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## **SRMC and SRNS team up to help fund Habitat for Humanity home in Aiken**

**AIKEN, S.C.** July 31, 2023 – The two largest Department of Energy contractors at the Savannah River Site (SRS) recently partnered to make the dream of owning a home come true for an Aiken family. Both companies contributed \$10,000 to pay for building materials to enable Aiken County Habitat for Humanity (Aiken County HFH) and their volunteers to construct the home for Charise “Nikki” Harper and her daughters Karmen and Carlee.

“This is house number 134 for us since our organization was founded in Aiken County in 1988,” said Arie Murphy, Aiken County HFH Executive Director. “This home would still be just a dream for Nikki if not for Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC) and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). Both companies have generously helped us with Habitat houses in the past.”

SRMC and SRNS have a multi-year history of supporting many nonprofit agencies throughout the region.

“It was rewarding to be a part of this project,” said Shawna Lloyd, an SRNS employee who serves on the Aiken County HFH board of directors and was heavily involved in the months of making the Harper home a reality. “I’m so happy for this wonderful family.”

Lloyd noted that Aiken County HFH is only one of many ways SRNS works to give back to the communities near SRS. She mentioned examples such as United Way, Toys for Tots, Golden Harvest Food Bank and more than seven educational outreach programs.

SRMC Human Resources Director Ted Myers serves as treasurer of the area’s Habitat for Humanity board of directors.

“Supporting a group like Habitat for Humanity is such a worthwhile investment for SRMC,” Myers said. “As a member of the greater Aiken community, we are proud to be able to offer our time, talents and treasure to help strengthen underserved communities. It’s exciting to be a part of the effort to construct a new home for this family.”

Since 1988, Aiken County HFH has built new houses for families in Aiken County through their homeownership program.

“My heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers and suppliers as well as those who contributed their time, funds and materials towards the construction of this very special home,” said Murphy.



*Charise “Nikki” Harper (center) and her daughters Karmen and Carlee recently took possession of their Aiken County Habitat for Humanity (Aiken County HFH) dream home in front of onlookers including (from left) DT Townsend, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions; Ted Myers, Savannah River Mission Completion; Arie Murphy, Aiken County HFH Executive Director; Andrea Bridges, Aiken County HFH Family Service Shepherd and Sabina Craig, Aiken County HFH Board Chair.*