



Winter
2021
Newsletter

Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity



Highlights:

A New Habitat Home

Thank you!

Our Beliefs & Vision

Rusty Nailz

What's Next?

We are grateful to our volunteers, faith groups, donors and businesses that help us achieve our mission.

Thank you to:

Rusty Nailz – our steadfast volunteers for dedicating 583 hours of building time

Our Dedicated Donors – who have chosen Fluvanna Habitat as a giving priority

Local Churches, Community Groups & Businesses – for their generous welcome gifts to our new Habitat family:

- Calvary Chapel Fluvanna
- Lake Monticello Piecemakers
- Mission Crafters/South Plains Presbyterian Church
- Sweet Art Emporium
- Cunningham United Methodist Church
- Fluvanna Christian Service Society
- Monticello Area Community Action Agency
- Effort Baptist Church
- Salem United Methodist Church

We bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Though challenging to build a home using volunteers during the pandemic, we made it happen! Our **Rusty Nailz** team worked in small groups to safely build our 25th home in Fluvanna County. We are currently building 2 homes per year in the 64 acre Houchens Place subdivision which will eventually hold 26 homes. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to invite the community to join us in our building and dedication programs, but look forward to when we can gather together again. In the meantime, thanks for keeping Fluvanna Habitat in your prayers as we continue our mission of making affordable homeownership possible.



We believe everyone should have a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. Since 1993, Fluvanna Habitat has partnered with 25 Fluvanna families to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and strength through homeownership. Habitat homes are built based on a partnership between a family and the community.

We do not give homes to families; we sell homes we build at cost. Because we use skilled volunteers to build homes, we are able to reduce an average home cost by about \$40,000. We also help families apply and qualify for a low-interest mortgage. This makes homeownership much more affordable.



Who are the “Rusty Nailz”? – This group includes 42 experienced volunteers who come together during each homebuilding cycle to build Fluvanna Habitat homes. All have a passion for serving the community and sharing their skills.

New Partner Families – Upon acceptance in our Homeownership Program, each adult in the household will spend 150 hours working closely with us by attending homeownership and financial education classes as well as helping build their homes.

What’s Next? – We begin construction of our next home in April 2021 and continue additions to the recreation area and land development at *Houchens Place*. We have begun fundraising to pave Charney Way, the only road in the subdivision. The cost estimate is \$140,000. Once paved, the Virginia Department of Transportation will own and maintain the road, rather than the homeowners themselves.

We also aim to reinstate our *Home Repair Program* that will help Fluvanna residents in need of access ramps and minor home repairs.

We realize you have many giving and volunteering options. Thank you for choosing Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity as one of them! ~ *Robyn Bolling, Executive Director*

Our Board of Directors:

Mike Himes, President; Pam Batchellor; Rich Bowman; Tammy Bowers; Bob Booth; Larry Cormier; Deb D’Agostino; Doug Himberger; Larry Lazette; Gail Morace & Wayne Murphy



Looking to Donate? You Have a Habitat Choice!

Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. We are connected by mission, values and goals only - not financially.

Each affiliate must fundraise independently.

Giving to Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity directly supports our work for Fluvanna County families.

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