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## **Transylvania Habitat for Humanity Welcomes New Community Outreach Manager**

**Brevard, NC** - Transylvania Habitat for Humanity, a nearly 40-year-old leading nonprofit in the county, welcomes Adam DeWitte as the new Community Outreach Manager beginning in April of 2023. The position will help to advance Habitat's work addressing the affordable housing crisis through recruitment of volunteers, creating partnerships with local organizations and congregations, and advocating for low-income individuals and families in need of decent housing.

"Transylvania Habitat seeks to serve more families each year through the launch of our Critical Home Repair Program, our neighborhood revitalization efforts in the Rosenwald community, and by increasing the number of houses we build throughout the county," said Angie Hunter, Habitat's Executive Director. "In order to accomplish this goal, Habitat needs to grow our volunteer base, raise additional funds from local sources, and partner with organizations who share in our vision of a world in which everyone has a decent place to live."

The local nonprofit was established in 1984 through grass roots efforts from concerned members of Brevard Davidson River Church. Through hard work, volunteerism, dedication, and faith, Transylvania Habitat has become one of the county's most recognizable nonprofits and was awarded the 2022 "Guidestar Award of Platinum Transparency", the highest achievement a nonprofit can accomplish.

After recognizing the need for Habitat to further strengthen their community connections county-wide, Hunter, who was brought on board in 2019, approached the Board of Directors with a potential "capacity building" grant through HUD that would fund the position for three years. After approval, DeWitte was selected to wear the hat in the newly created position, which will include making and strengthening connections throughout the county that share in Habitat's vision in tackling the affordable housing crisis. Paramount in the position is to attract an array of volunteers to help build and repair homes for qualified families and individuals through an application process handled in-house.

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of what Habitat for Humanity offers Transylvania County – a chance to achieve health, community, educational and economic growth, and dignity through home ownership,” stated DeWitte of his role. “I couldn’t be more thrilled and humbled to join this important family and watch it continue to grow and create so many positive changes to our corner of the world.”

No stranger to nonprofit partnerships and community relations, DeWitte has spent most of his past 25 years in the workforce educating and speaking to the public, supervising educators, engaging with donors and volunteers, and learning the importance of true, effective nonprofit management. Being offered the position with Transylvania Habitat for Humanity came on the heels of DeWitte working with a local construction LLC on home renovation and repair projects around the county, forging a working knowledge of construction practices.

Because the nonprofit has committed to growing its number of families served by 260% over the next three years, the focus will be in getting Habitat’s story “out there”, demystifying misconceptions, and recruiting additional support so the team can serve more families quicker due to the urgency in building and repairing affordable housing.

“Imagine a community as amazing as ours, where everyone can have a chance at dignity, hopefulness, and strength through decent shelter,” concluded DeWitte. “With a little help, we all have the potential to stand on our own. That’s the core of Transylvania Habitat for Humanity – everyone can do something to help make this dream a reality.”

Founded in 1984, Transylvania Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) organization with a vision of ensuring that all residents have a decent place in which to live. To volunteer at the ReStore, to help build or repair homes, or to schedule a speaking engagement with Habitat, please contact Adam DeWitte at 828-884-3907 or via email at [adam.dewitte@transylvaniahabitat.org](mailto:adam.dewitte@transylvaniahabitat.org). For more information about Transylvania Habitat for Humanity at-a-glance or to make a donation, please visit the Habitat website at [www.transylvaniahabitat.org](http://www.transylvaniahabitat.org) or call 828-884-3464.