



# Home Again Foundation Newsletter

February 2020

## Home Again Foundation Mission

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

## Our Community

On any given night, 2001 people experience homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County

Over the course of an academic year there are approximately 4,770 children who report being homeless!

Our community needs >16,000 affordable rental units to end and prevent homelessness

## Board Talk

**Founder & President**, Rick Gilbert expressed his amazement at all the wonderful things that have happened over the first 18 months for Home Again Foundation. Rick acknowledges all the time, effort, donations, and joy that has been dedicated to housing the homeless in affordable & sustainable homes during 2019. 2020 is going to be a great year with your continued support and prayers.



**Director of Operations**, Julie Gorlesky, is especially pleased with the countless numbers of volunteers that have joined the Home Again family over the last 18 months. Our volunteers are instrumental in creating the successful events and fundraisers. They have become the face of Home Again Foundation.

## Newest Board Member

*John Clark*

Rick and Julie are pleased to introduce John Clark as the newest Home Again Foundation Board Member.

John is a retired Air Force Lt Col. He brings corporate expertise and enthusiasm to the Board. Our new member flew from his hometown of Houston to attend the Veterans event on January 25th.



Home Again Foundation needs donations and volunteers to help fulfill this vision.

Home Again Foundation is solely funded by generous donors like you.

Start the new year off by giving the ultimate gift.....a place to call home!

*Donate Now* <https://homeagainclt.org/donate-funds>

Home Again Foundation believes that everyone deserves an affordable place to call home. 2020 is the year that we are working towards fulfilling the needs of so many with one simple gift, coming home again.

Our communities are specially designed for those who cannot afford housing and will serve as a new beginning.

Our strategic plan includes funding the construction costs of our first community.

### What we have been up to over the last 24 months?

- ❖ February 2018 the Board of Directors was created.
- ❖ June 2018 the Foundation was Incorporated by the state of North Carolina.
- ❖ December 2018 was a month when the Foundation was reminded how truly 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, Internal Revenue Service recognized Home Again as a 501(C)(3) Public Charity.
- ❖ May 2019 was truly a special month for the Home again team. We cleared the Mint Hill property for the first cottage.
- ❖ November 2019, we hosted the Masquerade Gala fundraiser.

### Breaking the Stigma Around Homelessness

*Bringing our Veterans Home Again Event*

The Bringing Our Veterans Home Again event held on January 25th was a great success with 127 attendees. Much needed attention was brought to the >300 homeless veterans in our area.

The event was held at the American Legion Post #208 in Waxhaw, catered by Outback Steakhouse in Matthews.

- ❖ Speakers included Lynn Marilla, the Executive Director/Founder of Eagle Rock Camp.
- ❖ Venus Hamilton, VA Medical Center HUD VASH Program Supervisor located in Salisbury, North Carolina.
- ❖ James Lee a local homeless veteran
- ❖ Jane Axhoj, Miss North Carolina USA 2020, an ardent spokesperson for Veterans.



Pictured L-R: Kris Axhoj, Miss North Carolina USA, Julie Gorlesky, John Clark, Kerry Lamson, Rick Gilbert

### Upcoming Event



UNCC 49ers Men's Basketball final home game against UTSA. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 per ticket is donated to Home Again Foundation. Purchase tickets online at [www.homeagainclt.org](http://www.homeagainclt.org)

## WE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST

Your first look at our first Community

Our first community is located on Cochrane Drive, Charlotte NC. We are working with local agencies to identify individuals and families that will have a place to call home and a new beginning

*in the next 120 days.*



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