

### **In Memory of our Dear Friend, Richard Rogers**

Richard Rogers was highly admired and respected by everyone at Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity (AOHFH). He began volunteering with AOHFH in 2010 and worked alongside leaders such as Phil Garrett, to help lead volunteers in the construction efforts on many homes.

Rogers loved each of our Habitat partner families. During his time volunteering, he helped more than 30 families realize the dream and responsibility of home ownership through his efforts on the construction site. It was evident that he truly cared about people, as he dedicated time to get to know each family personally. He also took time to explain to them the details of the home construction, including the components on the home and how the systems operated, because it was important to him that they understood more about their home.

Richard had a true passion for building and construction, and he did everything with excellence. As a retired NASA engineer, he made sure to pay close attention to every detail. Producing quality work was very important to him and he consistently ensured that Habitat's work was up to par. Only a few homeowners can say that their home was built by a NASA engineer, and many of our partner families were privileged to have had Richard help build their home. Richard also traveled with the Habitat Care-a-Vanners each year to work on homes in Georgia and North Carolina. He was a true asset to Habitat in numerous ways. For his devotion to this ministry, he was awarded Volunteer of the Year, the Leadership Award of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award, as he led AOHFH in building many affordable homes for hard working partner families.

Part of Habitat's mission is building community. Richard helped AOHFH build a community of hundreds of volunteers who work together for the common cause of good. His leadership was instrumental in the Interfaith Habitat house, as he brought together volunteers from different communities of faith. He also recruited many faithful volunteers from St. Michael's Catholic Church, who continued to build and lead the construction efforts on many local homes.

It was an honor to know Richard not only as a volunteer, but also as a friend who always exemplified love, kindness, and compassion to his neighbor. Habitat is truly thankful for his hard work, servant leadership, and dear friendship. He will be greatly missed, but we will make it a priority to follow his example so that his legacy continues to live on in our community.

As we celebrate the beautiful life that Richard lived, we remember the quote that says, "Nothing beautiful in this world is ever really lost, all things beloved live on in our hearts... forever."

Auburn Opelika Habitat expresses our deepest sympathy to his wife, Dana, and his entire family. You all will be in our prayers. God bless each of you.

- The Auburn Opelika Habitat Family

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