



The Prez Says

June/July 2016

Record Year for our Resale Store

We blew away last year's numbers and have set a new benchmark that will be extremely challenging to meet or exceed in the next fiscal year. Congratulations to everyone that volunteers in the store and also to the donation pick up crew for their efforts in making last year so phenomenal!! A special thanks to all of our donors for enabling us to use this money to build more houses.

Construction Update

- 403 Butler School Road- Siding finished, waiting on painter.
- 405 Butler School Road- waiting for HVAC
- 406 Butler School Road- Shed is finished, house wrapped and roof is ready for shingles, front steps finished, working on back stairs.

30th Anniversary Celebration

Prior to our June 11th event we were recognized by both the South Carolina Senate and from Governor Nikki Haley with a Senate Resolution and two congratulatory certificates (one of the certificates is on the next page). We started the Celebration with a brief video from the CEO of Habitat from Humanity International, Jonathan Reckford. The following are a few quotes from his comments:

- "Congratulations on 30 years of helping families build strength, stability and self-reliance"
- "This year you are also celebrating another milestone, the construction of your 100th home. I can only imagine the amazing stories you must have of transformed lives"
- "I am grateful to everyone that has helped make your all volunteer model such a success. What a testament to the dedication of each one of you"

**The
Senate
of the
State of
South Carolina**



On Motion Of

**Senator Thomas C. Alexander
District 1 - Oconee & Pickens Counties**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

***OCONEE COUNTY HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY UPON ITS
30TH ANNIVERSARY***

**BEGINNING ITS WORK IN 1986 AND RECENTLY
STARTING WORK ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH
HOME CONSTRUCTION IN THE COUNTY.
THEY ARE THE LARGEST ALL VOLUNTEER
HABITAT ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH
CAROLINA AND STRIVE TO BUILD HOMES TO
MEET THE INCREASED NEED FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

**MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
SENATE WISH TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE
THE OCONEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK,
TO ELIMINATE POVERTY HOUSING AND TO
CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Given this 11th day of June in the year Two
Thousand Sixteen**

Jeffery Bonnett

THE CLERK OF THE SENATE



The 30th anniversary committee (Dottie Madden, Mike Stevenson, Amanda Harris, Barbara Baron, and John Hubbard) did a wonderful job planning and executing the event. We had over two hundred attendees including guests from other Habitat affiliates, volunteers, Habitat families and Susan Yow from Habitat for Humanity International. Bill Holzhauer (above left) followed Jonathan Reckford's video and did a wonderful job taking us through the history of our affiliate and it certainly illustrated how far we have come over the last thirty years. Hopefully everyone in attendance has a deeper appreciation for what the founders of OCHFH accomplished and the legacy they left.

We had two family members speak with a message of what it means to live in a Habitat home and also to thank our volunteers for making their dream a reality. Both presentation were warmly received and resulted in standing ovations.

The final presentation of the evening was from Susan Yow. She started off by showing a video clip from Cambodia that illustrated HFHI's work providing a clean, safe, accessible water supply to an underdeveloped region. In this case it highlighted how a man who had lost his leg in the war and was barely surviving was now able to be self-reliant by having the water needed to raise his crops and feed his family. She also shared with us the impact our tithe has made over the last thirty years.

Itron Volunteer Day

We recently had about 25 folks from Itron volunteer at the construction site. They put in floor joists and 99% of a deck. They also sided 2/3's of 403 Butler School Rd. According to Mike Stevenson this was an "amazing and productive group, one of the best we've ever had. They were told they are welcome back any time." Here is a picture of the Itron team:



I have one final comment from the 30th Anniversary Celebration. Susan confirmed that we are the largest and most successful **all volunteer** HFH affiliate in the country.....Thanks for making a difference!!

Frank