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Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity partners with St. Stephen United Methodist Church for their 24th home together. Groundbreaking to be held on Saturday, February 1st at 10 A.M.

MATTHEWS, N.C. (January 13, 2020) – Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity (GMHFH) and St. Stephen United Methodist Church are partnering to provide affordable housing in our community for their 24th housing project together. This partnership is primarily being funded through the donations of St. Stephen parishioners, who collectively donated over \$20,000 for GMHFH as part of their Christmas Eve offering. Greater Matthews Habitat President & CEO, Natisha Rivera-Patrick, joined St. Stephen’s congregation for their Sunday services on January 12th to accept their generous offering.

This home will also be dedicated to the legacy of long-time Habitat volunteer, Walter “Walt” Donham, who passed away this past September. Walt volunteered in the construction of GMHFH homes for nearly thirty years, almost as long as Greater Matthews Habitat has been building homes.

Greater Matthews Habitat, St. Stephen United Methodist, and other community partners will break ground on this home on Saturday, February 1st at 10 am. The ceremony will take place the future build site, located at 3410 Weddington Road in Matthews and is open to the public. GMHFH is still seeking Community Partners to be a part of this build. Anyone interested can reach out to their Director of Development, Sarah Galligan, at sarah@habitatmatthews.org for more information.

Macky and Yvette, who’s family will be partnering with Habitat for to build this home, will pay back a no-interest, affordable mortgage and volunteer over 400 hours of “sweat equity” with GMHFH, half of which must be on the construction of their home. This will be the 109th decent, affordable home built by GMHFH in the Matthews community. For more information on Habitat’s mission and how you can get involved, please visit www.greatermatthewshabitat.org.

About Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity

Since 1989, Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity has addressed the lack of affordable housing in our area by providing decent homes with an affordable mortgage to help lower-income families obtain self-sufficiency and break the cycle of poverty. Habitat partner families help build their home alongside volunteers and make regular mortgage payments. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, you can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance that they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, please visit www.greatermatthewshabitat.org.

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