



Habitat for Humanity®

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Local elected officials to gather this Saturday to build an affordable home.

RALEIGH, NC (Oct. 15, 2019) – This Saturday local elected officials will take time out from their busy schedules to pick up hammers and work together on an affordable Habitat home.

Their participation in this build helps draw attention to the urgent need for affordable housing options in our community. As Wake County and the surrounding areas continue to boom with growth, many long-time residents are being pushed to the edges as housing costs rise.

When a family spends too much of their income on housing, there's little left over for other necessities like food, healthcare and education. Habitat homeowners buy their homes and pay an affordable mortgage that totals no more than 30 percent of their household income. They also take financial education courses and complete sweat equity hours that give them a solid foundation for success in homeownership. Habitat serves families who make 25-80 percent of the Area Median Income. These are people who work at places like UNC REX, NC State and Wake County Public Schools, to name a few.

"We appreciate that our local elected officials are willing to lead by example," said Bill Ahern, Habitat Wake President/CEO. "Their support for and understanding of the issue is crucial as we continue to advocate for more affordable housing. Our hope is that their time on the build site inspires them to put housing issues at the top of their agendas."

Build participants include:

Apex Council Member Audra Killingsworth

Apex Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Dozier

Apex Council Member Brett Gantt

Cary Mayor Pro Tem Lori Bush

Raleigh Council Member Stef Mendell

Garner Council Member Elmo Vance

Holly Springs Council Member Christine Kelly

Morrisville Council Member Liz Johnson

Morrisville Mayor TJ Cawley

NC Representative Joe John



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NC Representative Julie von Haefen

NC Senator Jay Chaudhuri

Wake County Board of Commissioners Chair Jessica Holmes

Wake County School Board Member Ms. Christine Kushner

Wake County School Board Member Ms. Monika Johnson-Hostler

Wake County School Board Member Mrs. Heather Scott

Wake County School Board Member Ms. Roxie Cash

Wake County School Board Member Mr. Keith Sutton

Wake County School Board Member Ms. Lindsay Mahaffey

Wake County School Board Member Mr. Chris Heagarty

Wake County District Court Judge Ashleigh Dunston

Wake County Commissioner of Agriculture Jenna Wadsworth

Habitat Wake Elected Officials Build

Saturday, October 19

7:45 - 11:30 am

1521 Dowling Road, Raleigh

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About Habitat Wake

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Wake County brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Since 1985, Habitat Wake has joined with sponsors, volunteers and families to build safe, affordable homes. Qualified homeowners pay an affordable mortgage and invest 200 hours of sweat equity building their home.

This year, Habitat Wake is building 60 new homes locally, completing exterior repairs on 15 homes and funding the construction of 125 homes globally. Financial support is provided by corporate, foundation, faith and individual sponsors, as well as by the Habitat Wake ReStores. Habitat Wake is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization that welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, visit habitatwake.org.