

Hurricane Helene

two years later

recovery continues

power of collaboration



Two years after Hurricane Helene, the need for home repair remains significant. Through the Asheville Regional Coalition for Home Repair (ARCHR), Asheville Habitat continues to provide no-cost disaster repairs for low-income homeowners who are uninsured or underinsured. With the coalition structure solidified, the second year has been marked with growth- utilizing local and national subcontractors to help more clients and take on more challenging repairs. As a result, nearly 350 repairs have been completed. And, Asheville Habitat's traditional home repair program continues to assist homeowners in Buncombe and Madison counties with repairs unrelated to Helene who earn less than 70% of the area median income.

ARCHR dashboard

(as of 08/31/26)

Applications
approved **642**

Jobs
complete **321**



*"It's not only the air quality, but just the emotional level and the lack of stress has just lifted everything. The biggest thing about the home repair was that it was unsafe and I can handle that for myself- but once we get it done **we can have our grandkids in the house.**"*

- Sam and Gil, Madison County homeowners

partnerships

The generosity of the community is inspiring, as people continue to give and help rebuild. Asheville Christian Academy, whose own Swannanoa-based campus was destroyed by the storm, donated \$300,000 to fund ten home repair jobs in Swannanoa and volunteered. ARCHR launched its first ever public fundraising campaign to raise \$1 million, with a \$500,000 leadership gift from the residents of Deerfield and the Deerfield Charitable Foundation. The community responded with another \$500,000 in collective donations! The support of these partners and so many others enables ARCHR to continue helping the hundreds of approved households waiting for relief.



volunteers

Since the storm, Asheville Habitat has hosted more out of town volunteer groups than ever before. This is in large part thanks to Thrivent, who will bring 16 teams in 2026 and contribute 6,500 hours of service. Since 2005, Thrivent, a holistic financial services organization, has contributed nearly 6.4 million volunteer hours to Habitat around the world. In addition to out of town groups, local residents continue to show up to help build and rebuild. Whether once or once a week, we are grateful for their support.



*"It's wonderful to see Asheville Christian Academy, as a prominent organization and employer in the Swannanoa community, recognizing the need and **stepping up with this level of funding to serve their neighbors**. We're grateful that our mission aligns with their vision of how they want to use these funds within their community."*

- Joel Johnson, AAHH Home Repair Director



new home

Habitat homes continue to be a part of the region's recovery as new affordable housing is desperately needed to replace what was lost. This year we finished the Glenn Bridge neighborhood in Arden, and 34 families now call that neighborhood home. Currently, construction continues in New Heights Phase II (60 homes), with nine homes already purchased by qualifying families who completed Habitat's Homeownership program.

Thank you!

We are grateful for every donation, every volunteer hour, every message of encouragement, and every vote of confidence. Together, we will continue to restore safety, stability, and hope to neighbors still living in temporary or unsafe conditions.



*"This has been a life changing week! Seeing the process, the love, and **the raw desire to help people in their time of need** and get them set up for years to come has been a blessing to see."*

*- Jason Walker,
Thrivent volunteer from Arizona*