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**Habitat for Humanity seeks Johnston County resident to purchase affordable home**

RALEIGH, NC (August 9, 2017) -- Habitat for Humanity is seeking a Johnston County resident to build and buy the Habitat home that will be built in Clayton in early 2018.

The Habitat organizations in Johnston and Wake counties are working together to interview potential homeowners and will partner to build the home.

With construction slated to begin in January, the time to apply is now, says Habitat for Humanity's Christin Murphy. The process begins with an online application that can found at [www.habitatwake.org/apply](http://www.habitatwake.org/apply).

"There are hundreds of families in Johnston County in need of a safe, affordable home," said Murphy. "This is a tremendous opportunity for a family to have a place of their own, achieve the dream of homeownership, and gain all of the advantages that come with a stable home."

All Habitat homeowners must fulfill income requirements, have good credit, complete education in budget planning and home maintenance, and agree to volunteer with Habitat to earn 'sweat equity' hours. Homeowners also pay closing costs and will be responsible for mortgage payments that total no more than 30 percent of their income. For this home in Clayton, the prospective homeowner must be a Johnston County resident.

The Clayton house is one of the State Employees Credit Union "Mountains-to-the-Sea Challenge" homes. SECU is sponsoring a home in all 100 North Carolina counties and providing the opportunity of homeownership to a resident in each county.

Habitat also will be recruiting volunteers to build the home in the coming months. The house is expected to be completed in the spring. For information about volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, contact Christin Murphy at [christin.murphy@habitatwake.org](mailto:christin.murphy@habitatwake.org).

### About Habitat for Humanity of Johnston County

Habitat for Humanity of Johnston County is a proud supporter of the Johnston County community. Through its mission to build homes in partnership with volunteers, sponsors and local families in need of simple, decent, affordable housing, the affiliate has built 24 homes since 1992. For more information about the affiliate visit [www.habitatjohnston.org](http://www.habitatjohnston.org).

### About Habitat for Humanity of Wake County

Since 1985, Habitat for Humanity of Wake County has joined with sponsors, volunteers and partner families to build safe, affordable homes. Qualified partner families invest 200 hours of sweat equity working on the construction of the home and purchase the home with an affordable mortgage. This year, Habitat Wake will build 70 new homes locally, complete exterior repairs on 45 homes as part of Neighborhood Revitalization, and fund construction of 125 homes globally. Financial support is provided by corporate, foundation, faith and individual sponsors, the Habitat Wake ReStores and the Deconstruction program, and other charitable efforts. Habitat Wake is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer, please visit [www.HabitatWake.org](http://www.HabitatWake.org).



