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Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Speakers Bureau



The Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity ([www.rchfh.org](http://www.rchfh.org)) is a licensed contractor and we have built 137 homes (as of June 2016) since our first house was finished and dedicated to a Habitat for Humanity Partner Family 25 years ago. In addition to information about construction, home building and home maintenance, we have knowledge and expertise in many areas, including Personal Finance & Household Budgeting, Recycling and Repurposing, Volunteering and Community Service, local services for the “working poor” in Rutherford County, the impact of home ownership on families and neighborhoods, and the economic impact of Habitat for Humanity on the community.

**Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity (RCHF) experts are available for free for interviews and quotes as well as blogs and regular columns.** We can also sometimes arrange for Board members, Partner Family members, knowledgeable volunteers and/or Company Partners to join in the conversation.

<b>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY &amp; PARTNER FAMILIES</b>	
Terri Shultz, RC Habitat Executive Director Habitat Home Owner Education Director Regina Harvey Melissa Cross, Development Director	<p><b>“America’s Working Poor” and Housing Issues</b>            (including specifics about Rutherford County)  <b>Habitat for Humanity</b> (our mission &amp; history, Habitat International, etc.)  <b>Applying to be a Habitat Partner Family</b> (qualifications, commitment, etc.)  <b>The Impact of Habitat Homeownership</b> on the Partner Families (job, health, children, education) and the Community (neighborhood revitalization, increased tax base, increased property values, lowered government costs for services, increased disposable income &amp; spending, etc.)  <b>Donating to Habitat</b> (90% to local Habitat - 10% tithe to Habitat International – no admin costs, Corporate Partnerships &amp; Sponsorships, Planned Giving, Appreciated Assets Giving, etc.)</p>
Possible for “Financial Education”: Regina Harvey Dominion Financial Management, <a href="http://www.dominionfinancial.org">www.dominionfinancial.org</a>  (Regina leads the Homeowner Financial Education Program for RCHF.)	<p><b>Personal Finances</b> (how to reduce debt to income ratio, credit scores, applying for a mortgage, etc.)  <b>Household Budgeting</b> (average costs and tracking)  <b>Consumer Advice: Avoiding Scams and Predatory Lending</b>  <b>Consumer Advice: Making Wise Purchases for Household Items</b> (ie appliances, yard care, fixtures, etc.)  <b>Budgeting for Home Maintenance</b> (monthly &amp; yearly)  <b>Saving for a Rainy Day</b> (unexpected costs and ways to fund)</p>

<b>CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING, HOME MAINTENANCE &amp; HOUSEHOLD DIY</b>	
<p>RCHFH Construction Manager Roy Saylor            (other construction experts available)</p> <p>RCHFH Development Director Melissa Cross (for some subjects – as a former Producer with Home &amp; Garden TV and the DIY Network)</p>	<p><b>Building a House</b> (and general construction)  <b>Home Maintenance</b> (ie heating &amp; air, caulking, pest control, etc.)  <b>Tools for the Homeowner</b> (good Father’s Day story or general about what tools every homeowner should have – and what they don’t need)  <b>Consumer Advice: Home Improvement Choices</b> (ie wood vs laminate flooring, windows &amp; doors, gas vs electric, heating &amp; air, siding, roofing, appliances, etc.)  <b>ADA Compliant &amp; Universal Design</b> (building for people with disabilities, accessibility issues, wheel-chair bound, elderly)  <b>Energy Efficiency</b> (EnergyStar ratings, appliances, water, electricity, etc.)  <b>Winterizing a Home</b> (or other seasons)  <b>DIY Tips &amp; Repairs</b> (plumbing, walls, cabinets, etc.)</p>
<b>RECYCLING &amp; RE-PURPOSING</b>	
<p>RCHFH ReStore Manager Josh Chappell            RCHFH Development Director Melissa Cross            RCHFH Construction Manager Roy Saylor</p>	<p><b>General Recycling and Resources in Rutherford County</b>, including the Habitat ReStore (good Earth Day story)  <b>Re-Purposing and ReUsing</b> (including décor crafts)  <b>Home Improvement DIY</b> (ie: Installing a Door, Installing Laminate Flooring, Replacing a Tile, Installing a Commode, Caulking, etc.)  <b>Habitat ReStore</b> (how &amp; what to donate, typical donated items and greatly discounted prices, new products that we stock, how home improvement improves lives)</p>
<b>VOLUNTEERING &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	
<p>Megan Hutchings, RCHFH Volunteer Coordinator</p>	<p><b>Volunteering for a Habitat Build</b> (what to expect, skills, employee engagement, construction schedule, etc.)  <b>Community Service in Rutherford County</b>  <b>RCHFH Events &amp; Sponsorship Opportunities</b></p>