

Dear Friends of LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity –

Recently there have been several questions regarding a Habitat home that has been placed on the market. We appreciate the community's concern and deep rooted care for the situation and we want to address these questions and concerns to give clarity.

- Habitat for Humanity Partner Families purchase their homes through the organization and are obligated to monthly payments that is monitored.
- Federal guidelines do not permit Habitat to restrict the homeowner as to what they may or may not do with their home.
- In the case of a homeowner selling, we do have the first right to refuse and buy the home back by paying the homeowner the difference of owed versus market value. This safe guard is one that helps prevent “home flipping,” but would only be exercised if the need was there and best for Habitat and the community.
- The lives of our Partner Families change, evolve, and expand which may lead to a family needing to move on to something that suits them better.

Habitat for Humanity was started to help individuals and families to have homeownership. The goals for our Partner Families are:

- Help them break from the cycle of poverty they may be caught in.
- Provide a starter home for the families. Many times the families will stay their entire lives at this home, but there are instances where change is necessary.
- Build equity overtime so that if it does become time to leave the home, they can use that built equity to move on to their next chapter in a home that is more suited.

Although it is sad to see a Habitat home sold, it is also an exciting new chapter not just for the family leaving but for the family who will begin to have their memories there. LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity thanks every member of the community for their continued support. We have more homes scheduled to be built in the near future and we are excited to continue to provide affordable housing in LaGrange County.

If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, John Sisson, at 260-463-8519 or johnsisson@lagrangehabitat.org

Sincerely –

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