



## Habitat Spartanburg March 2021 Newsletter

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### Habitat Spartanburg, Lowe's Celebrate International Women Build Week with DIY Workshop

Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg joins 300 Habitat affiliates selected for [Lowe's International Women Build Week](#) March 8 through 15 designed to invite women to help families to build strength, stability and independence through housing.

This year, all International Women Build Week events are virtual, so one of our most faithful volunteers, Marilyn Hollifield, agreed to show us how to build a lovely entryway bench out of a twin headboard. Best of all, Marilyn has donated this bench to [Habitat Spartanburg](#) so email [lynne.shackleford@habitatspartanburg.org](mailto:lynne.shackleford@habitatspartanburg.org) if you would like to bid on this bench. All proceeds benefit Habitat Spartanburg.



If you want to build your own bench, this is what you'll need:

### Materials

- (3) 1x4 8ft
  - (2) 2x4 8ft
  - (2) 2x2 8ft
  - (Instead of 1x4s, you can use all 2x4s for a more rustic look)
  - (1) 5/8 screws and a few 2-inch screws
- drill and bit to predrill holes and for screws  
A skill saw or a miter saw

### Get to Work

1. Select headboard and cut legs to desired height.
2. Cut four legs for bench to 15 inches. Cut sides for width of seat 16 inches.
3. Attach one leg (2x4) to each leg of the headboard. Then, attach sides to the top of each leg laying flat. Next screw second pair of legs flush to the front of the side pieces.
4. Cut two pieces of 1x4 to 16 inches (If you are using all 2x4s this step is not necessary). Attach to each side of the seat. This will serve as a facing. Next, measure the entire length of front and cut 1x4 to cover as a brace and a facing. Same if you are using 2x4.
5. Measure and cut bracing that goes between the bottom of legs. Be sure the distance between the top of the legs and the bottom bracing is the same. This will also be the support brace for your rack underneath.
6. Measure and cut length of seat slats. You can use 1x4 or 2x4. You can make the slats flush or extend over a bit. I attach the back and front boards first. You can leave a small overhang on the front board or make it flush to the cross piece. Then I space the middle ones evenly.
7. Follow the same steps for the rack underneath the seat.



Thank you, Marilyn, for sharing your talents with us. Happy International Women Build Week!

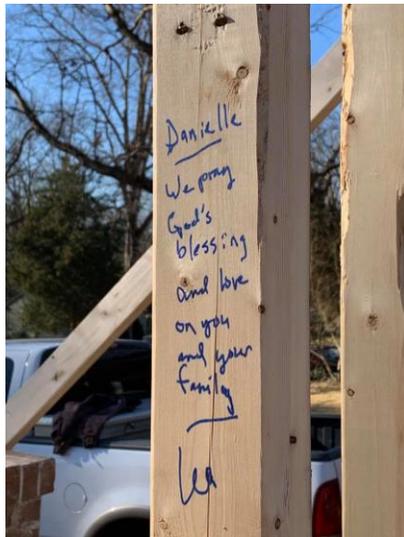
**To bid on this custom bench, email [lynne.shackleford@habitatspartanburg.org](mailto:lynne.shackleford@habitatspartanburg.org) before March 12. All proceeds benefit Habitat Spartanburg.**

Habitat volunteer Marilyn Hollifield shows how to upcycle a twin headboard into a bench. Marilyn has donated this bench to Habitat, so if you would like to place a bid, email [lynne.shackleford@habitatspartanburg.org](mailto:lynne.shackleford@habitatspartanburg.org).



**Habitat Home Build Begins on Ponce de Leon Avenue Sponsored by [JM Smith Foundation](#), [Women Giving for Spartanburg](#) and [Spartanburg County Foundation](#)**

It was a beautiful day made more bright when the exterior walls went up on the 144th Habitat Spartanburg home last week!



Habitat Spartanburg and its funding partners, JM Smith Foundation, Women Giving for Spartanburg and the Spartanburg County Foundation, raised the walls on the 144th Habitat Spartanburg home at 108 Ponce de Leon Avenue.

The Spartanburg County Foundation initially donated the parcel to Habitat Spartanburg, which subdivided the parcels into two lots. The lots are convenient to public schools, healthcare, and active living amenities and will be a fantastic opportunity for future homeowner Danielle Long.

"Becoming a homeowner has been a lifelong dream of mine," Long said.

"It is humbling that the foundations and Women Giving for Spartanburg would give someone a hand up."

Habitat homes are not free.

Homeowners must complete 350 hours of sweat equity, financial literacy and homeowner maintenance classes before becoming eligible for a Habitat home.

Habitat Spartanburg couldn't continue its work without partnerships from our supporters and volunteers.





Congratulations to Michele Johnson who closed on her lovely new home last week! Michele's home was the 2020 CEO Build sponsored by the [Milliken Foundation](#), [United Way of the Piedmont](#), [Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System](#), [AFL](#), [Wells Fargo](#) and [Mark III Properties](#)! Wishing Michele and her grandson many wonderful years in their new home!



# Congratulations!

46 Habitat Spartanburg homeowners have paid off their mortgages and own their homes free and clear!



Our Critical Home Repair Program addresses exterior home repair and life safety issues such as roofs, wheelchair ramps and other problems specifically those experienced by older homeowners. For information on the Critical Home Repair Program, visit

[www.habitatspartanburg.org/critical-home-repair.org](http://www.habitatspartanburg.org/critical-home-repair.org).

At right top: Doris and Jesse Robinson needed assistance with a front and back porch, both of which were dangerous. Volunteers helped build a new front porch and back porch so the Robinsons can enter and exit safely. Habitat Spartanburg has completed 10 home repair projects since July. 1.



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