



DENNY'S BUILD 2009

Framing of Denny's Habitat House #3 was the highlight of the Third Annual Denny's Build, held April 24, 2009. The event was made possible by the financial support of Denny's Corporation and through the effort of 163 Denny's employee volunteers.

Mayor William Barnet welcomed everyone during a breakfast meeting prior to the start of the day's work, expressing his thanks for the help Denny's is providing to develop the West Henry Neighborhood.

Tom Webster introduced Habitat guests, current homeowner Earlene Norris and future homeowners Cedric and Kalaina Jackson. Earlene, who just recently paid off her mortgage, spoke about the merits of the Habitat mission to provide affordable housing. The Jackson's expressed their excitement on being qualified for a Habitat home and on being near the end of the process to become homeowners. Cedric and Kalaina worked alongside Denny's volunteers on the house that will soon become their home.



Webster gave special recognition to Roebuck Builders, Solesbee Construction, and TN Construction for providing construction supervision and to the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club for their help with landscaping. The construction supervisors guided the activity of the volunteers as they worked on four separate homes on Highland Street. The Men's Garden Club, with direction from Henry Pittman, completed the landscaping for two of the four homes during the Denny's Build.

Following a morning of hard work, the volunteers were treated to a lunch catered by Bull Hawgs BBQ. After lunch the group was sent back to work by Reverend Meg Barnhouse and Kiya Heartwood of the Unitarian Universalist Church singing "MY OWN TWO HANDS", a fitting song for all the work that was accomplished by many hands.