



People Helping People: **Credit Unions Care** to Celebrated Completion of Knoxville Habitat Build on Wednesday, August 22

KNOXVILLE, TENN [August 15, 2018] – Since May 2018, **Credit Unions Care** has collaborated with Knoxville Habitat for Humanity to help address the need for affordable housing where they live, work and play. This project was a collaborative effort of the Knoxville Chapter of Credit Unions and eight area credit unions, including:

- Enrichment Federal Credit Union
- ETMA Federal Credit Union
- Knoxville Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union
- Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union
- New South Credit Union
- ORNL Federal Credit Union
- UT Federal Credit Union
- Y-12 Federal Credit Union

The build brought together credit union employees to build a home with **Tyra Gann**, a hardworking single mother in need of a safe and affordable home for her family.

The eight local credit unions took the credit union philosophy of “people helping people” to the next level by working together to build a Knoxville Habitat home. Gann invested 500 hours of “sweat equity” with the Knoxville Habitat program through classes and volunteer work. Because of her commitment, and the partnership with **Credit Unions Care**, she dedicated her new home on August 22.

About Knoxville Habitat for Humanity

Knoxville Habitat for Humanity is an independent, non-profit, Christian housing ministry that partners with people of all beliefs. Knoxville Habitat has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1985 and builds homes in partnership with people in need of affordable housing.

Families are very much invested in the process of buying their new homes, and they pay mortgages like anyone with a traditional home loan. In addition to their mortgage, each family must contribute 500 hours of sweat equity as a down payment before they can move in, most of which are spent in classes learning how to budget and become a responsible homeowner. Volunteers and future homeowners provide the labor in building the homes, while tax-deductible donations of money, land and materials are provided by individuals, organizations and corporations. Knoxville Habitat has built more than 560 homes in Knox County. For more information or to donate, visit knoxvillehabitat.com.