



April 2020

# Home Again Foundation Newsletter

## Home Again Foundation Mission

*Building affordable and sustainable homes with supportive services for the homeless and those who are at risk of becoming homeless*



### Julie Gorlesky, Operations Director

Between the recent volume of rainstorms and Covid-19, the construction of the first 9 cottages have been delayed. However, construction permits have been submitted 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!



## 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 at Charlotte

### Newest Board Member 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 inter-personal 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.

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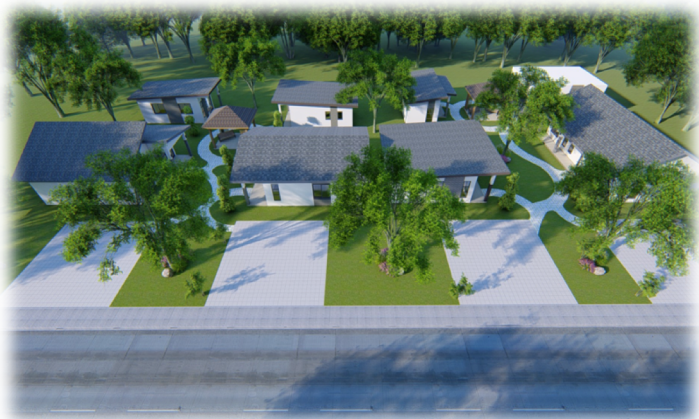
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## Why Home Again Foundation housing with supportive services model works!

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 through their barriers. We are joining current community efforts to end the homeless experience or at least shorten it by developing programs that can help to a path of self-sufficiency.

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 fixed income are at a disadvantage due to the rising housing cost throughout our community.

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



## Construction update

Permits have been APPROVED!

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

If you would like to refer a family or individual, please contact Julie @ [julie@homeagainclt.org](mailto:julie@homeagainclt.org) for program entry details.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Are you more of a hands-on kinda person? With our 9 cottages underway, we are looking for amazing volunteers just like YOU!

- ❖ Landscaping
- ❖ Moving services
- ❖ Painting and decorating
- ❖ Assemble Welcome Home kits

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Contact us @ <https://homeagainclt.org/volunteer> or

email Julie directly @ [julie@homeagainclt.org](mailto:julie@homeagainclt.org) for more information.

*Make a Difference!*

**DONATE**

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.

Donations can be made online @

[www.homeagainclt.org/donate-funds](https://www.homeagainclt.org/donate-funds)

Or mail a check made payable to Home Again Foundation  
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Be on the lookout for items that are marked '**Eligible for Amazon Smiles**' and Amazon will donate .05% on every eligible purchase.



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!