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Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County Hosts Work Day

Local in-kind donations assist homeowner toward building a 'forever home'

ST. PETERS, Mo. (March 17, 2021) – A forever home in the heart of St. Charles City will soon become a reality for LuWanda Jarmon.

Selected in 2020 as a potential homeowner by Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County, Jarmon has worked hard to meet the Habitat homeowner requirements, which include putting in a total of 350 sweat-equity hours in the construction of the home, as well as going through the process to secure and pay an affordable mortgage. When completed, Jarmon's home will be the 90th Habitat home built in St. Charles County by Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County since 1997.

In recognition and support of Jarmon's journey, her workplace colleagues and managers at Midas Hospitality – a leading hotel development, management and investment firm that focuses on upscale select-service hotels and extended stay properties across the United States – wanted to play an active role in her dream of owning a home.

Midas Hospitality reached out to the Streib Company, a St. Louis-based residential, commercial and industrial electrical firm, which donated the labor needed to install all of the necessary electrical wiring in Jarmon's home. In addition, Streib Company worked with several local and national vendors to donate 80 percent of the materials used and also donated a total of 50 man-hours to count toward Jarmon's required Habitat sweat-equity hours.

"LuWanda's joy and excitement is infectious when she talks about the importance of having a safe, warm and comfortable home. In sharing her journey with other potential Habitat homeowners, she has become a mentor and 'ambassador' for our local Habitat," said Michelle Woods, executive director, Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County. "Building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter is a very tangible 'hand up' opportunity that brings about not only financial independence, but great peace of mind."

Learn more about LuWanda Jarmon's journey at habitatstcharles.org/what-we-do/family-stories/ or visit habitatstcharles.org/

About the Photo

Employees from Streib Company assisted LuWanda Jarmon (center), at her home under construction by Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County in the City of St. Charles, Missouri. In an outreach to Streib by Midas Hospitality, Jarmon's employer, electricians worked to furnish all of the home's electrical needs. Also shown are Tom Streib, owner, Streib Company, (front row, far left) and Paublo Baca, construction manager, Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County (center). Jarmon's home will be the 90th home built in St. Charles County by Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County since 1997. Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County.

About Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County

Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County builds safe, decent and affordable homes with hard-working families in St. Charles County. The nonprofit community-level affiliate acts in partnership with and on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, an international, non-governmental, nonprofit organization devoted to building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County has built 89 homes for Habitat families since 1997, with more than 2,000 volunteers donating 14,000 hours each year.

Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County offers a 'hand up' opportunity that transforms lives, builds a strong foundation and forges lasting relationships with communities for a bright future. Applicants and co-applicants selected for a Habitat home agree to perform a minimum of 150 "sweat equity" hours each, for a total of at least 300 hours, in the building of their home or other Habitat projects. In collaboration with community partners, Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County offers free financial coaching and skills to potential homeowners through the Homebuyer Readiness Program, in which participants learn about credit, debt, budgeting, setting goals and saving money. In addition, the organization guides homeowners through an affordable mortgage repayment process.

To help fund and support these efforts, Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County operates Habitat St. Charles ReStore habitatstcharles.org/restore/ a retail outlet located at 186 Mid Rivers Center in St. Peters. ReStore, which opened in 2007, has diverted over 100,000 tons of waste from local landfills by selling donated new and used building materials, appliances, furniture and select home goods items back to the general public at fair prices. Funds raised allow Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County to be self-sustaining, with nearly 100 percent of every dollar donated going directly toward building simple, decent, affordable homes for deserving families in St. Charles County.

In addition, Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County hosts the annual Frame the Future Gala as its premier fundraiser in November, a trivia night each spring and sponsors Women Build, an international effort to empower women to help families build strength, stability and independence through hands-on learning.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitat.org

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