Habitat for Humanity
of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

What Difference Can You Make?

Making a House into a Home

#HFHMGc has impacted the lives of almost 2,000 families since 2007. It is only with the help of our donors, volunteers and advocates that we are able to do this. This holiday season we reflect on those people and how we have been able to empower them to transform their lives and the lives of their families. Studies show a direct correlation between the quality of one's shelter and the impact it has on them as well as their family and their community.

Habitat for Humanity of the MS Gulf Coast is proud to be able to provide opportunities to members of our community through homeownership, home repair, financial education and financial coaching. These are truly life changing opportunities, and you can be a part of that.

Make a difference for even more families today by investing in our community with a gift to HFHMGc by clicking here.

The List of Homeowners Grows!

357 Park Drive in Biloxi is complete and under contract! The homeowner should be closing on the home soon.
HFHMGC is thrilled that Angela was able to close on her home in Pascagoula and she and her daughter could start moving in before the holidays! When she came to us she was not mortgage ready, but after working with our Program Specialist Cristal, she was able to get where she needed to be and now she has a home of her own. Congratulations!

We received FORTIFIED Gold rating for this home, which will equate to a more secure home, lower insurance costs and lower utility bills for our homeowner!

If you know someone that is interested in becoming a homeowner, give our Client Services department a call at 228-678-9100!

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Financial Education

HFHMGC’s Deputy Director of Client Services, Tonesha Thompson, will be teaching Financial Education classes at the Beau Rivage starting in January. Taking financial education classes is a great way to help you stick to your New Year’s resolutions of managing your money better. ‘Finance Fridays’ will be short classes on topics such as budgeting and how your credit score effects your future.

HFHMGC is partnering with Moss Point High School to bring a couple of classes from our Financial Education curriculum to their Senior Class. Tonesha Thompson will be leading several of their Economics classes with topics like College, Cars and Credit Cards. Tonesha designed these classes with high schoolers in mind that will be heading off on their own soon so they can better prepare to make wiser financial decisions.

HFHMGC will be starting our next session of Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University in January 2016. This is an intensive nine week course that is designed to help you pay off your debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Since 1992 Dave Ramsey has provided financial counseling via classes, presentations, radio, video and television and has reached more than 1,000,000 people.

If your church, youth group, school, business or organization would like to hold a financial education class, give us a call at 228-678-9100 or email us at clientservices@hfhmgc.org!

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Nancy Furmanski has joined us as our ReStore Development AmeriCorps Vista to help get a ReStore open next year! She recently moved to the Gulf Coast from Idaho. She has retail management experience and is a huge asset to our team.

We are glad to have Nancy on board and look forward to getting our own ReStore right here on the Gulf Coast in early 2016! If you have donations or want to inquire about volunteering at the ReStore, give us a call at 228-678-9100.

HFHMGC has an opening for someone to fill our Family Services AmeriCorps position! You can find the full description and info on applying here: www.hfhmgc.com Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity of the MS Gulf Coast and help #changelives while giving back to the community. AmeriCorps is a great way to grow skills and add experience to your resume!
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HFHMGC in our Community

Various City Council meetings along the Gulf Coast
Board Moderator for the MS Center for Nonprofits' conference in Jackson
Biloxi Chamber of Commerce’s Breakfast with the Mayor
Spoke to the Pascagoula Kiwanis Club
Met with a local representative of Senator Roger Wicker’s office
Attended Heritage UMC’s Lunch and Learn the first Friday of October and November
Media training with Gambel Communications
Social Media training with The Focus Group

Head of the Class

HFHMGC’s CEO Chris Monforton will be visiting students from the St. Martin Upper Elementary Gifted Program to talk to them about how Habitat builds around the world. The materials, standards and methods used in various parts of the world differ greatly and Chris is happy to speak from the point of view of Habitat and its influence on these structures. Would you like someone from Habitat to speak to your class, group or organization about what we do, how we build or even about financial education and how to become a homeowner? Give us a call at 228-678-9100!

Construction Corner

Our homes in the Fowler Fields cul-de-sac are showing great progress! The first home is finishing up the exterior painting and then we will be working on trim and flooring. The second home is in the middle of having siding installed. Shortly after we will begin exterior painting! We expect to start on the third home sometime at the beginning of next year!

It’s hard to believe we will be starting siding this weekend on our Women Build house in Ocean Springs! We use Hardy board siding as it has better insulation and longevity than vinyl siding. It is also easier to paint and withstands high winds. We will also be putting in sprayfoam insulation this week. We use sprayfoam instead of the standard rolls because it fills every space and crevice to fully insulate the home and protect from energy leakage. This will provide the homeowner with a savings of up to 50% for their heating and cooling bill. This site has really been moving along and we can’t wait for someone to move in and make this beautiful house a home!
Don't forget to keep up with us on our social media!

Check out our posts on what we are up to, tips on home improvement, keeping your energy bill low, info about our programs, financial tips and info about what’s going on in our community!

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