thumper" Gilbert, Keith Wahlig and Paul Fischer (front row, left to right).*

of Directors. They always have a great deal of fun working with each other, and we are happy they are part of the SCHFH family!

SCHFH volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Their hard work and dedication are making an impact across the Southern Crescent by offering low-income families the opportunity to own simple, modest homes. The SCHFH Board of Directors, staff and partner families thank our volunteers for their commitment to improving the Southern Crescent region of metro-Atlanta.

## A Message From The President

Dear Friends,

“Do what you can, where you can, with what you have.” Theodore Roosevelt spoke to a very different period of our history upon making that simple statement. Yet as we reflect upon a tumultuous 2007, these words hold a particular relevance to our mission. Over the course of this year we built six houses on the remainder of our land, we expanded our capabilities to rehabilitation of existing homes, and we have reached even beyond that to agree to embark upon building townhomes because those were the opportunities presented to us. On the other end of the spectrum, we experienced increased involvement from our volunteers and committees who donated an extraordinary number of hours. Thanks to their efforts, our homeowner selection and education processes have greatly improved so that they operate more efficiently going forward. We have embraced all of the opportunities available to us this year, and numerous families have benefited dramatically because we did what we could with what we had amidst a collapsing real estate and financial market.

As 2007 drew to a close, our small affiliate reached another milestone with the completion of our last house at Lillian Lane and the completed landscaping of our Faith Park community. We took our 84th house under management. We expanded our volunteer board to its largest-ever capacity. We acquired five more lots in Henry County, including two lots in Hampton, upon which we will build this summer, donated by Dennis Duncan of 3-D Construction. We also now have a substantial tract of land in Clayton County, thanks to the generosity of Jerry Kopp. And we have been awarded the largest single grant in our history by the Woodruff Foundation—to embark on the largest and most ambitious project we have ever undertaken, which we will begin in the Fall of 2008.

God willing, we will build or start at least twelve homes over the course of this coming year: two in Hampton, five townhomes in Riverdale, and five

houses at our new subdivision in Jonesboro. We will host our first-ever charitable golf tournament, and we will begin an extremely ambitious land campaign in earnest. Thus, as we look forward to an exceptionally exciting 2008, I offer a bit of wisdom from Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.” Let us approach the numerous goals before us in 2008 secure in the knowledge that, daunting as they may be, the time is ripe for us to accelerate our ability to do right.

Sincerely,



Steven Teske  
 President, SCHFH Board of Directors

<b>Statement of Financial Position: June 30, 2006 to June 30, 2005</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$227,711	\$264,676
Mortgages receivable	\$1,308,325	\$1,178,694
Grants receivable	\$30,527	\$4,820
Construction in progress	\$484,810	\$381,013
Property and equipment	\$348,708	\$335,197
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$2,400,081</b>	<b>\$2,164,400</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Accounts payable	\$4,071	\$17,264
Deposits on house purchases	\$5,950	\$4,770
Notes payable	\$8,162	\$8,973
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$18,183</b>	<b>\$31,007</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,381,898</b>	<b>\$2,133,393</b>

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### Donor Spotlight: Dennis Duncan

Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity (SCHFH) is extremely grateful to Dennis Duncan for his generous land donation in Henry County. Duncan is President of 3-D Construction and is an officer of the Henry Council for Quality Growth. This gift was his personal donation to SCHFH. Duncan recalls: “Early one restless morning, I was reading a particular piece of scripture when it became clear this was the way to show good stewardship and an opportunity to give in the Lord’s name. I already

knew Brenda Rayburn through the Council, and it was clearly the right thing to do.”

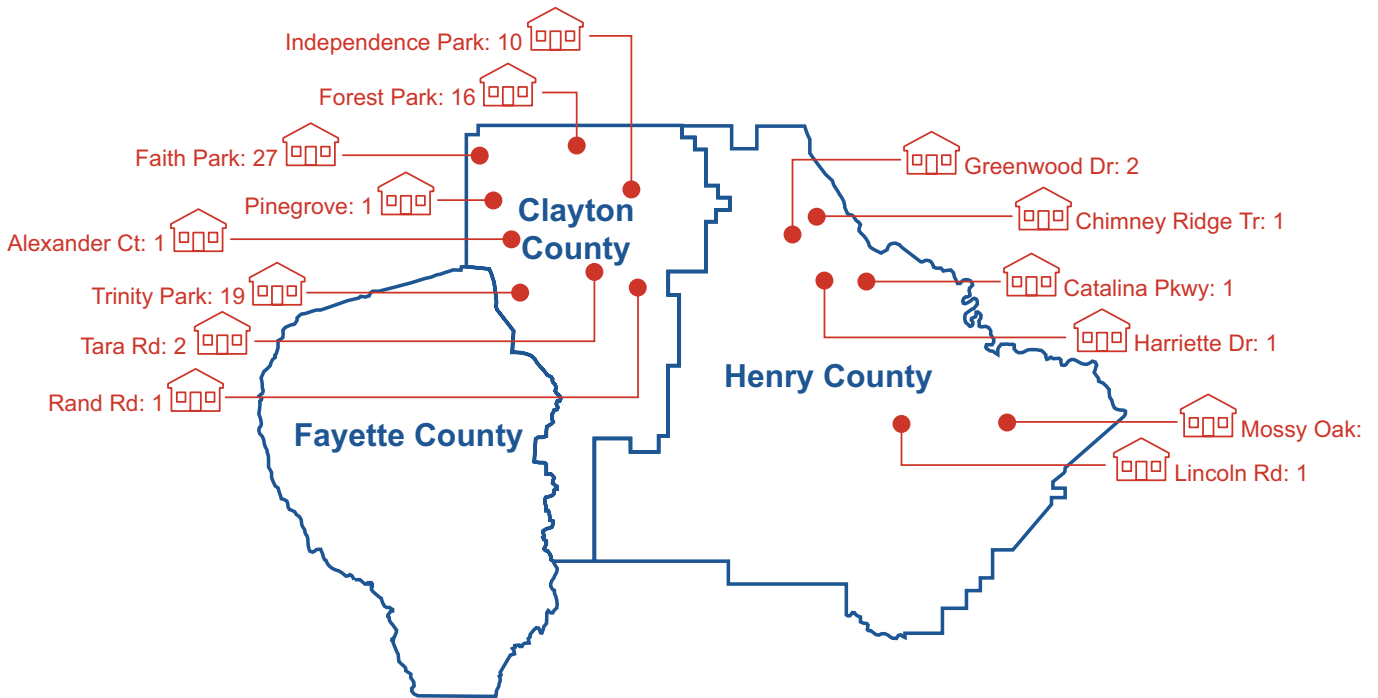
As a part of this generous gift, Mr. Duncan is also donating the development of this land. Judge Steven C. Teske, President of SCHFH remarks, “Henry County is truly blessed to have folks like Dennis and Jenny Duncan of 3-D Construction, who clearly believe in giving back to the community. This wonderful commitment will bring joy, stability and a brighter future to three more hard-working but low-income families in Henry County.”

### 2007 Donors

Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity thanks all its donors for investing in the Habitat mission. Every donated dollar makes a difference in our efforts to make decent, affordable homes a reality for low-income, working families.

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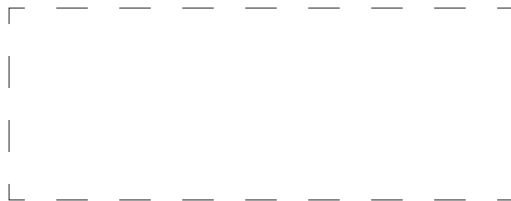
*Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity has provided 84 low-income families with the opportunity to purchase their own homes as a step out of poverty between 1976 and 2007.*



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