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Habitat for Humanity volunteers joined the Lee Family for a Jan. 25 blessing and dedication of the new Lee Family home.
Photo by Jarrett Whitener

ReStore is located on Welborn Street in front of The Skillet Cafe. Three years in the making, the move came after the Georgia Department of Transportation acquired the old ReStore property for the upcoming Georgia 515 widening/relocation project.

“This (new home) project has taken us a year, and they are normally done within six or seven months,” Thomas said. “Moving the ReStore and office have taken (priority), but we finally got that taken care of, and we were able to finish this

home for this family.

“We are glad that we got it all done, and the home looks amazing, even if it took us longer to get it together. You can see how happy the family is to finally be here, and they have worked hard with us to make this home possible.”

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that partners with future and current homeowners to build safe, decent and affordable homes for working families, according to habitat.org.

The homes that Habitat

builds are not giveaways and are not free homes, but they are the start of what a family needs to enter the homeownership process.

This year’s home build occurred in Young Harris off Gumlog Road, with the Lee Family receiving the home in a special dedication on Jan. 25.

“We heard about Habitat about three years ago,” Lacy Lee said. “We applied every year, and we finally got picked this year. It was really a blessing, and we are very grateful to be here and to be a part of the Habitat family.”

Habitat and the Lee Family have put in their share of work on the house to make the endeavor a reality for the family to have a home that they will pay for over time.

To celebrate the home completion, the organization and the family thanked everyone who helped over the last year and said a prayer for the family and the home on Saturday.

Habitat for Humanity aims to build one home every year, with the organization always looking for new ways to involve school students who may want to help in the home building projects.

Over the next few months, the organization will be working to flesh out the details of their next project and moving forward with their goals.

For more information on what Habitat for Humanity does and for info on how to volunteer, visit TownsUnionHabitat.org.

Auditions for *Aladdin* February 22 at Peacock Performing Arts Center

“Watch For The Flying Carpet” Saturday, February 22nd. Auditions will be held for Ms. Robbie’s Summer Performing Arts Camp and Play. This is the 12th year for this camp and has become in great demand for children 5 years thru 16 years. Auditions are held for Ms. Robbie Dernehl to find children who can portray the personalities and characters she wants to see in the play.

During the camp, children have the opportunity to work with professionals in the performing arts world for 2 weeks and then be in a theatrical production complete with sets, costumes, songs and dances. They perform the play three times for audiences. Camp dates are June 8 through the 21st, and the

camp is held at the “Peacock Performing Arts Center”, in Hayesville, NC. Auditions will be Saturday, February 22nd at the Towns County Historical Society in Hiawassee (the old Recreation Center on the lake), 900 N. Main Street, Hiawassee. Audition times are 10 AM to 2 PM on that Saturday. Children should be familiar with the story of “Aladdin”. They should come prepared to read for a couple characters, and sing a song or do part of a dance if they are interested in a solo during the show.

If they have other talents they want to show off, Ms. Robbie would love to see them! They do not need to dress in costume or have previous experience. Call Ms. Robbie for an audition time: 706-897-1041. NTJan29.A1ISH