



Home Again Foundation Newsletter



Home Again Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing sustainable, affordable housing with supportive services for the homeless and those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

BOARD TALK



Rick Gilbert, President/Founder

I want to extend many thanks for the wonderful and generous gifts, support and encouragement from our fundraising partners. I would like to stress the need for caution during the quarantine period. The Covid-19 pandemic has limited the ability to assemble and, in some cases, even earn a living. Until further notice, we have postponed our EAT HOPE BUILD fundraisers. Additionally, no additional fundraising activities have been scheduled until we receive the all clear.

Our community partners for 2019 are:

- * Texas Roadhouse, Matthews NC
- * Fun Outdoor Living, Indian Trail NC
- * Crossroads Bar & Grill, Monroe NC
- * City Bar B Q, Charlotte NC
- * Bisonte Pizza Co, Matthews NC
- * Outback Steakhouse, Matthews NC
- * Groome's Place, Weddington NC
- * Lionel Train, Concord NC
- * American Legion Post #208, Waxhaw NC
- * Marine Corp League-Det 750, Mint Hill NC
- * University of North Carolina @ Charlotte

When given the chance, please support our partners with carryout orders during this time of social distancing.



Julie Gorlesky, Director of Operations

Between the recent volume of rainstorms and Covid-19, the construction of the first 9 cottages have been delayed. However, construction permits have been APPROVED and building designs are progressing for both the Mint Hill and Cochrane Drive properties. The economic impact of Covid-19 will impact all nonprofits, but donations are the fuel for completion of mission critical services!



New Board Member Announced Christine Keely

The Home Again Foundation Board is pleased to introduce Christine Keely as the newest Board Member. Christine is a Financial Center Manager II for Fifth Third Bank in Charlotte, NC. Christine is on a mission to help Military Veterans, she has a unique 20-year background in customer service, leadership, project management and business development. A proven leader who uses experience, mentoring and interpersonal skills to lead high-performing teams. Christine developed a strong sense of devotion for the veteran community through volunteering and mentoring. During her time as Co- Chair for Fifth Third's Veterans BRG, this experience gave her a deep appreciation for how nonprofits seek to improve the quality of life for our region; one veteran at a time.

Why Home Again Foundation's

housing and supportive service model works!



We will provide the necessary tools for self-sufficiency by including life skills training, case management, housing assistance, and employment services. And when coupled with affordable housing, individuals and families that fall below the area medium income have a greater potential to push past their barriers. We are joining current community efforts to end the homeless experience or at least shorten it by developing programs that can help individuals on their path to self-sufficiency.

There are numerous programs for chronic homeless, for individuals with Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, as well as ex-offenders, and individuals with HIV/AIDS. There continues to be a growing need for assistance for the elderly, retired/injured veterans, families/individuals on fixed/low incomes, etc. Individuals that have a fixed income are at a greater disadvantage due to the rising housing cost in our communities.

Home Again Foundation will be there to assist every step of the way!

Success, we expect nothing less!

To be most successful and have the greatest impact, Home Again Foundation utilizes an agile approach with focus on delivering measurable results with self-managed teams. With transparency and an emphasis on frequent, short conversations, we have immediate evaluations of progress is observed and rewarded. Home Again Foundation will stay focused on the mission with a strong connection between purpose and performance. Keeping the missions, values, and purpose alive everyday by operating best practices.

Construction updates



Construction has started!!

Our first community located on Cochrane Drive, Charlotte NC is underway.

Permits have been approved!! As soon as the rain stops, concrete footers will be poured and the cottages will be up in the following weeks. In the next month or 2 we will be ready to see our new families on 'Welcome home day'!



Our first 8 cottages will be ready before we know it. The community will consist of a studio, 1 BRD, 2BRD and 3BRD cottages.

We are working with local agencies to identify individuals and families to have a place to call home and start a new beginning with Home Again Foundation.



If you would like to refer a family or individual, please contact Julie @ julie@homeagainclt.org for program entry details.

How you can help!

Home Again Foundation depends on donations to fulfill our mission. We are solely funded by generous donors like YOU. Construction is costly, help us put a dent in our construction expenditures.



Need a tax deduction for 2020?

Make an online donation @ [Make a donation](#), click the *make a donation* button, or send a check made payable to Home Again Foundation.

Mailing address: 7427 Matthews Mint Hill Road, Suite 105 252, Charlotte, NC 28227

[Make a donation](#)

Designate Home Again Foundation as your charity on **Amazon** @ <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-0931278>. Be on the look out for items that are



marked '**Eligible for Amazon Smiles**' and Amazon will donate .05% on every eligible purchase.

Welcome home kits.... Let's make our house their home!

1. Purchase household items from our [Amazon](#) welcome home wish list. On Welcome Home day, every household will get a kit to get them off to a great new start.
2. Make your own kit. Get your coworkers, friends, neighbors, youth



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Julie
@
julie@homeagainclt.org.

3. Adopt
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Do you have land that you have been wondering what to do with? Need a tax deduction?! Contact Rick @ rick@homeagainclt.org for more information on making a land donation!!

Calling all Volunteers!

Are you more of a hands on kinda person? With the cottages underway, we need amazing volunteers just like you!

1. Landscaping
2. Moving services
3. Painting and decorating
4. Assemble Welcome home kits. Check out our Welcome home details on [Amazon](#).



Contact us [here to volunteer](#) or email Julie directly @ julie@homeagainclt.org for more details.

And many thanks to all of our supporters and donors over the last 2 years. It's because of YOU that we will have 9 new cottages ready for the homeless!



Stay safe and healthy,
Home Again Foundation Team



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