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## “God had better for me”: Single mom becomes newest Edisto Habitat for Humanity homeowner

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Shara Smith and her daughter are all smiles in front of their new home.

For years, Shara Smith of Bowman has wanted a home of her own for her and her 5-year-old daughter, Taylor.

After her mother moved away to another state, Smith was forced to find adequate housing. Since that transition, Smith has moved to different mobile homes with family members to try to find stable living arrangements for her and her family.

“I used to always apply for apartments or section 8, and it never worked out, and now I see why” Smith said. “Because God had better for me. It was meant for me to get my own house, and I’m so proud of myself. I did it for my daughter, too. I want her to have her own room ...,” Smith said.

More than 60 volunteers, most of them women, spent Saturday, May 5, building a home for Smith -- the latest Edisto Habitat for Humanity house in Orangeburg.

Construction of the new house began with a commemoration of

*Edisto Habitat for Humanity, Inc., a Christian housing ministry, seeks to put God’s love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.*

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“You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14



### HOMESTORE HOURS

Thursday and Friday - 10am to 6pm

Saturday - 9am to 2pm

We accept debit and credit cards.

#### EDISTO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMESTORE

260 John C. Calhoun Drive (Next to Superior Honda), Orangeburg, SC 29116

**SAVE 20% OFF ANY ONE ITEM**

ONE COUPON PER SHOPPER. COUPON EXPIRES 12/31/2018.

Donations can be brought to the store during store hours.

For large items a pick-up service is available and can be scheduled by calling (803) 539-2242.

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## BRINGING SMILES TO KINGS ROAD



### THE MICHAEL G. SALLEY COMMUNITIY PARK

Promoting physical and social play for children who may not otherwise have access to an outdoor play space. Building a well-connected community that encourages a blend of diverse and interlocking relationships.

These are just some of the benefits of the new Michael G. Salley Community Park on Kings Road, Orangeburg. The result of a collaborative effort between Orangeburg County, Edisto Habitat for Humanity and funded by a recent grant from the Central Carolina Community Foundation, this park will bring **smiles, laughter, and happiness** to this neighborhood.

Named for Michael G. Salley, this Park is a perfect reflection of his commitment to Orangeburg and Habitat for Humanity.

For more than two decades he has made the dream of home ownership come true for many Orangeburg County families. Salley has dedicated a large portion of his life to civic volunteerism. He co-founded Edisto Habitat for Humanity in 1989.

To help us meet our match requirement for the grant, send your donation to Edisto Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 2489, Orangeburg, SC 29116, and designate for the park.

## God Had Better For Me

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"One thing we plan on doing is helping out with the landscape," she said. "We have an awesome lawn and garden team. Extra services for landscaping will be donated to the homeowner as a show of support for her new home and giving back to the community."

Smith's home is the second EHFH home that has been built this year, and the organization plans to build two more before the year is over.

Smith's daughter, Taylor, said she was "happy" to be living in her first home because she will finally have a yard of her own to play in. The idea of playing "doll house" with dolls in her own new home excited her, too.

## From the Executive Director

### We Are Building on Faith,

We are planning an Apostles' Build in Orangeburg. Our last one was in 2014, and it was a great success! In an Apostle's Build, 12 churches come together to build one Habitat for Humanity house. They raise the money, and provide the labor and prayer support to build a house in partnership with a local family. As Jesus' original apostles were charged with spreading the word about Jesus, our twelve apostle churches will be charged with assisting in Habitat's mission to provide decent and affordable shelter for God's children in need.

Edisto Habitat for Humanity has built over 80 decent, affordable homes for low-income families in Orangeburg since 1991. We partner with families that have a need for housing, the ability to pay monthly zero interest mortgage payments, and who are willing to give 350 hours of sweat equity time by working on other families' homes, their own home, and by attending homeowner and budgeting classes. The cost of a Habitat home in Orangeburg is approximately \$80,000.00.

We will begin construction on the Apostle Build home in August and complete it by mid-October. We will provide the building site, house plan, and a carefully screened partner family to work beside you to build the home. There will be five Saturdays for volunteers to participate in the construction of the home. We will coordinate all aspects of the build.

The fundraising goal for each Apostle/Church is \$5,000.00. We know some will raise more than \$5,000, and some will raise less. Final payment for this fundraising campaign would not be due to us until the end of October, which would give each Apostle approximately 5 months to raise the funds. We are simply asking churches to set a fundraising goal of \$5,000, and we know God will take care of the details.

We currently have several churches that have committed to be a part of this project and raise these funds outside of their regularly budgeted giving to our affiliate. Will your church be one of the twelve? Will they make a financial commitment? Will they donate their time to the build? We certainly hope so!

Please pass this letter along to your Evangelism/Missions team, and ask your church family to prayerfully consider becoming a part of this exciting project.

We sincerely hope your congregation will step out in faith and commit to be a part of this exciting opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of this opportunity to step out in faith.

In Christ,  
Jamie Wood  
Executive Director

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

### ALUMINUM CANS BUILD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMES

Everyone knows recycling helps the environment, but most residents of Orangeburg may not be aware that it can also help build homes in our own community. Edisto Habitat for Humanity invites everyone interested in improving the quality of life locally to participate in the aluminum can-recycling program.



Collect bags of cans and take them to Sunshine Recycling located at 1105 Southland Road, here in Orangeburg, or take them to the Edisto Habitat for Humanity Homestore, located at 260 John C. Calhoun Drive. Be sure to tell Sunshine Recycling the cans are for the local Habitat. For large donations, you can call (803) 539-2242, and we will be happy to pick the cans up.

### CARPENTER CLUB

Currently, Carpenter Club members are collectively giving approximately \$4,000 every time a home is completed in Orangeburg. Carpenter Club members pledge a donation for every home completed (maximum of 5 per year).

A statement is sent to each club member notifying him or her of the completion and the amount due. Members are invited to each house dedication. Your donation will be used 100% toward defraying the necessary costs associated with building a new home for a family in need.

Carpenters pledge \$25. per home, Master Carpenters pledge \$50.00 per home, Builders pledge \$100.00 per home, and Master Builders pledge \$250.00 per home.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We will build two more homes this year. There are always opportunities during the builds to work on construction and to donate lunches for the workers.



**Melissa Camp**

Whether you want to volunteer as an individual or as group to help with construction, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Melissa Camp, at 803.378.8277.

### \*\*\*CLIP AND MAIL\*\*\*

I want to be a Habitat Volunteer Partner! I would like to:

- ☐ help with construction    ☐ prepare meals for site  
☐ join the Carpenter Club \$\_\_\_\_\_ per house  
(Maximum of 5 homes per year, \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$250)  
☐ volunteer in the Homestore  
☐ make a donation:\$\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ be taken off the mailing list

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Get Involved.**  
**VOLUNTEER. DONATE.**  
**Call 803.536.2300 today.**