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### Ride for a Cause - Habitat SHR's Poker Run - April 18

Join us for Habitat SHR's first Poker Run. The route will include stops in Norfolk, Pungo, Portsmouth and Suffolk. There will be awards for Best and Worst Hand, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Riders are encouraged to pre-register ([CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)), but may register the morning of the event (8am-10am) at 900 Tidewater Drive. Please tell all your biking buddies to come out and ride for a great cause - all motorcycles and trikes welcome! See you Saturday! Rain Date: April 25



### Habitat SHR Would Like to Introduce New Staff:

Please help us welcome Sherran Denkler, our new Director of Development and Marketing, Frances Taylor, our new Controller, and we're happy to have Sharron Chittim returning as our Office Manager.

### Your Place of Business and Matching Gifts

Don't forget to match your gift through your place of business! If you work for a company that matches gifts to eligible 501(c)3 charitable organizations, you can sometimes double or even triple the impact of your generosity. Simply follow your company's matching gift guidelines, and we will do the rest to make sure your money goes even further towards eliminating poverty housing. Please contact us with questions, 640-5090.

### Do you have furnished FORECLOSED, RENTAL property, or property that you're SELLING and you need to empty?

Did you know that Habitat SHR's General Stores are ready, willing and able to take those furnishings off your hands? Both store locations accept:

- housewares
- furniture
- appliances
- clothing and
- building materials.

Please call 640-0590 ext. 217 or [email](#) to arrange a donation pickup. You may also drop the items off if that is easier:

- The Virginia Beach Habitat General Store at 955 Providence Square Shopping Center is located at the intersection of Providence and Kempsville Roads. Call 474-0069 for more information.
- The Norfolk Habitat General Store at 900 Tidewater Drive is located at the intersection of Tidewater Drive and Virginia Beach Boulevard. Call 640-0590 for more information.

### Meet the Boatright Family -

Alex, a single mother of two boys, Adyn and Garrett. Alex has faced challenges in her life. At first it was the challenge of being a military wife, followed by raising a child with Down's Syndrome, followed by a divorce and now raising both boys. Garrett resides at St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children, but Alex's wish is that one day he can live at home with his brother and mother. Alex certainly has had more than her share of heartbreaks during the past 12 years, yet her energy and zest is contagious. A new chapter will begin when she moves into her Habitat house later this year. Alex never loses sight of the fact that - no matter how bad things seem to be - there's someone facing worse situations. It is people like Alexandria Boatright for whom Habitat for Humanity offers not a handout or a gift, but rather, an opportunity. And as is readily apparent, Alex - as are others like her - is genuinely grateful. That is the very foundation for Habitat for Humanity's success.

[Click here to read more about Alex and her family.](#)

### YOU Can Be a Weekday Warrior

If you are looking for a chance to get out of the house, teach others what you know or learn more building skills, this could be your opportunity. Although much of our volunteer work is done on Saturdays, we have mobilized a mid-week volunteer team to keep builds on schedule and ensure high quality work. This enthusiastic team gets the opportunity to use their skills around our service area and look forward to the team camaraderie. If you possess novice carpenter skills, basic construction skills or are a construction dynamo and are available to work Wednesdays on various Habitat projects, please contact our [Director of Logistics and Planning](#).



### Volunteers in the Spotlight - Granby HS

A yellow bus arrived at the Habitat office the morning of March 27th delivering a group of nine curious, energetic, enthusiastic students from Granby High School. Their initial "assignment" was to choose a staff member to visit with, and learn at least one fact about Habitat and our mission. From that point, most of the students spent time in the General Store assisting with a variety of tasks. A smaller group, equipped with gloves and trash bags, diligently circulated through the parking area and grounds picking up debris which resulted in a really big improvement in Habitat's "curb appeal". During their lunch break, the students individually shared what they had learned about Habitat, and watched a music

Beach Boulevard. Call 616-0597 for more information.

- Both stores are open seven days a week – Monday through Saturday 9 AM – 6 PM, Sunday noon – 5 PM.

### You can help a low-income family realize their dream of owning a home by donating online

We urgently need resources like funding and land to begin houses this year. Your contribution will help purchase land and materials to continue to serve South Hampton Roads and eliminate poverty housing.

You can donate to Habitat on our website, [www.shrhabitat.org](http://www.shrhabitat.org) or mail a check to our office at 900 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA, 23504.

### Other Easy Online Giving Opportunities: GOODSEARCH, GOODSHOP.com & FOODLION

What if Habitat SHR earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

**GoodSearch.com** is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

**Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads, Inc. as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!**



You can link your Food Lion MVP to Habitat for Humanity SHR and everytime you shop contribute to our success. These steps are best executed through Internet Explorer, [click here](#) and 'register MVP card' by selecting our organization "Habitat for Humanity of SHR".

Thank you!

### Current Renovation - Norfolk - 29th Street

Recently Habitat SHR reacquired a Norfolk Habitat home. At this time the Weekday Warriors are renovating the property for purchase. If you're interested in helping on this property; please volunteer by signing up on VolunteerUp - [click on the VolunteerUp logo](#).

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video especially made for Habitat by Bon Jovi. The yellow bus returned and, as they were departing, all of the students remarked that they had a good time and would like to come back. The staff's response: "Ditto!". [Click here to view a group photo.](#)

**Share your story and win a Habitat trip!** By entering [Habitat World's](#) Carter Work Project essay contest, you could win a trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to join hundreds of volunteers during this year's Carter Work Project in November. The essay topic: In 500 words or less, give us your definition of "home" and describe why you choose to volunteer for and/or donate to Habitat for Humanity. [Click here to learn more about the Habitat World essay contest.](#) Submissions due April 30, 2009.

### Perpetuate the Charity You Value

The most common form of Planned Gift is a simple bequest through a will. A bequest allows you to give in ways you may not be able to during your lifetime. Please remember Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads, Inc. (Habitat SHR) in your will. For more information on how you can remember Habitat SHR in your will, please contact the Director of Development at (757)640-0590 ext 219 or by [email](#).

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### "A Brush With Kindness"

"A Brush With Kindness" (ABWK) is a facet of our Faith in Action program. This unique program allows groups such as churches, businesses, and community organizations to volunteer and financially support short term home-repair and maintenance projects for eligible homeowners.



Low-income homeowners who would like to enlist the help of "A Brush With Kindness" MUST submit an application along with a \$12 processing fee. [Click here for an application.](#)

Our "A Brush with Kindness" program is currently involved in a very atypical project. We are renovating a home that was damaged by fire last summer. Fortunately, we are being led by someone who really knows what they are doing, Pete Owen of Atlantic Building Corporation.

Along with Pete's expertise, we have been blessed to have some dedicated and hard working volunteers through the first three phases of the project. Look for future phases to be scheduled on the ["VolunteerUp" link](#) on our website. If you have a group that would be interested in funding one of these projects, please contact Kathy Wright at 640-0590 or [abwk1@verizon.net](mailto:abwk1@verizon.net).

*NOTE: This newsletter is a communication tool for the entire Habitat SHR family. Housing sponsors and other partnering groups are invited to submit articles highlighting upcoming events, special volunteers, dedicated donors or other topics associated with our shared work and mission. Please submit newsletter copy to [Sheila](#).*

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