

# Shaun Jones and Sussex County Habitat for Humanity

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## Habitat's Mission: Affordable Housing

The mission of Sussex County Habitat for Humanity is to build simple, decent, and affordable houses in partnership with low-income families in Sussex County.

Since 1991, through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, the Georgetown affiliate has built 44 homes in Sussex County. Sixty-six adults and 120 children live in Habitat homes.

The philosophy is simple: Habitat provides a "hand-up, not a hand-out." Families are selected on the basis of the need for housing, ability to pay a no-profit, no-interest mortgage, and their willingness to partner. Homeowner candidates invest sweat equity by helping to build their homes and the homes of others. Mortgage payments go into Habitat's "Fund for Humanity" and are used to build more houses with more families in the future.



Shaun Jones quickly recognized the need for an annual event capable of raising a consistent, if not growing, amount of money to fund Habitat's future home construction. To that end, he has organized and carried out a successful annual Silent Auction and Golf Outing for the past four years.

The two-day event that Shaun chose to conduct, the Habitat for Humanity Silent Auction and Golf Outing, has other significant benefits for Habitat for Humanity. He has spread the word regarding the mission of Habitat to financial supporters, volunteers, attendees and, through his publicity efforts, to the public at large. Further, his friends and acquaintances, who became involved because they enjoyed the two-day event, have become loyal supporters of Habitat.