Pictured here with her new keys, Patricia Corona and her three children moved into a Habitat home in Siler City in September of 2013.
MISSION
Chatham Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God & people to create self-help opportunities for families to own affordable homes, improve their lives, and strengthen their communities.

VISION
Chatham Habitat for Humanity partner families are empowered, successful homeowners in vibrant, thriving communities.

VALUES
Community · Integrity · Results · Effectiveness · Social Justice · Successful Homeownership
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Dear Friends,

I have spent my whole career in the non-profit sector, but in a very different type of organization. The last six months have been an interesting transition for me—learning that budget and management skills are transferrable, but land acquisition, permitting, and building homes are new challenges. However, new rewards are home visits, meeting the families that we serve, and attending their home dedications. I’m honored to be a part of a strong organization doing such great work.

2014 is about building on what we have. In order to ensure our ability to build homes for more families in the coming years, we will focus on land acquisition across the county. As we secure land, we will be able to build more homes annually and better address the growing need that Chatham County will face in the coming years.

As we acquire the land that we will build on in the next 10-12 years, we will also be building a Land Bank to help ensure our long-term sustainability. Funds from the Land Bank, to be used exclusively on land and infrastructure, will enable us to secure land to set aside for partnerships and building homes for a significant part of the future.

2014 will also bring stability among our key staff. With the strong, dedicated staff that we have and a renewed focus on land acquisition, Chatham Habitat will be able to see growth that we haven’t seen in years.

In 2013, Chatham Habitat invested in an office in Siler City to increase our presence in Western Chatham County. In the Spring of 2014, we are building two homes in Siler City, and are looking forward to expanding our pool of donors, volunteers, and community partners in Siler City.

As always, we are looking for community partnerships that address the need for affordable housing options in Chatham County helping to build a brighter future for families.

I sincerely appreciate the patience of the Chatham Habitat staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors in helping me to understand this organization and all of its moving parts. I’m confident that 2014 will be an exciting year.

In partnership,

Jerry Whorton
2013 BY THE NUMBERS

9 families moved into Habitat homes.
That’s 14 adults and 22 children who now have warm, safe homes.

Of those 9 homes, 2 were new construction, and 7 were renovations.
4 are in Pittsboro, and 5 are in Siler City.
Acorn Park Lane Neighborhood Completed

In April of 2013, Chatham Habitat completed the Acorn Park Lane neighborhood in Pittsboro. A community of fifteen homes off East Cornwallis Street, the last home finished is that of Maria Benitez and her two daughters and son.

Collegiate Challenge Students Visit

In the Spring of 2013, Chatham Habitat hosted over 150 students from six universities for a week each. The students stayed at Camp Royall in Pittsboro and spent their days working on our Construction site. Aside from the extra labor, each student group contributes $75 per student. Thanks to Hamilton College, Quinnipiac University, Villanova University, Georgetown Law School, Carthage College, and Cleveland State University for participating in Collegiate Challenge this year, and especially to volunteer extraordinaire Bob Russell for making sure that the students were always well-fed!
A Brush With Kindness

In 2013, Chatham Habitat launched a new program called *A Brush with Kindness*. It’s a nationwide program that assists low-income families in repairing and renovating their homes so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes. At Chatham Habitat, these projects include painting, landscaping, weatherization and minor repair services. Our first projects were on older Habitat homes, but we have since expanded into surrounding neighborhoods and communities. In 2013, we completed two A Brush With Kindness Projects, and we’re looking forward to more in 2014! *(volunteer Charlotte Leidy pictured above)*

Office Open In Siler City

Since 1989, Chatham Habitat has built 115 homes in Chatham County, 46 of which are in Siler City. In order to maintain a presence in the Western part of the county, we decided to open an office in downtown Siler City in April of 2013. Thanks to the generosity of several key donors from Western Chatham, the office has been a success thus far, and we hope it will continue to be for years to come. For now, the office is open from 9-4 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and is staffed by volunteers who can help people fill out applications, accept ReStore donations, and share information about Chatham Habitat. Our main offices are still located in Pittsboro, but it’s worth a visit to Siler City to see the new space!
Chatham Habitat is... BUILDING HOPE

Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing provides:

• Stability for families and children
  The children of Habitat homeowners are 59% more likely to become homeowners within 10 years of moving out of their parent’s home.  
  -Habitat for Humanity International

• Sense of dignity and pride
  Habitat homeowners are more likely to make repairs on their homes, interact with their local government, and know their neighbors. In many cases, kids host sleepovers for the first time in their Habitat homes.
  -Habitat for Humanity International

• Health, physical safety, and security
  “When adequate housing protects individuals and families from harmful exposures and provides them with a sense of privacy, security, stability, and control, it can make important contributions to health. In contrast, poor quality and inadequate housing contributes to health problems such as infectious and chronic diseases, injuries and poor childhood development.”
  -Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

• Increase in educational and job opportunities
  Children of homeowners are more likely to attend college and eventually earn more money than their parents.
  -National Association of Realtors
Chatham Habitat for Humanity relies on three main sources of income: Traditional Fundraising (including individual donors, grants, special events, and business sponsorships), proceeds from both ReStores, and mortgage receipts from our existing homeowners. All of this income is used to continue our mission of building and maintaining homes for Chatham County families, ensuring that they will become vibrant, successful homeowners whose lives will be changed for the better by owning their own home.
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