

Murray Chairs Habitat for Humanity's Annual Fund Drive

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LowCountry Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce that Stephen Murray will Chair our 2017 Annual Fund Drive. The Annual Fund Drive is a mailing that is sent in November that supports the nuts and bolts of LowCountry Habitat's Beaufort operations.

The majority of the funds donated to LowCountry Habitat are for specific home builds or projects whereas these funds support the organization's operations and provide flexibility to help our community with repair projects.

Stephen Murray currently serves on the Beaufort City Council. As a third generation Beaufortonian, Stephen attended both Beaufort High School and the University of South Carolina Beaufort. He and his wife Melissa have twin girls.

Murray is also a local business owner and operator, and currently owns two Beaufort-based small businesses, Kazoobie Kazoos and New South Shirts. Kazoobie is a two time, Top 75 Small Business in the United States awarded by the US Chamber of Commerce.

Stephen explained his interest in supporting LowCountry Habitat as the following, "A friend described Beaufort as islands of opulence in a sea of poverty. Look around some are doing well and others not so well especially young families. Quality of life and affordable housing go hand

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in hand. Habitat helps fill a need for affordable housing in Beaufort. "Second to a well-paying job, I don't know what's as important to life as quality affordable housing."

"LowCountry Habitat has a clear mission that includes partnerships with the community as well as the families they serve. The program includes an investment from family partners in the form of sweat equity and with this comes the pride of ownership. Supporting Habitat provides a hand-up for these families and our community." stated Murray.

For over 27 years, LowCountry Habitat has been changing lives in northern Beaufort County by helping to provide the much needed hand up to home ownership to qualified family partners. Since inception, LowCountry Habitat has built or rehabbed 47 homes with plans to dedicate the 48th home within the next couple of weeks. The 48th home located on Trask Parkway was sponsored by Brays Island and will be the home of Sheryl Tucker and her son Keyvon.

LowCountry Habitat Executive Director, Chet Houston said, "Stephen Murray is an impeccable choice for our 2017 Annual Fund Drive Chair. We have enjoyed working with him and the rest of his team at New South Shirts and are thrilled that he has taken this critical role for our organization."

To donate to LowCountry Habitat for Humanity, visit our website at www.lowcountryhabitat.org or call our office at 843-522-3500. Every one of us has the ability to make a difference in Beaufort.

About LowCountry Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. Habitat ReStores were developed to provide Habitat affiliates with another income stream for building houses while providing a place where still useful building materials and supplies can be recycled and gently-used home furnishings can be resold to new owners reducing the burden on local landfills.

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For more information about LowCountry Habitat for Humanity, please call the Habitat office at (843) 522-3500.