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HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY

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President's Corner

To me, it is important to celebrate milestones. It is as much to recognize the journey you have been as it is to set goals for the future. We have been extremely fortunate throughout these two years to have a tremendous Board of Directors both past and present. They have helped guide us and today would be an appropriate occasion for me to express my personal thanks to them for all they do. Equally, I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of our incredible volunteers. This past year we have had several milestones to celebrate. The Foundation had countless volunteer hours, added board members, held our first Masquerade Gala, participated in numerous Eat, Hope, Build fundraisers, hosted the Veterans Event, acquired new land that will house 8 cottages, and most excitingly have almost completed our first home! I know that this next year will bring even more milestones to celebrate because of people like you!

-Rick Gilbert

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Cookout Fundraiser Benefiting Home Again Foundation



Jane Axhoj
Miss NC
USA 2020
will be there
11-1

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 13TH
10AM TILL 7PM**

Located at Sam's Club
1801 Windsor Sq Dr Matthews NC 28105

*If you would like to volunteer for this event
please go and sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BACAF28ABFA7-home>

On May 23rd Sam's Club in Matthews allowed us to have a cookout where all proceeds went to Home Again Foundation. A special thank you to Sam's Club, our wonderful volunteers, Board Members, and Jane Axhoj, Miss North Carolina USA 2020. We were able to see a lot of our friends and met some new ones. With the help of donors like you we raised over \$2,900.



Our First Home

After many countless volunteer hours, fundraisers, and community involvement we are so excited to announce that our first cottage is almost built! Now that our first cottage is almost done, we will begin building on our second property where our first community of 8 cottages will be. Whether, you volunteered your time, talent, or monies this would not be possible without you! Your act of kindness, however small, is never wasted.





Meet our newest Board Member Vickie Craighead-Davis

Vickie comes to Home Again Foundation from holding the title of former Shelter Director of the Men's Shelter of Charlotte and Director of Neighbor Services for The Urban Ministry Center both organizations merged which allowed Vickie to provide 10 Years of Homeless Services. The Newly Merged organizations are currently known as "Roof Above" today.

As Director of Shelter Services, she was responsible for overseeing the implementation of emergency shelter services and basic needs for individuals experiencing street homelessness at the Charlotte homeless day center which included housing case management.

Vickie has a passion for Case Management services, she has mastered the art of responsibly ensuring timely housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. Her experience during her tenure allowed her to master the housing first model and practice harm reduction while connecting with individuals experiencing homelessness and providing them with the motivation, encouragement and support needed to end their homelessness situation. Vickie's passion, commitment to Homeless Services and overarching understanding of maximizing the human potential aligned her with Home Again.

Vickie is dedicated to developing retention programs that will be housed on site that will help individuals maintain housing by creating a sustainability tenant service program focused on housing supportive services, self-sufficiency, and self-advocacy.

Milestones to Celebrate

Over the past two years the Foundation has had numerous milestones to celebrate.

- February 2018- Board of Directors was created
- June 2018- the Foundation was Incorporated by the state of North Carolina
- December 2018- a month the Foundation was reminded how utterly amazing our donors are. A 1-Acre wooded lot in Mint Hill, North Carolina was donated.
- March 2019- we celebrated our first anniversary at the First Annual Bash
- April 2019- the Internal Revenue Service recognized Home Again Foundation as a 501(C)(3) Public Charity
- May 2019- The Mint Hill property was cleared for the first cottage.
- November 2019- the Foundation hosted the Masquer"aid" Gala fundraiser
- January 2020- the Foundation hosted the Bringing our Veterans Home Again Event
- February 2020- Construction is underway in Mint Hill and Charlotte

BOARD TALK

"Happy Birthday to Home Again Foundation!" said John Clark, Chairman of the Board, "I am so excited and proud to be a part of this organization." Reaching this milestone positions the Foundation to do more; solicit grants, request matching funds from Corporations and to continue to present ourselves as a "viable" organization. Within the past two years every penny raised has gone straight back into the nonprofit! The Foundation would not have reached its two-year anniversary without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. The Foundation has run solely on the numerous volunteers and as of right now there are no paid employees. Clark went on to say how excited he is for the future of Home Again Foundation, "There will be 9 homes built for homeless in the upcoming months which means a potential of 21 homeless getting to create a new beginning for themselves."



GET INVOLVED

WELCOME HOME KITS

1. Purchase household items from our Amazon Wishlist. On Welcome Home day, every household will receive a kit to get them off to a great new start.
2. Make your own kit. Get your coworkers, friends, neighbors, youth groups, or classmates together and gather new or slightly used items. For more information on needed items contact Julie @ julie@homeagainclt.org.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. We need everyone's help to give the homeless the need beginnings they deserve. Helping Home Again Foundation is a way to help this community. Every gift, no matter the size, counts. We need your help whether you give, advocate, or volunteer.

To learn more or to donate go to www.homeagainclt.org

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