

Habitat NEWS

Crescent Magnolia: Coming Soon



Thanks to all of the smiling faces that fill up our jobsites week in and week out. **We appreciate you!**

Construction is officially underway on **Crescent Magnolia in Hillsborough**



A 24-townhome community designed for seniors ages 55 and up.

The first 11 Crescent Magnolia homebuyers have been selected and approved, and were working on their sweat equity months ahead of construction beginning on their own homes. These homes are part of Habitat's next development in Hillsborough, a 24-townhome community designed for seniors ages 55 and up. On September 8, Habitat celebrated the official kickoff of the development on the construction site. Attendees included Town and County elected officials, financial sponsors, neighbors, future residents, and community partners.

Anne Marie spoke about her experience so far as a Habitat homebuyer, earning sweat equity hours by volunteering at The Little School childcare center right next to Crescent Magnolia, and working for UNC Health Care, a financial sponsor of the project.

"The rent at my apartment keeps increasing, which is pushing out the core community," she said in a previous interview. "This program is great for creating security and building a community that can support each other. This is also a chance for me to settle in and have a place to live in until I die without wondering if my rent will ever increase."



Anne Marie stands on the lot that her home will be built on.

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Volunteer work at Crescent Magnolia has begun. Are you or your group interested in helping Anne Marie build her home? Visit orangehabitat.org/volunteer for more info.

Home rescued and restored in collaboration with Orange County



Fannie receives the keys to her family's new home at a dedication ceremony in August.

Habitat's Home Preservation program completes a wide variety of repairs. Projects can range in scope from a new coat of exterior paint, to something much larger. In August, Habitat wrapped up a project that was over a year in the making.

The Orange County Sportsplex in Hillsborough was ready to expand its facilities, and a home located on its land was scheduled for demolition. Orange County staff contacted Habitat about the possibility of moving the home instead, saving it from the landfill.

On a cold December day, the home was carefully loaded up and driven across town; the journey of less than five miles took over eight hours. Finally, the home was placed onto its new lot in the Fairview neighborhood, right next door to the Habitat home completed by Orange High School construction students in May.

Habitat worked throughout the year to make needed repairs and updates to the home. Work included laying a new foundation, upgrading the electrical systems, and removing lead paint from the exterior. Additional features were added to ensure that the homebuyers will be able to age in place, including a ramp and an accessible bathroom.

In late August, the home was finally move-in ready, and the family received the keys during a dedication ceremony. Ed Kuczynski, Habitat's Home Preservation Manager, spent many hours hard at work on this project. "Service comes in many forms," he said at the dedication. "Continue to do service and give back in as many ways as you can."

Interested in learning more about our Home Preservation Program? Visit www.orangehabitat.org/homes

Staff Spotlight: Marisa Martini



Marisa began working with Habitat as an intern in May 2017 after receiving her Master's degree from UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health. She was hired as Habitat's Community Development Manager in August 2017. Marisa manages Habitat's Home Preservation repair

program. She also works closely with homebuyers and other community members to plan events and spread the word about Habitat. Marisa is originally from Michigan, and she's excited to continue making a difference in Orange County!

What does home mean to you?

Home means love, comfort, and great food!

What is your favorite memory of home?

As a proud Italian, "sauce making day" has always been a favorite tradition at home. (Pizzelle making day is a close second!) Every year, once my Dad has picked all of the tomatoes from the garden, my parents and I spend an entire day making sauce from scratch. We end the day with a delicious homemade lasagna!

What is your most treasured possession?

When my Nonna passed away earlier this year, I inherited a watch she used to wear. My Nonna is one of the biggest inspirations in my life. She was a first-generation immigrant, a breast cancer survivor, an incredible cook, and a devoted and loving Nonna. The watch is not expensive or extravagant. It's a small-faced Timex watch on a thin black band. It is simple, understated, and elegant—just like her! It's a lovely reminder of her and the courage and strength I come from.

What is your favorite memory of working at Habitat?

My favorite memory of working at Habitat is my first home dedication. Standing in the family's living room with neighbors, volunteers, partners, local officials, friends, donors, and so many others to welcome a family to their new home is such a beautiful moment. It's moments like these that you see a glimmer of how the world should be—everyone coming together for the common good.

What are your favorite quotes?

"All advocacy is, at its core, an exercise in empathy."

– Samantha Power

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time."

– Angela Davis

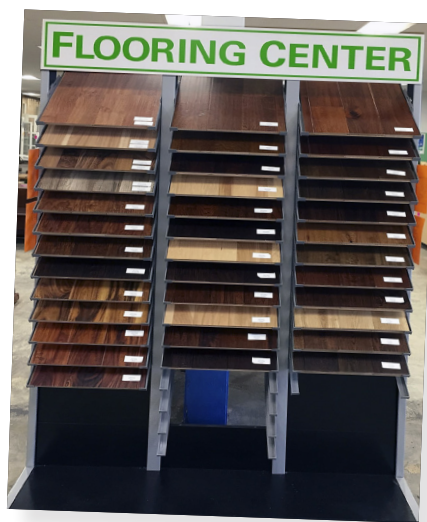


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