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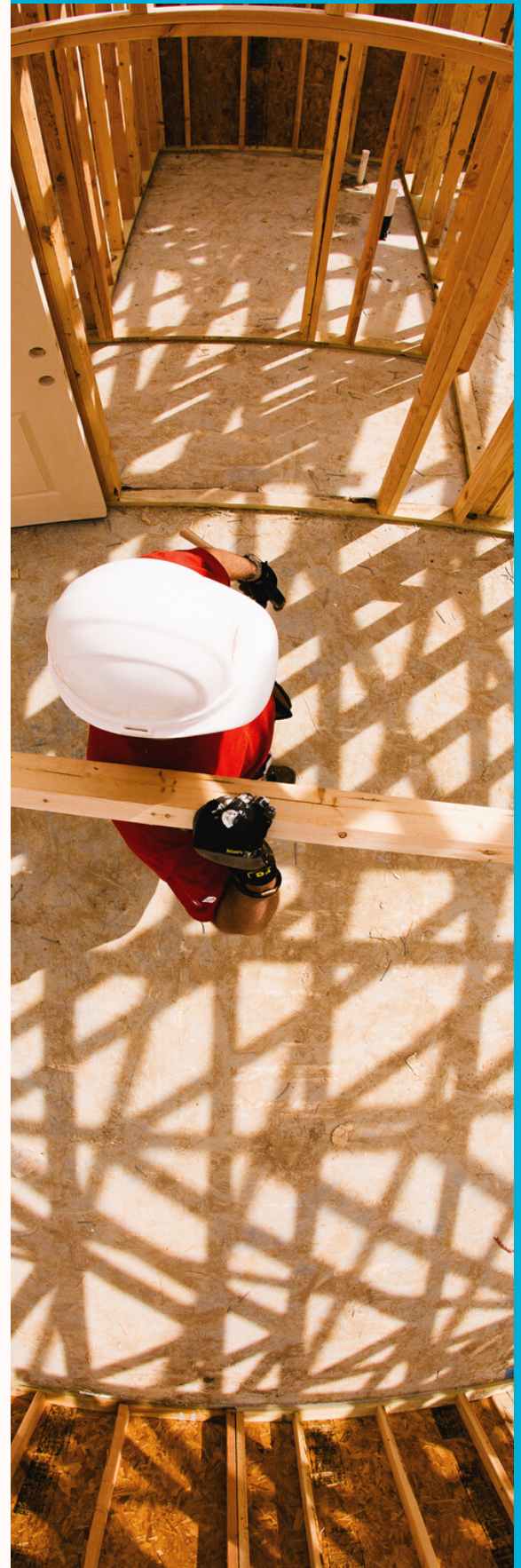
Read about this year's run! Featuring a quote from this year's first place runner!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating our longstanding partnership with Texas Commercial Waste

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The Executive's Corner

Hope springs eternal at B/CS Habitat for Humanity!



Andy York | Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Renewal and revitalization are not just words to us - they are the driving force behind our mission at Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity. These values hold immense significance as we reflect on our mission to provide affordable housing solutions to families seeking to build brighter futures.

At Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity, we believe that everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. Our commitment to this belief drives us to continuously seek innovative ways to build up our community. We strive to transform neighborhoods and create positive impacts that go beyond the walls of the homes we build.

Over the years, we have seen how the power of renewal can bring hope and change lives. Through our home construction projects, we have witnessed families experience a fresh start, free from the burdens of inadequate housing. We have seen neighborhoods come together, revitalized by the presence of well-built homes that provide stability and security to families. We have seen communities thrive as our homes become the foundation for new opportunities.

Our work, however, does not stop at construction. We are dedicated to fostering sustainable and inclusive communities. We provide financial education and homeownership

The Executive's Corner continued...

training to empower families to achieve long-term stability. We collaborate with local partners to address systemic challenges and create lasting change. We engage volunteers and donors to be advocates of our mission in the community.

As we move forward, we are committed to expanding our impact and reaching even more families in need. We are actively exploring new opportunities to serve our community through creative housing solutions, innovative partnerships, and advocacy efforts. We are determined to be a driving force for change, creating a legacy for generations to come.

In grateful partnership,



Andy York

Executive Director

We cannot achieve our mission alone. It is through the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, partners, and community members that we are able to make a difference. Your continued support is vital in fueling our renewal and revitalization efforts, and we are grateful for your commitment to our cause.

Together, we can build a brighter future, one home at a time. Thank you for being an essential part of Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity's journey as we build up our community here in Bryan/College Station.





Family Focus

QUINTERO-MENDEZ

B/CS Habitat's 313th family

About the Quintero-Mendez Family

Jose and his wife, Adriana, can't wait for the day when they can move into their very own Habitat home. The biggest reason for their excitement can be summed up in one word — space!

The Quintero-Mendez household consists of three generations: Abigail (Adriana's mother, age 61), Jose and Adriana (age 29 and 31, respectively) and the couple's three children: sons Dante (age 10) and Justin (age 2) and daughter Ingrid (age 5).

All six members of this multigenerational family are currently living in a two-bedroom, one bathroom home in Bryan. The home isn't in the best shape, but the lack of space has become the biggest issue. Until now!

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Bryan ISD Build, this family's lives are changing for the better. Because of the funds raised by Bryan ISD, and the \$40,000 matching gift from the Clearfield family in memory of Ruth Clearfield, the Quintero-Mendez family will soon be moving into a five-bedroom, two-bathroom Habitat home!

“Our kids will finally have a home and their own rooms that they can decorate to their liking,” Adriana said.

Giving their kids a stable, healthy and spacious place to live is what prompted Jose and Adriana to apply for a Habitat home. Dante, the eldest, is a fourth grader at Kemp-Carver Elementary School and loves to jump on the family’s trampoline. Ingrid, who enjoys putting makeup on her dolls, will become a Bryan ISD student in the future, as will two-year-old Justin, who likes to play with cars.

The Quintero-Mendez family has been excited to see their dream come to life with the help of Bryan ISD and B/CS Habitat. Jose and Adriana are deeply grateful to the donors and volunteers who have made it possible for them to realize their dream of homeownership.

“We are so thankful for everyone helping us on our path to building and buying our own home,” Adriana said. “It will bring us so much happiness and change our lives for the better.”

This family is looking forward to the construction of their home and are excited to celebrate its completion in the Fall alongside the students and staff of Bryan ISD.





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Habitat *Highlights*

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speak at your event?



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every visit
is a new adventure



ReStore

Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity

Upcoming Events



Bowl to Build

Friday, Nov. 10, 2023

Grand Station Entertainment | 6:00 p.m.



Tees for Keys

Monday, Sept. 11, 2023

Traditions Golf Course | 9:00 a.m.



Clay Shoot

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023

Boswell-Porter 4-H Shooting Range | TBD



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A RESTORE REVIVAL

Renewal at the ReStore

Like spring flowers, Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity's ReStore is blooming in a new way. With a refreshed layout, new organization methods, expanded partnerships, and a wider range of high-quality items, the ReStore offers a unique and thrilling shopping experience.

The ReStore has undergone a large change in its layout and organization, making it easier than ever for customers to find what they need while still allowing them to experience the "thrill-of-the-find" that you look for in a resale shopping experience. Some of these changes include aisles arranged to allow for more showroom-type displays, an updated stock and a new footpath to promote a seamless shopping experience.

The changes at ReStore go beyond just the physical space. We have forged new partnerships with local businesses and

organizations, allowing us to offer an even wider range of high-quality items at affordable prices for merchandise such as furniture, appliances, building supplies and home decor.

"We believe that collaboration is key to making a meaningful impact," said Mary Catherine, "we have teamed up with local organizations to support their missions and create a positive ripple effect in our community. Through joint initiatives and events, we are working together to achieve the American Dream of safe, affordable and sustainable housing for all."

The result of this hard work has been an increase in our vibrant community of shoppers who share a passion for sustainability and affordable home improvement as well as a new face for our ReStore. There are many more changes being planned for the store, so be sure to stop by and see the latest for yourself!

RESTORE DIRECTOR

Mary Catherine came to the B/CS ReStore in September, 2022 after working in various management positions in big box retail stores such as Marshall's and Tuesday Morning. Her decision to work for a nonprofit came as she realized her love for connecting with and getting to know individuals in the community.

Mary Catherine aims to enjoy life and feel successful in her daily job by ensuring the people around her laugh or smile throughout the day.



UPCOMING SALES



Light Up Your Life

50% off all lighting
Ends April 29th



Christmas in July

All Christmas Items
Week of July 25



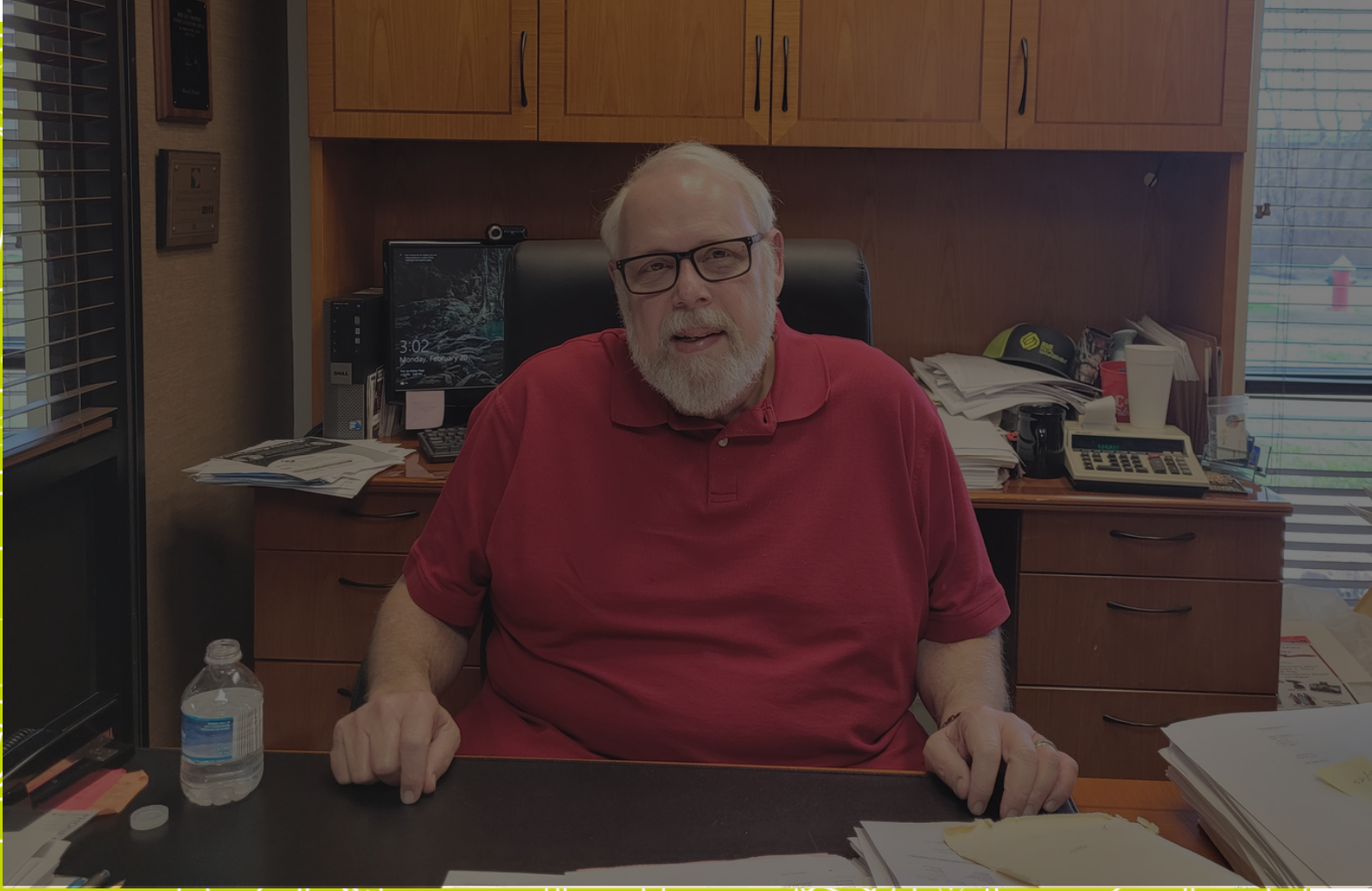
Hands of Service

In the spirit of new beginnings and community service, we are excited to feature an event that was organized by a group of passionate volunteers! On April 15, Declaration Church and Aggie Habitat joined forces to volunteer for a Paint Blitz in Habitat's Faith subdivision with over 100 volunteers!

This event was designed to bring together current and future Habitat homeowners, as well as volunteers from Declaration and Aggie Habitat, to collaborate on painting homes and dismantling an old playground.

The Spring Serve Paint Blitz brought together many different people to accomplish a single purpose: rejuvenating a community.





DONOR SPOTLIGHT

TEXAS COMMERCIAL WASTE

The front office at Texas Commercial Waste is decorated with awards from various organizations in Bryan/College Station. Each one of these awards expresses gratitude for the ways in which Texas Commercial Waste and Ron Schmidt have supported the community over the years.

Ron Schmidt is the General Manager for Texas Commercial Waste, a company whose goal is "to provide the highest quality environmental services while keeping the best interests of our customers, employees, ownership and environment a priority." In line with this mission, the company provides many

services, including roll-off container and dumpster rentals, garbage pick-up and more.

When Ron first began working with Texas Commercial Waste, the company gave him “one truck and \$5,000 to start a business in the Brazos Valley.” It took six months to turn a profit, but since then, the company has grown to include 70 employees and 40 types of trucks.

Over the years, Ron and his staff have provided equipment and financial contributions to support our organization. Their commitment to making a positive impact on the community and empowering families through homeownership has been unwavering, even during challenging times like the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Personally, I’ve enjoyed working on houses over the years and have learned a lot,” said Ron. “My favorite part is seeing the joy on the faces of those who are finally able to move into a home — they are so

appreciative. When people own something, they take care of it. There is a ripple effect from that alone.”

When asked about the impact of gifts-in-kind like this, Aaron Shipp reflected on the importance of these donors:

“Texas Commercial Waste’s support has been vital for our work in Bryan/College Station,” said Aaron Shipp, Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity’s Director of Construction. “Thanks to the company’s generosity, we have been able to make a tangible impact on the lives of local families.”

Ron Schmidt and Texas Commercial Waste are shining examples of how businesses can play a vital role in building up our community. Their commitment to service and their unwavering support for nonprofits like B/CS Habitat have helped to enact positive change throughout Bryan/College Station.



Volunteer

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How YOU make Habitat happen

Want to get involved with the mission of Habitat? Now it's easier than ever to become a part of our family. Consider becoming a Habitat volunteer TODAY by visiting our website.

 www.habitatbcs.org/volunteer

Home by home, B/CS Habitat for Humanity has been changing the lives of families in need for over 30 years. But we can't do it without YOU!

Volunteers and donors are the lifeblood of our organization. Because of the generous support of our community, we have been able to raise support and build over 300 homes.

Help us continue to be a blessing to the Bryan-College Station community by donating through our website or volunteering your time to serve. There is a place for everyone on our team and we look forward to serving alongside you.



REVITALIZING THE RUN

2023 Memorial Run for the House



Men's Division 1st place winner, Matthew Broussard



Women's Division 1st place winner, Megan Young

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity hosted its annual Run for the House memorial 5K run and 2K walk in collaboration with its Faith in Action committee. With a record turnout of 148 participants, the event raised \$20,000 that will go toward building a new home in partnership with a local family in need.

Run for the House started in 2009 as a way for members of First

Christian Church to honor the legacy of their late pastor, the Rev. Rob Chandler. In 2016, B/CS Habitat and First Christian Church began working in conjunction with the Faith in Action committee to host this event each year in Rev. Chandler's memory.





Runners and walkers awaiting the start of the race

Run for the House continued...

Erin Mabry, the Development and Faith Relations Manager at B/CS Habitat, expressed her gratitude for the community's support in making this event such a resounding success.

"Our Faith in Action committee and our community came together to make this the biggest Run for the House event in B/CS Habitat history," Mabry said. "I am so grateful for each and every person who played a part in making this race possible! YOU are the difference for our families and for our community!"

One additional change in this year's 5K was that the race was timed. Every runner received a chipped race bib that recorded their time, distance and other data as they crossed the finish line. This information was then sent to each runner after the event.

After the completion of the race, committee members interviewed the first-place winner, Matthew Broussard. Matthew expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity to participate in the event.

"I'm thrilled with the opportunity to run this race," Broussard said "I'm a big fan of Habitat for Humanity, and I thought that this was a great opportunity to take part and give back. This event has great volunteers, a great course and benefits a great organization. I look forward to running it in the future."

The success of the event can be attributed to the generous sponsors, the dedication of the organizers and volunteers and all the participants! It also serves as a reminder of the power of community, the importance of giving back and continuing the vision of Rev. Chandler.



***It's about more than building houses,
it's about building communities.***

Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity has been bringing people together to build homes, community and hope since our founding in 1989. Through the work of our staff, donors, volunteers and board of directors, our affiliate has been able to serve 312 families in need for over 30 years.

Our newsletter articles are written by our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Matt Browning. If you have any stories or pictures that you would like to share with us, please email him at communications@habitatbcs.org with your submission!



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