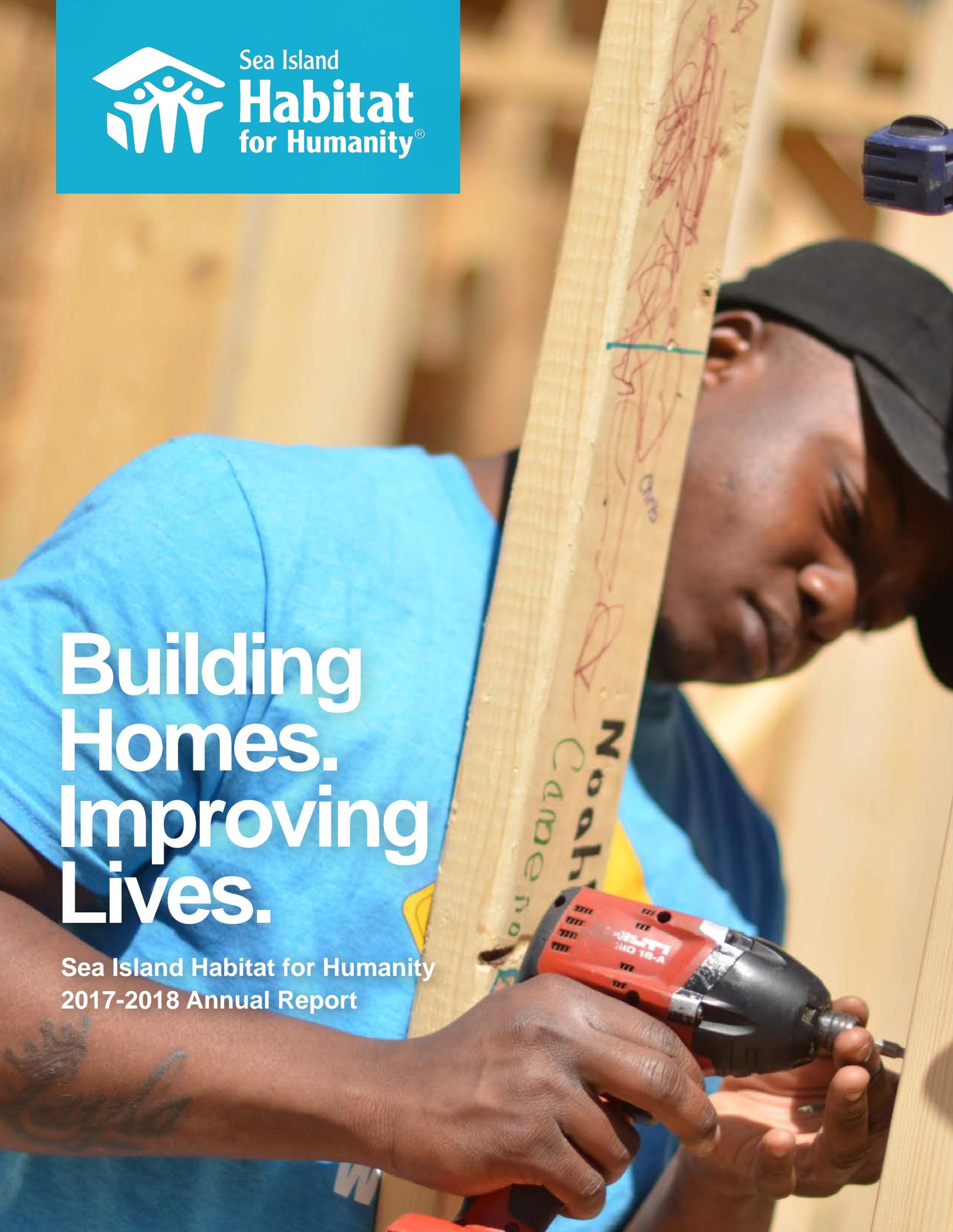




Sea Island  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

# Building Homes. Improving Lives.

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity  
2017-2018 Annual Report



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# Letter from the Executive Director

Happy Birthday to Us!!! Sea Island Habitat for Humanity is taking this year to celebrate... we are 40 years old! As the 3rd oldest Habitat affiliate in the world, we have seen affordable housing remain an issue that has needed attention worldwide, as well as in our region. Over our 40 years, our volunteers and staff have built over 345 houses! Meaning, 345 families have now been blessed with a brand-new, safe and decent home to call their own. We have also performed critical repairs on countless other houses, as well as modified a number of other homes for special-needs access.

As we move into our next 40 years, our challenges are not new ones... but they are getting larger. Since 1978 we have served Johns, James, and Wadmalaw Islands- areas that have seen explosive growth in population. And while new houses have come along with the new residents to our region- affordable houses have not kept pace at all.

Finding appropriate land to build houses in our area is getting harder, and much more expensive. As more and more residents move to the Charleston region, there is less and less available land. Our staff spend significant time evaluating parcels as they come available, just as the larger builders do. A result of this smaller inventory/higher cost is that our focus for new land will most likely take us away from James Island, and towards the south and west of our area.

Another challenge is our aging population of existing homeowners. Every week we receive calls asking for help in repairing homes, so we have grown our seasonal repair program into a year-round one with dedicated, full-time staff members. This program performs critical repairs on owner-occupied homes, primarily to stop wind and rain from entering structures. In the short time we have been running this program, we have discovered that our clients are overwhelmingly elderly residents. End result: more of our elderly population will be able to "Age in Place".

We would like to thank all of you who have supported Sea Island Habitat, and those who continue to do so. Whether you have helped patch a leaky roof on Wadmalaw, framed a house on James Island, helped sort donations at our ReStore, or sent in a donation to help us pay for the work that we do... THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

**John E. Rhoden Jr.**  
Executive Director

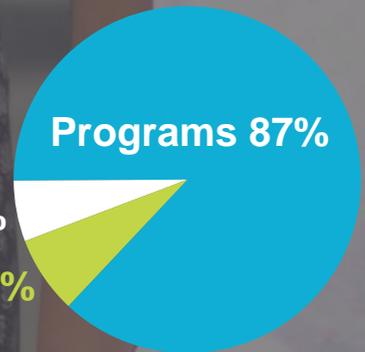
# 2017-2018 Financials

Pre-audited Statement of Activities 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. If you'd like more information on our financials, please don't hesitate to contact us at 843-768-0998.

## Revenue



## Expenses



# Sea Island Habitat for Humanity is:

- The first Habitat for Humanity affiliate established in South Carolina (1978) and the third oldest affiliate in the world
- One of over 2000 worldwide independent affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International
- A volunteer-based organization operating with its own Board of Directors and staff



# Donor Spotlight

## Peter and Mary Conway

Peter and Mary, residents of Kiawah Island are incredible friends of Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. This passion for the people of the Sea Islands, namely Wadmalaw, has been contagious. Because of the Conway's generosity we have been able to achieve 2 milestones for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity.

First, we were able to hire a full time Repair Program Manager to head up our critical repair program. Having worked with the MOMS group out on Wadmalaw Island, the Conway's were exposed to the great need of many for critical repairs on the Sea Islands. Now we are full time repairing doors, windows, roofs and installing wheelchair ramps on John, James and Wadmalaw Islands. We will have more than 100 repairs done this year alone! Furthermore, Peter is out on site helping with repairs each month!

Secondly, we are building a new neighborhood on Wadmalaw Island thanks to the Conway's generosity. We will break ground in 2019.

Wadmalaw and the Sea Islands as a whole are being preserved and improved because of the incredible generosity Peter and Mary have bestowed upon Sea Island habitat for Humanity. We can't thank them enough!

A photograph of three men on a golf course. The man on the left is wearing a blue cap and a light green striped polo shirt, with his back to the camera. The man in the middle is wearing a tan cap and a white shirt, smiling. The man on the right is wearing a white cap, sunglasses, and a blue and white striped polo shirt, also smiling. They are all giving high-fives. The background shows a golf course with trees and a clear sky.

# Habitat Events

## **Golf Benefit 2018**

Kiawah Island's Cassique Golf Course was the perfect location for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity's 2018 Golf Benefit. With rain threatening, we somehow got a reprieve and had perfect weather! The presenting sponsor, Kelly Family Foundation, led the way for us to achieve our highest funds raised by this event, over \$90,000! Nearly 100 golfers hit the links to compete in a Captain's Choice format. There were several competitions including Hole in One, Closest to the Pin, Straightest Drive, and Putting.

### **Winners from the ladies groups were:**

Lowest net - Pat Greubel, Sue Dostal, Becky Wilson, Barbara Vincentsen

Lowest gross - Jackie Bennett, Ginny Lawrence, Allison Lang, Joyce Nothwang

### **Winners from the men were:**

Lowest net - Ted Henderer, Ben Sloan, John Gilmore, Phillip Anderson

Lowest gross - Henry Wilson, Chip Maloney, Fred Snider, Harry Gale

A special thanks to our golf committee: Gail Kavanaugh (Co-Chair), Liz Devens (Co-Chair), Bill Greubel, Alex Tumbleston, Jeannie Hillock, and Warren McCulloch.

# Habitat Events

## Women Build 2018

Our 18 th Annual Women Build brought nearly 300 women together from around the Sea Island Communities to build a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home for a deserving Habitat Homeowner. Leland was our 2018 Women Build Homeowner. He is a single dad of 4-year old Amaurie. He works for Kiawah Island Community Association in the landscaping department and, several evenings a week, also works as a cook at King Street Grille in Freshfields on Johns Island. Leland was on site for 3 days of the build and his enthusiasm was contagious! This event is one of our favorite each year as we take a home from a foundation to walls and a roof in only 7 days. We are thrilled to have Leland and his son as part of our Habitat family! Special thanks to all of our sponsors, especially our presenting sponsor Irene Thomas of AgentOwned Realty, for raising a combined \$40,000 to cover material costs of the home.



# Habitat Events

## Veterans Build 2017

Sea Island Habitat's first annual Veteran's Build was a huge success! We spent two days with a full force of military men and women building a home for a military veteran. Tonya, our Veterans Build homeowner, is a Marine Veteran and came out to build with her fellow Veterans. Going into this event, we didn't have a financial goal, but rather wanted to create a time where we came together to honor our Veterans. However, we ended up raising over \$30,000! Thank you to all of you who supported the efforts.

# Volunteers

- Total value of volunteer hours: \$705,300
- Number of groups: 91 
- Repeat groups: 36 
- Out of town groups: 38 
- Lowcountry groups: 54 
- Weekly volunteers: 15 
- Monthly Carpenter Club Volunteers: 49 
- Top 10 volunteer groups
  - Porter Gaud
  - Men O Knights
  - College of Charleston
  - Junior League
  - James Island Presbyterian
  - Citadel
  - Bank of America
  - Coast Guard
  - Wells Fargo
  - Abbeville ARPC

# New Homeowners

**1) Lawrence “Wayne” Mitchum** (Heritage Oaks) - Musician - Belongs to the Band Plane Jane. Plays in different local spots such as Wild Wings in North Charleston, Brunch at Creekside Restaurant, Barsa, downtown Charleston & Mingo’s on Kiawah Island. His main instruments are Six-string electric bass, upright bass violin, Guitar-electric and acoustic. He has been a musician since the earlies 1970’s. Wayne was our 1st closing of 2018 last January.

**2) Martin and Ana Lilia De Santiago** and their daughters, Jennifer & Anali (Yost Lane) - Family closed in April. They are originally from Mexico and have been living in the US for the last 15 years. First time homeowners! Their daughters attend, Military Magnet and Angel Oak Elementary.

**3) Leland Rivers** (Heritage Oaks) - Originally from Johns Island. Several family members are already SIHH homeowners. Single Dad of 4-year old Amaurie. He works for Kiawah Community Association in landscaping and several evenings a week works as a cook at Kings Street Grill located at Freshfields, Johns Island. Leland was the 2018 Women’s Build and closed on his new home last June.

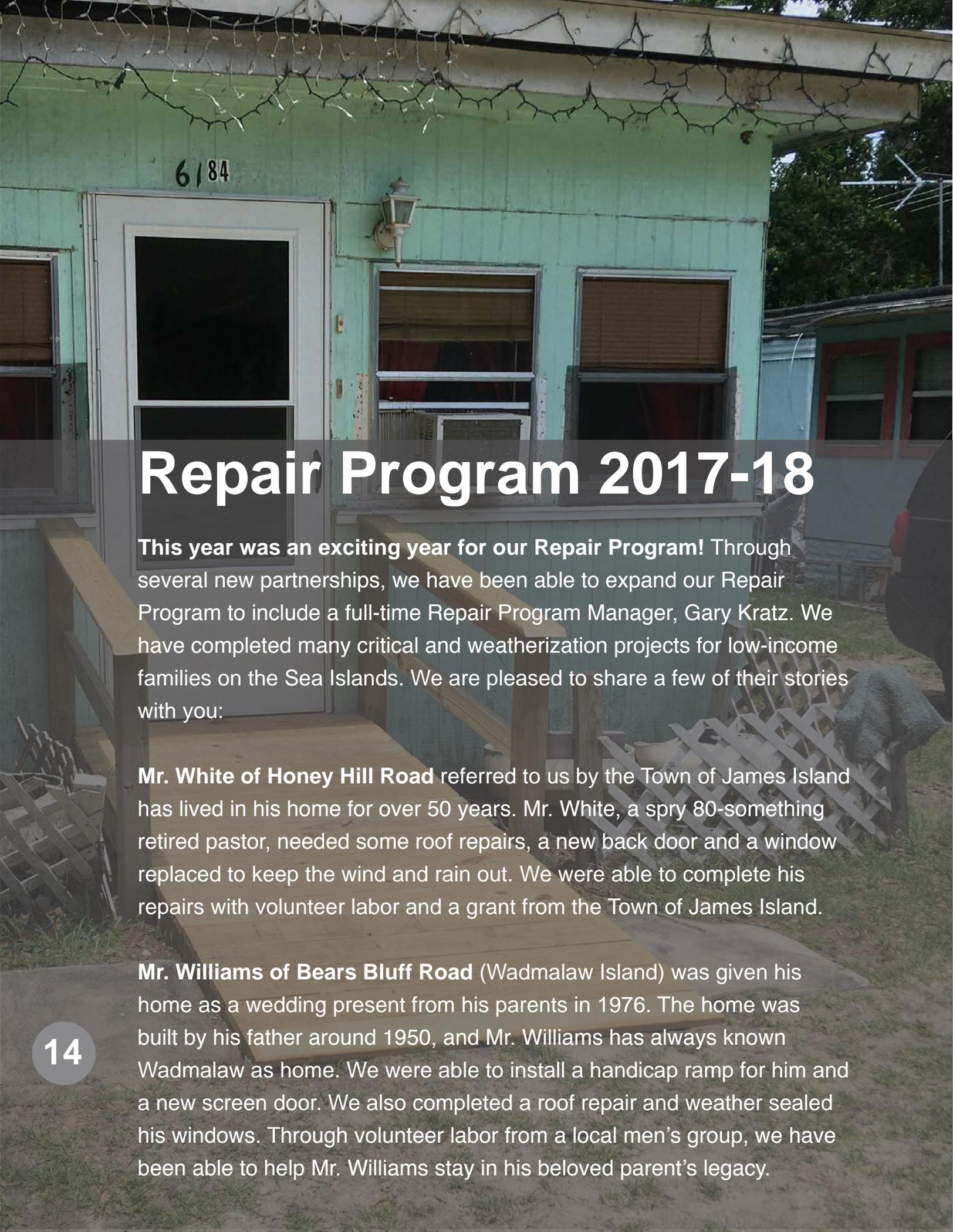
**4) Shameka Watson/Sherrod Crawford** - Couple with 3 children: Caleb, Carlos & Ta’nia. This lovely family of 5 previously lived on James Island and were very happy to be able to stay on James Island at Heritage Oaks as their 3 children have been and currently attend the James Island Montessori School located at Riverland. Their closing took place last June. Shameka does Senior Care for a living and Sherrod handles shipments & deliveries for a large warehouse in North Charleston. Their home address is: 1709 Bella Terra Lane - Heritage Oaks.

A photograph of a woman and a young girl standing in front of a house. The woman is wearing a white tank top with a colorful floral pattern and blue jeans. The girl is wearing a light blue denim overalls over a pink dress. They are both looking towards the right. The background shows a house with a white porch railing and a car parked in the driveway.

## New Homeowners

**5) Monica Seabrook Williams** - Single young Mom of 8-year old Haily. Monica is Assistance Manager at the West Ashley Sonic. Her home, located at 1707 Bella Terra Lane - Heritage Oaks closed also last June.

**6) Tonya Mitchell** - Tonya has been our last closing so far. After waiting for her new home for almost a year, she closed on her house the 1st week of September. She was the 2017 Veteran's Build. She is a Marine. She is the mom of 2 boys: Ja'len - 15 & Jaden - 11. Her new home is located at 1706 Bella Terra Lane - Heritage Oaks.



# Repair Program 2017-18

**This year was an exciting year for our Repair Program!** Through several new partnerships, we have been able to expand our Repair Program to include a full-time Repair Program Manager, Gary Kratz. We have completed many critical and weatherization projects for low-income families on the Sea Islands. We are pleased to share a few of their stories with you:

**Mr. White of Honey Hill Road** referred to us by the Town of James Island has lived in his home for over 50 years. Mr. White, a spry 80-something retired pastor, needed some roof repairs, a new back door and a window replaced to keep the wind and rain out. We were able to complete his repairs with volunteer labor and a grant from the Town of James Island.

**Mr. Williams of Bears Bluff Road** (Wadmalaw Island) was given his home as a wedding present from his parents in 1976. The home was built by his father around 1950, and Mr. Williams has always known Wadmalaw as home. We were able to install a handicap ramp for him and a new screen door. We also completed a roof repair and weather sealed his windows. Through volunteer labor from a local men's group, we have been able to help Mr. Williams stay in his beloved parent's legacy.

## Repair Program 2017-18

**Mr. and Mrs. Garcia of Genesis Street** (Johns Island) have been Habitat homeowners for over 10 years. They were in need of a little help with some hurricane damage to their home. They needed a new storm door, a broken window replaced and we were also able to give them a gallon of paint to spruce up the trim to their home.

**Mr. Altine of Fort Lamar Road** (James Island) is a 94 year-old World War II Navy Veteran who lives alone since losing his wife of 68 years in 2017. Mr. Altine was injured in the line of duty when a torpedo hit his submarine breaking both legs in a “friendly fire” exercise. He later worked for the Railroad Express and then retired as a driver from Pepperidge Farms. His beloved wife and he bought their home on James Island in 1956, he has done his best to keep up with the maintenance however the roof was in desperate need of replacement. Through the generosity of our donors, we were able to replace Mr. Altine’s roof enabling him to age in place with the dignity he deserves.

# The ReStore

## What is the ReStore?

The Sea Island Habitat for Humanity ReStore exists to raise funds and awareness for our mission through the resale of donated furnishings and construction materials. **We pick your stuff up... for free!**

## DECONSTRUCTION SERVICES

### The Ultimate in Recycling

Whether you're managing a kitchen or bath remodeling or a home demolition, the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity ReStore Deconstruction Team can save you time and money by handling both the deconstruction and removal of building materials and accessories. **The resale value of the items removed by SIHRS are fully tax-deductible.**

### What Is Deconstruction?

Deconstruction is the removal of reusable building items to be sold at the SIHRS. Deconstruction reduces the disposal of usable materials into landfills and provides affordable materials for renovation and smaller-scale construction projects.

### How Does Our Deconstruction Team Benefit You?

We are a fully insured and trained Deconstruction Team that will expedite your project saving you time and money. We will provide you documentation for your tax deductible purposes and then leave the site clean.

### What Can Be Removed For Resale?

Windows, doors, doorknobs, toilets, sinks, vanities, tubs, faucets, fixtures, kitchen cabinets, countertops, appliances light fixtures, flooring, and much more!

Call **843-559-4009** or email **[deconstruction@seaislandhabitat.org](mailto:deconstruction@seaislandhabitat.org)** for questions or to schedule your Deconstruction!

# Habitat Staff

## Office Staff



John Rhoden – Executive Director



Susan Critzman – Controller



Jacob Elsey – Development Manager



Michelle Keiper – Administrative Assistant



Peter Mathias – Development Director



Melissa Petersen – Office Manager



Liv Stewart – Volunteer Coordinator



Maritza Zeisel – Family Services Director

# Habitat Staff

## ReStore Staff



Matt Justice – ReStore Manager

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Margo Brewer – Assistant Manager

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# Habitat Staff

## Construction Staff



Anna Huie – Construction Supervisor

Louis Kines – Construction Supervisor



Gary Kratz – Repair Program Manager

Doug Mackenzie – Site Supervisor



Mike Rettaliata – Construction Superintendent





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