



JIG Employees Swing Hammers for Habitat Project Part of JIG's Corporate Commitment to Giving Back and Going 'Green'

JIG employees demonstrated both their brains and their brawn as more than 100 put their backs into building better communities this summer by constructing Atlanta Habitat for Humanity's first-ever townhouse project.

JIG was one of six corporate sponsors to fund construction and provide volunteer workers for the project located in the City of Atlanta. Completed on an 8-week schedule, the result is the first of two townhome units. JIG partnered with SunTrust for the construction of one of the three homes, and worked alongside employees from other corporate sponsors AGL Resources, GE Energy, Hardin Construction and Equifax.



JIG President & CEO Don Allen said the Habitat project aligned perfectly with JIG's commitment to bettering communities and the environment.

"The townhouses demonstrate Atlanta Habitat's smart urban planning and the benefits of building 'green.' JIG has for years incorporated green concepts into its infrastructure and planning projects across the region, and recently we adopted an internal initiative called JJGreen. We are proud of our employees for moving this commitment beyond the work place and into the community."

Although known for building traditional single-family houses, Atlanta Habitat introduced two-story attached townhouses to use land more efficiently and keep homes affordable for working families. Transit is another key component of smart urban planning, and the site for the homes was chosen to be within walking distance of a MARTA station. Each of the 3-bedroom townhouse units were constructed to EarthCraft House/ENERGY STAR certification standards.

JIG employees expressed pride in the project, and their opportunity to participate. "Anyone can talk about making a change, but it's way more fun to walk around with dirt and paint all over you and wait for someone to ask how you got so dirty," remarked Katie Englishby.

John Watkins added, "What a great experience to work alongside the person who would be living in the townhome and watch her building her own home!" Anita Kumar echoed that sense of satisfaction, "Habitat for Humanity gave me the opportunity to step outside of myself and lend a helping hand to someone in need."

