



## **NC State's Annual Shack-A-Thon Fundraiser runs through Sept. 22** *Students live in shacks round the clock to raise awareness and funds for Habitat Wake*

**RALEIGH (Sept. 20, 2017)** – More than 1,500 NC State students representing 40 student organizations are spending this week in student-designed “shacks” to raise funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity of Wake County. The annual Shack-A-Thon fundraiser continues through Friday, Sept 22 on the Brickyard, where students have constructed 20 shacks from plywood, tarps, and other creative materials. The students will live in their shacks around the clock through Friday Sept. 22 at 5 p.m.

As the Habitat at NC State Chapter's largest fundraiser, Shack-A-Thon raises money and awareness for the need for affordable housing. Throughout the week, each of the shack teams will compete to raise the most money. The overall goal for the 2017 Shack-A-Thon is \$65,000 – the cost of materials for one affordable Habitat home in Wake County.

Students and guests are encouraged to visit the Brickyard to see these unique shacks and participate in fun competitions throughout the week. Fundraising events at Shack-A-Thon include bake sales, serenades, “Pet-a-Puppy” event and a variety of contests set up to collect donations during the competition.

“We are grateful to NC State for their continued dedication to the cause of affordable housing,” commented Kevin Campbell, Habitat Wake president/CEO. “The family who eventually owns this home will have a strong foundation on which to build their lives.”

Established in 1985, Habitat for Humanity of Wake County partners with homeowners, sponsors, and volunteers to build and repair safe, affordable homes with families earning modest incomes. This year, with the help of community partners such as the Habitat at NC State Chapter, Habitat Wake will build 70 new homes in Wake County, complete exterior repairs on 50 existing homes, and build 125 homes globally. 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, donate or volunteer, visit <http://www.HabitatWake.org>.

The NCSU Habitat Chapter was founded in 1991 and has helped build more than 33 houses in Wake County. Led by students, the Chapter has raised approximately \$380,000 to support affordable housing in our community. For more information, visit <http://clubs.ncsu.edu/habitat/about.html>

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