



It takes more than a hammer and nails to build a house. No one knows this better than the volunteers at Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary during 2010 and continues its mission to build safe, decent and affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County recently took its mission a step further by becoming one of fifty Habitat for Humanity affiliates nationwide selected to help launch Habitat's new Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

"The Revitalization Initiative is helping us move in the direction of home renovation and repair in addition to our core traditional mission of building new houses," Sylvia Oberle, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, said. "We actually started this move through the revitalization of North Cherry Street, where we partnered with the city and private developers in ensuring that houses and apartments were renovated alongside our new houses."

In addition to the Revitalization Initiative, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County has built several homes on vacant or foreclosed lots in recent months. "It's a great opportunity to construct homes on ready-to-build lots and help complete neighborhoods that perhaps had stalled due to a lull in construction," Oberle added.

Butler + Burke is proud to consider itself part of the team at Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County. "We've worked with Kevin Rhodes and other staff at Butler + Burke for about three years, and each one of them has been extremely knowledgeable of our needs and wonderful work partners," Oberle said. "They give us the support, advice and guidance we need to fulfill our mission with financial confidence."

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