



# 2017 IMPACT report

Preserving safe and affordable  
housing – restoring dignity and  
hope – for families living in  
Guilford County neighborhoods.







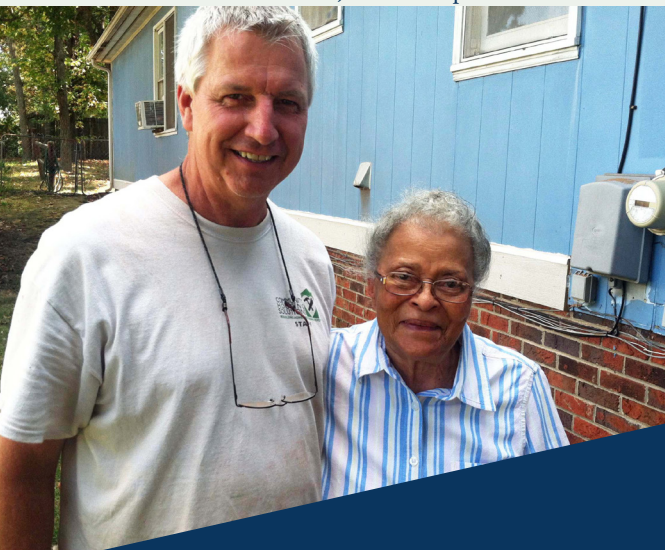
Two of our many faithful volunteers.

## REBUILDING HOMES. RESTORING HOPE.

**“I firmly believe in how this organization is run and the results it consistently achieves through volunteers and staff. It’s truly one of the hardest working and best run organizations I’ve been a part of.”**

*-Volunteer Matt Messick*

CHS Director of Construction Jim Sandknop with a homeowner.



That’s what we do. We rebuild homes; restoring places where people live and families and friends gather. But it is so much more than bricks and mortar

**1028**  
*volunteers used*

**6778**  
*hours served*

and roofs and nails; it’s restoring lives and the hope that families and communities have in each other and in living healthy lives. This restoration is possible because of the many volunteers who support our work for people who are not physically or financially capable of doing the work themselves. A days work for a volunteer can make a life-long change for one of our homeowners.

To make a donation to support our work, please visit  
**[www.chshousing.org](http://www.chshousing.org)**



Community Housing Solutions (CHS) works to preserve home ownership in Guilford County through home repairs and home construction. We provide home repairs to qualifying families who

**230**  
repairs made  
**165**  
families served

own their homes and who are below specific income levels. We also promote home ownership opportunities for low income families while helping to stabilize neighborhoods. In the Ole Asheboro and Glenwood neighborhoods in Greensboro and the Southside neighborhood in High Point, we are building new homes on vacant lots and rehabilitating existing properties. With our emphasis on home repairs and affordable homeownership, we are rebuilding homes, restoring hope and keeping our neighbors warmer, drier, and safer.

## WARMER

Too many residents in Guilford County live without heat or use unsafe heat sources to heat their homes. When **John** called in last year and explained how he was using his open stove to keep himself warm during extreme cold temperatures, we knew we needed to act. For John it was a safe space heater until repairs could be made, but we also assess homes for energy efficiency and provide assistance with air sealing and insulating homes making them more affordable to heat, cool, and maintain for years to come. Homeowners have reported a savings of up to a 25% reduction in home energy usage, a savings of up to \$600 per year.

## DRIER

**Mechelle** was two years old when she moved into her family home on Milburn Street. This is where she played hide and seek, where she made friends, and where she lived with her mother until her death in 2015. Before her mother died, this home had begun to deteriorate. It was infested with rodents and the roof was leaking. Mechelle wondered how she might be able to save this house that had meant so much to her throughout her life. After contacting CHS and six months of work, Mechelle’s home was repaired so that she could live in it again. Her childhood home has a new roof, new flooring and new life, and Mechelle and her children - and her children’s children - will have a place to call home.

## SAFER

**Ruby** is a part of our Aging Gracefully program where teams of occupational therapists and nurses work with homeowners to assess needs and CHS staff and volunteers provide accessibility modifications that will help them stay in their homes safely for more years. Ruby wanted to soak in the bathtub without falling and to move safely in and out of her home. We installed three grab bars in her tub and replaced the rotting floors under her toilet. In addition, a concrete walkway was poured and rotten doors were replaced. These modifications have made Ruby safe and stable as she carries out her daily activities.

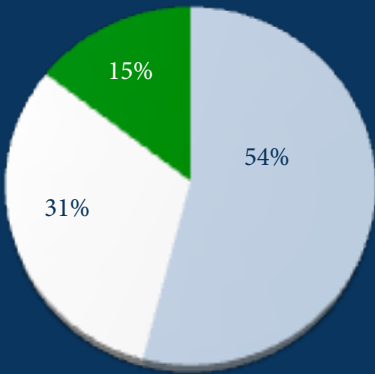


CHS Executive Director  
Gene Brown with a  
new homeowner in one  
of our new homes.

“We are so very grateful for the work done at my mom’s home. My siblings and I feel she is much safer and we are truly grateful for the professional work done to her home and for the fine people who provided for her needs.”

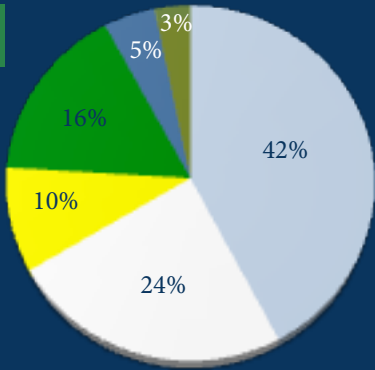
– Sandy Paige, daughter of homeowner in Guilford County

## 2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



### Expenses

- Home Repair
- New Construction
- Admin/General Operating



### Income

- Government
- Foundations
- Program Income
- Businesses
- Faith/Civic Organizations
- Individuals



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Community support is what makes our work possible. You can help by:

- Making a donation so that we can help more people in Guilford County at [www.chshousing.org](http://www.chshousing.org).
- Organizing a group to volunteer.
- Donating construction tools or materials.
- Liking us on Facebook so you can read about our success stories and the impact we are having on homeowners in Guilford County.
- Signing up to receive our E-Newsletter twice a month.

For more information on how to you can help Community Housing Solutions continue to make an impact in Guilford County, contact Melinda Billings at [mbillings@chshousing.org](mailto:mbillings@chshousing.org).

## 2018 IMPACT GOALS

### Home Repairs:

Serve **160** families making homes warmer, drier and safer in Guilford County with **250** home repair projects.

### Home Ownership:

Build **5** new homes and rehab **1** home for homeownership opportunities in Southside, Ole Asheboro and the Glenwood Neighborhoods.

### Aging Gracefully:

Complete 2nd year of national demonstration project serving older adults with accessibility modifications.



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