



## Dorchester Habitat welcomes newest Homeowner!

*Leander Baker is our 59th Habitat Homeowner*

On January 4, 2018, Dorchester Habitat for Humanity presented the keys to the Baker family to celebrate their newest Habitat home built in Dorchester County. At the Home Dedication, Leander Baker and her family were welcomed into their home on Rambo Drive in Summerville. Volunteers, home sponsors, and dignitaries were in attendance to celebrate the 59th family that Habitat has helped into homeownership.

Leander Baker and her three daughters, Victoria, Elizabeth and Isabel, have eagerly anticipated the day they can finally call 322 Rambo Drive their home. They contributed over 400 hours of "sweat equity" working on the construction of their home, partner families homes, in the ReStore and at Habitat events. Leander makes monthly payments towards her interest-free mortgage, which in turn will go toward building more Habitat homes.



**"We are blessed to have completed our sixth Habitat home on Rambo Drive. Leander always showed up with a smile on her face and her positive attitude was contagious to everyone who came out to the build site. Homeownership is now a reality for Leander and her family. None of this would have been possible without our home donors and the numerous dedicated volunteers who gave generously of their time and skills each week", says Dorchester Habitat Construction Supervisor Bob Barnett.**

Major partners who contributed significant funds and/or material donations toward the completion of this home include: Dow, Valspar, Schneider Electric, Quozel Lighting, Yale Locks, Whirlpool, Blanchard Equipment Rental, RLA Associates, PA, Redfish Engineers, LLC, Ann Graves, Gary Bailey, Bob Young, and the Eagle Scouts.



# 25 ways to Celebrate Dorchester Habitat's 25th Anniversary

1. Volunteer at the ReStore or Build Site. Individuals and Groups welcome!

2. Become part of the Habitat Leadership Team by joining one of these committees: Special Event Planning, Grant Research, Marketing/Public Relations, or the Site Selection Team.

3. Become a Carpenters' Club member by pledging \$25 or more towards each completed home. Dorchester Habitat typically builds four homes a year.

4. Attend or sponsor one of the many fundraising events throughout the year. Some of these include the Habitat Gala & Golf Classic, Lowcountry Boil and Tennis Classic.

5. Donate your stuff! Whether you're renovating your home, cleaning your garage, downsizing or decluttering, the ReStore truck will pick up and remove your home improvement items and building materials for free!



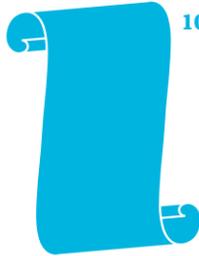
6. Shop at our ReStore. Shopping at our ReStore makes your home improvement needs more affordable while helping to make the dream of homeownership a reality for low-income families.

7. Sponsor a Habitat home. We have multiple levels of sponsorship opportunities to build better lives, and offer hands-on experience opportunities all throughout the build.

8. Like Dorchester Habitat's social media pages and share posts with your friends.



9. Participate in Habitat's Cars for Homes program. Donate a car, truck, boat, ATV, RTV, motorcycle, trailer, construction or farm equipment- running or not!



10. Leave a Legacy. Plan your bequest to Dorchester Habitat for Humanity. Put your donation to work today or benefit us after your lifetime.

11. Play golf in our annual Habitat Golf Classic. All golfers get two tickets to the Gala that evening and are served food and beverages all day.

12. Donate or discount land for Dorchester Habitat to build on.

13. Tell a friend about Habitat's important housing mission.



14. Donate building materials or subcontractor labor.

15. Participate in our Angel Tree Christmas campaign by making a year-end donation to support our Construction Program.

16. Get involved with our annual Women Build. We encourage women from all walks of life to take a proactive step in serving our community. No experience necessary.

17. Get involved with our Faith Build. Is your church or bible study group looking for ways to give back? We welcome groups of all faith backgrounds to volunteer on our build site.

18. Start a Collegiate Challenge. College students can organize a volunteer group during their semester break to build homes with Habitat.

19. Host a fundraising event. The options are limitless — and so is the impact! Host a wine social or dinner, or knock something off your bucket list. Planning to run that marathon? Do it in the name of Dorchester Habitat for Humanity and raise donations in honor of your personal accomplishment.



20. Attend one of our Home Dedication Ceremonies. Celebrate with us as we hand over the keys to our newest homeowners.

21. Consider us for your Community Service hours. Habitat works with individuals who need to complete community service hours—including select court-ordered community restitution, and students for service learning.



22. Prepare and deliver food to volunteer groups on the build site or bring snacks to the ReStore volunteers.

23. Apply for a home. Are you willing to partner with Dorchester Habitat for Humanity to become a Homeowner? Come to one of our upcoming Information meetings to see if you qualify.

24. Outreach. Do you know someone in need of a decent and affordable place to live? Include Dorchester Habitat information in your church or company newsletter. Invite Habitat to speak to your congregation or another community group.

25. Become an Advocate. When you advocate on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, you will join people in your own community and all over the world who believe that everyone deserves a decent place to live.



women build  
strength | stability | independence



## National Women Build Week- May 5-13

*Habitat home #61 in Dorchester County for the Green family*

Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week is an annual weeklong event created by Habitat's Women Build program in partnership with Lowe's. The program invites women to devote at least one day to help families build strength, stability and independence through housing. The week is meant to spotlight the homeownership challenges faced by women.

Any woman who wants to learn how to build and construct a home is invited to join us. No experience is necessary. Volunteers work under the guidance of construction professionals, and also alongside other volunteers and future Habitat homeowners. Whether you are learning new skills or simply adding a few to your tool belt, this a rewarding experience for all involved, and improves the community that we share.



## Thank you to our Faithful Few Volunteers

The Faithful Few is a group of volunteers that average 70 years old that come to the build site every Thursday and Saturday to build alongside our partner families. **We call them the "Faithful Few" because they have faithfully been helping us build since 1993.** We are forever grateful for their service to Dorchester Habitat.

every purchase  
at the ReStore helps families  
afford a decent place to live



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## Upcoming Events



**3rd Annual**  
*Lowcountry Boil*

**April 27, 2018 | 7-11pm**  
**Summerville Country Club**

Featuring the East Coast Party Band  
Unlimited Shrimp Boil | Open Wine & Beer Bar  
Light Hors D' oeuvres | Live Auction & Raffle  
\$40 advance tickets | \$45 at the door  
For sponsorship & additional information contact  
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*All the proceeds from this event help fund  
the construction materials to build our 60th Habitat home*



**Habitat for Humanity**  
*Tennis Classic*

**April 28-29, 2018**  
**Doty Park Tennis Facility**

Contact Nancy Sumersett  
at 843-270-1017

Tournament ID: 700075218



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