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## Affordable Housing program completes two ENERGY-STAR certified new homes

Earlier this spring, ADFAC's Affordable Housing program completed its first two new constructions to be certified by the ENERGY STAR program. The two homes earned the ENERGY STAR by meeting strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The homes, one in Clinton and 1 in Oak Ridge, were constructed using a variety of practices and products that promote energy savings in the home.

Both homes have **conditioned crawlspaces** - a different take on traditional vented crawlspaces. In a conditioned crawlspace, the

area is made as airtight as possible, reducing moisture and preventing mold and wood rot. The crawlspace remains warm, dry and clean - and also helps to lower utility bills!

### **Hybrid electric heat pump water heaters**

were also installed in both homes. The heat pump pulls heat from the air, increases the heat with a compressor and transfers the heat to the water. The technology is so efficient that it cuts energy consumption by over half when compared to traditional electric water heaters!

The new homes were outfitted with **mechanical ventilation**. The houses are

constructed to be airtight. Outside air is brought in through a filter which both cleans the air and decreases humidity; air is then cycled back outside. The continuous air exchange dilutes indoor pollutants and is more energy efficient.

All **appliances** in both homes (and all of ADFAC's new homes) are also ENERGY STAR certified.

These, and other, efforts resulted in the homes being considerably more efficient than traditionally-built homes. To qualify for ENERGY STAR certification, the homes were constructed by licensed contractors under the supervision of a HERS rater (ADFAC's own Bronzie Harris), who performed inspections throughout the



construction process. Upon completion of the homes, Bronzie completed final inspections of the buildings, generated HERS scores and certified the homes as ENERGY STAR.

All ENERGY STAR homes must be at least 15% more efficient than traditionally built houses. The home in Clinton received a HERS rating of 72 - meaning it is 28% more efficient; with a score of 76, the Oak Ridge home is 24% more efficient.

These numbers translate into real savings for ADFAC's clients. If a family in a traditional home spends \$2,400 a year on utilities - the same family living in one of the above homes would save roughly \$600 per year! As it is the mission of our program to provide quality, affordable housing opportunities to low-income families, we are excited about this new way to serve our clients.





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## Y-12 provides Days of Caring for School Supplies

During April and May, employees from Y-12 donated their time on two Fridays to assist with ADFAC's upcoming School Supplies program, an annual event that provides low-income K-12 students with back-to-school items such as backpacks, notebook paper, pencils, glue sticks and scissors.

Their work was part of B&W Y-12's "Volunteer Days," an ongoing event in which Y-12 employees, friends and families give their time to help local non-profit agencies.

The employees assisted ADFAC Special Programs Coordinator Doris Doherty with a thorough inventory of thousands of items in over 90 different supply categories. A generous donation from Y-12 enabled the group to provide ADFAC with ten new 6-ft folding tables that were used to organize and set up the room for the upcoming distribution.

"It's a huge undertaking," Doris said. "And all of the volunteers truly shined! Their commitment to completing the inventory and setup was tremendous! It's such a relief to have the room ready for the distribution process. Now that it's set up, I can focus on raising awareness of the program and look ahead to what additional

supplies need to be purchased to serve nearly 1,400 students."

Distribution will take place in mid-July for students who attend Willow Brook and will continue later in July and August for students who attend other Oak Ridge, Clinton City or Anderson County schools. Using the supply lists provided by the schools, volunteers assist the students in making sure that they have all the required supplies for their particular grade. Students are able to choose their own backpacks and colors/styles of

Variety of Eastern Tennessee, Altrusa/Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary, the Aslan Foundation, the Todd Helton Foundation, and Delta Dental. While these grants cover a portion of the need, additional community support is essential in order to meet the school supply needs of hundreds of students.

Please consider helping a child in your community by supporting the School Supplies program. You can make an individual monetary or supply donation and/or you can help coordinate a collection site for donated supplies through your church, business or other community organization. Donations of school supplies will be accepted at ADFAC between July 6th and August 12th. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated (even \$5 or \$10 can make a difference!) and can be mailed to:

ADFAC School Supplies  
 PO Box 5953  
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Donations can also be given through ADFAC's website: [www.adfac.org/help.html](http://www.adfac.org/help.html). When asked how to designate your donation, enter "School Supplies."

And, as always, thank you for your support!



*Y-12 employees helping organize the School Supplies distribution room took a break from their work for a picture with Y-12 President and General Manager, Darrel Kohlhorst. Pictured from left to right are Loren Webber, Kerri Hunsaker Stannard, Darrel Kohlhorst, Stacy Grant, and Jim Anderson. Not pictured was Gail Hackett.*

supplies whenever possible. "It's a very special experience for these kids, who don't often get the chance to 'shop' and make personal choices."

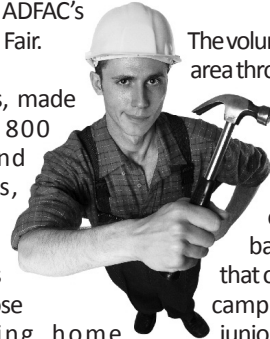
Each year the ADFAC School Supply program depends on hundreds of volunteer hours as well as contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations. This year, the program has been fortunate to receive generous support from

## Over 6 dozen homes repaired through annual Repair Fair

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, the lives and homes of approximately 80 local families will be changed and improved, thanks to the care and effort of hundreds of volunteers and ADFAC's summer Repair Fair.

The volunteers, made up of over 800 teenagers and adult leaders, traveled from all over the United States with the purpose of completing home repairs for local low-income homeowners. From June 20 through July 1, the volunteers could be seen at worksites throughout Anderson County. Working through the

telltale East Tennessee heat, humidity and thunderstorms, this exceptional group of young adults went above and beyond to help our neighbors live in safer and healthier homes.



The volunteers come to our area through a partnership with REACH Workcamps. REACH is a non-profit organization based in Colorado, that offers quality work camp experiences for junior and senior high school students from across the country. This is the 17th year ADFAC and REACH have partnered to coordinate the Repair Fair.

## Myrick Scholarship awarded to ORHS Student

Congratulations to Ravin Thomasson, the 2011 recipient of the Myrick Scholarship! Ravin recently graduated from Oak Ridge High School, where she took the AP Environmental Sciences course under the direction of volunteer Tim Myrick. She will be attending UT-Knoxville next year, majoring in Environmental Sciences, and is serving as an intern at ORNL this summer.

To date, ten scholarships have been provided to deserving students for a variety of high school, college and trade school needs.



# 2011 Membership donors recognized

ADFAC is very pleased to welcome over 215 individuals and families to ADFAC's 2011 Membership roster - our largest Membership ever! ***Thank you!*** Donations received after publication time will be listed in the upcoming fall newsletter.

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# Corporate Membership Drive

This spring, ADFAC launched its first Corporate Membership Drive in several years. So far, over a dozen local businesses have responded with generous support, and corporate contributions continue to come in. Thank you so much!

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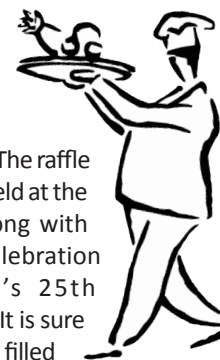
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# 'Feed the Need' leaping and bounding toward October



It's hard to believe, but the fifth annual Feed the Need fundraiser is less than four months away!

Feed the Need is ADFAC's yearly signature event in which local restaurants donate a significant portion of their sales from the day(s) they choose to participate. This will be the second year that Feed the Need will span an entire week - Monday, October 17th through Saturday, October 22. Additional support for the event comes from our business sponsors and the sales of Feed the Need donation cards.

announced. The raffle will also be held at the meeting, along with a kick-off celebration for ADFAC's 25th anniversary. It is sure to be a night filled with joy, gratitude and fellowship!

To date, business supporters include *Silver Sponsors* **Herron-Connell Insurance, Holman's and Suntrust** as well as *Bronze Sponsors* **Enrichment Federal Credit Union, J & M's Butcher Shop, Joe Marshall and Mortgage Investors Group.**

*The Clinton Courier, Oak Ridge Observer and Oak Ridger* have once again generously agreed to be *Media Sponsors.*

This year, we're adding a fun and exciting twist to Feed the Need: a raffle with several top-notch food-related prizes, including a wine and gourmet food basket valued at over \$300. Tickets will be sold during the entire month of October. The full list of prizes and an order form will be included in the fall issue of *ADFAC's*; tickets will also be available for purchase through ADFAC's website.



Numerous restaurants have already signed up to participate, including Burchfield's, Mediterranean Delight, Oliver's Restaurant & Catering, Razzleberry's and Venice Pizza - all in Oak Ridge, Hoskin's Drugstore in Clinton, and 5 area Subway locations. New sponsors and restaurants are being added frequently; for the most current information, please visit [www.adfac.org/feedtheneed](http://www.adfac.org/feedtheneed).

We look forward to seeing you during that delicious October week!

Feed the Need will culminate at ADFAC's Annual Meeting on Friday, November 4, where all event participants will be recognized and the top three Feed the Need restaurant contributors will be

## ADFAC now accepting donations online

Thanks to a partnership with the nonprofit JustGive, ADFAC has joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century and is now able to accept credit card donations online.



To make a donation, visit [www.adfac.org/help.html](http://www.adfac.org/help.html) and click on the "Donate now using justgive.org" button. You will be

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- Repair Fair photos
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