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## **Transylvania Habitat Celebrates Volunteer Dedication**

**Brevard, NC** – Transylvania Habitat for Humanity recently hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Event at Ecusta Brewing Company, honoring the hard work, dedication, and spirit of volunteerism that has been pivotal to the organization's success in combating the affordable housing crisis in Transylvania County. The event, attended by approximately 80 volunteers, staff, and Board and Committee members, was a vibrant and exciting celebration of community, commitment, mission, and shared achievements.

Transylvania Habitat Executive Director Angie Hunter expressed her gratitude to the group, stating "This event is but a small gesture of our immense appreciation for our volunteers, who are the backbone of our organization. Their dedication is inspiring, and it's an honor to celebrate their contributions."

In a heartfelt acknowledgment of the years of service and unwavering support, staff members presented awards to 12 remarkable volunteers, each of whom has contributed over a decade of service to the organization.

"These individuals have been instrumental in driving the mission forward, dedicating countless hours to building homes, communities, and hope", remarked Director of Construction Mike Krauter, who had the pleasure of working with many of the award recipients throughout the year. "It was an honor to shake their hands and acknowledge their efforts in the ReStore, on the construction crew, and within the administration."

Among the evening's honorees was Don Campbell, who received special recognition for being awarded the Governor's Volunteer of the Year for his many years of service to the affiliate.

"This prestigious accolade is a testament to Mr. Campbell's exceptional dedication and his significant impact on the lives of those in need within our community," Hunter added.

The evening was further highlighted by the generous contributions of local businesses and individuals, who donated a variety of raffle items as a token of appreciation for the volunteers' selfless efforts. This gesture not only added excitement to the event but also underscored the strong community support for Habitat's vision. In all, 25 prizes were handed out to the volunteers, and included donations from such local businesses as WNCW, the Lucy Clark Gallery & Studio, The Hub, Brown Bean Coffee Roasters, Broadstreet Wines, and Jennings Builders Supply.

“This event would not have been possible without Josh Chambers, and the staff at Ecusta Brewing Company, and their donation of their entire brewery for this very special event,” remarked Community Outreach Manager Adam DeWitte. “From the location to the incredible food from Smoke On BBQ, to an amazing and beautiful cake from Blue Ridge Bakery, the evening was truly magical.”

The event not only served as a celebration of past achievements but also as a rallying call for future endeavors. As Transylvania Habitat for Humanity continues to address the affordable housing needs of the community with its local partners, the support and dedication of volunteers remain more crucial than ever.

Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024, 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. For more information about the homeownership or critical home repair programs, Habitat ReStore, or to make a donation, please visit the Habitat website at [www.transylvaniahabitat.org](http://www.transylvaniahabitat.org) or call 828-884-3464.