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Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County Dedicates New Home

Ceremony marks 90th home built or remodeled as part of continuing effort to create quality, affordable homes where families partner, build and buy in St. Charles County

ST. PETERS, Mo. (May 24, 2021) – Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County dedicated a home for the Jarmon family on Saturday, May 22, at 526 Transit St. in St. Charles, Mo.

Selected in 2020 as a potential homeowner by Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County, LuWanda Jarmon worked hard to meet Habitat homeowner requirements, which included dedicating 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. Her new home is the 90th Habitat home built in St. Charles County by Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County since 1997. The solid construction of each Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County home features high-efficiency heating and cooling to help cut homeowner's monthly costs. In addition, local companies in support of Habitat's mission donated materials and/or labor to build Jarmon's home.

"LuWanda has become a mentor and 'ambassador' for our potential Habitat homeowners as she shares her journey to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter," said Michelle Woods, executive director, Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County. "It's rewarding to witness individuals, teams and companies coming together to participate and support our mission to enhance lives, foster relationships and build or improve our communities one home at a time."

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

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 90 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 300-450 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 the Habitat St. Charles ReStore <http://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 an annual gala as its premier fundraiser in November, a trivia night each spring and an annual Women Build movement, 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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