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THE NEWSLETTER BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT



Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, Greenville, Norwich

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The Quinones family cutting the ribbon on their new home during their dedication ceremony, Danielson CT

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Meet Junior and Justin Future Homeowners, Norwich

“My name is Emmanuel but I prefer to be called Junior. I have a 9 year old son named Justin who attends second grade in the Norwich School System. I have worked at Nordson EFD Norwich for three years.

I am from Sierra Leone which is on the west coast of Africa. I am a graduate from the University of Sierra Leone. I have worked for over sixteen years as a teacher. I have three brothers and two sisters that comprise the rest of my family, all living in the US. Our mom worked very hard to raise us as a single mother at an early age when, our father passed away.

My future is in the hands of God. I would like to raise my child in the best way possible and give him the education he deserves. I have worked hard, am law-abiding, have been responsible and want to live a better life. Being involved in Habitat work, I have learned so many things participating in construction of Habitat homes. I keep on learning. Meeting with different people with different cultural backgrounds, team work, and collective participation have been rewarding. Finally, it is really challenging, but it is always a pleasure to work with Habitat.”

When we met with Junior and his son Justin, it was Justin’s first time visiting his soon-to-be new home. We walked through the studs and played a game to guess which room was which. He picked out his bedroom, which looks across to another Habitat home, where he is hoping he will make new friends. His smile is contagious and he is a bright young boy. He enjoys the solar system and wants to put glow-in-the-dark stars on the ceiling of his bedroom.

Junior completed 95% of his construction sweat equity hours in the spring so he could spend the summer with Justin. Under the leadership of Norm Eccleston, Construction Superintendent, and his crew, construction of their new home is moving quickly. The two homes on lot 3 are scheduled to be completed by March 1, 2023.

Pictured right, clockwise: Junior and Justin in front of their new home; Junior, Justin and volunteer partner John Bolduc; Justin waving to his new neighbors.



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2. **SIGN UP** for the shift and location using the VolunteerUp calendar
3. **SHOW UP** ready to work for the Habitat mission and our homeowners

To volunteer, visit www.habitat.org or email us: engage@habitat.org

A Holiday Letter from Sarah Lufler, Executive Director

The holiday season is a natural time to reflect, show gratitude, count our blessings, and set goals for a new year that is full of possibilities! At Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut, we’re proud of the year that was, and are eager to share with you how a few hands, and a few dollars, have made a huge impact in our community.

Over the past 11 months, it’s been my honor to dedicate affordable, secure, volunteer-built homes to five wonderful new families in Norwich and Danielson. Additionally, four more brand new homes in Willimantic and Norwich – also volunteer-built – are close to the finish line. Two new renovations of existing properties got underway this month, and after the New Year the last two foundations will be poured in the Greenville section of Norwich, where volunteers will put the finishing touches on that 10-home development. By this time next year, at least 10 new families will have a place to call home, where they can grow, thrive, and build equity for generations to come.

That achievement belongs to the families who worked hard to complete our program, and to our donors for supporting their journey with generosity and kindness. It belongs to our staff who led the projects and provided future homeowner families with daily support, and to the volunteers who gave their time, and talent to bringing those families home. To the hundreds of people who have shared in each of these successes, I humbly thank you.

You don’t have to swing the fastest hammer, or lift the heaviest beam to be a permanent fixture in someone’s home. There are so many ways to be involved! Take a day to **volunteer** at our ReStores, **serve** on a committee, help **build**, or **mentor** a future homeowner! While planning your charitable giving please consider **donating** to Habitat this holiday season. Most importantly, if you know someone who is living in sub-standard conditions, struggling to make an expensive rent or pay rising energy bills, please send them our way.

Wishing you and yours a healthy, happy holiday season!

Sarah Lufler



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Welcome to the Carpenter’s Club



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It's Time to Strengthen Our Foundation and Build More Homes

In this season of giving, celebrating, and reflecting, we think it’s also time to take a new look at the work we do in this world, together. It’s time to build more, to do more, and to give more.

Let’s imagine a world where neighbors help neighbors and everyone has what they need. Let’s be radical and agree to set down roots together, in our local communities, and build more affordable housing than ever before.

What does that level of generosity look like to you? Become a Carpenter’s Club member and give a sustainable monthly donation to ensure we reach our housing goals.