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Dear Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners,

Habitat for Humanity Charlotte is committed to empowering all to joyfully share their gifts and energy in our collective mission of building strength, stability & self-reliance through shelter. The goal through our Neighborhood Revitalization Program is to advocate community wide change that empowers residents to take ownership and pride in their neighborhood, and to enhance the quality of life for all its residents.

On November 10, 2018, Habitat Charlotte's Neighborhood Revitalization Program, in partnership with the Lakewood Neighborhood Alliance (LNA), Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful, Charlotte Community Toolbank and the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation, successfully completed the "Keep Lakewood Beautiful" day. Also part of this effort, we received a Lowe's Impact grant to partner with the residents of Lakewood to complete upgrades and renovations to the Lakewood Neighborhood Park. To date, we have completed the following: a mass clean up, installation of new seating around the park, installed bleachers between the baseball field and basketball courts, installed solar lighting in the rear end of park, placed new steal garbage cans throughout the park, and new picnic tables under the shelter; retouched painting on the existing benches and wall along the basketball courts.

The last big project that we would like to complete is an upgrade to the basketball courts. The planned upgrade will include repairing, resurfacing, and repainting the courts and basketball goals. We have received a quote from Sport Court Carolina Inc. for the cost of the project. (See Attachment). With your support for this project, we will begin and complete the project in the spring of 2019.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to partner with Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation to bring the aspirations and desires of the residents of the Lakewood Neighborhood to a reality.

In Community Spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherika Eskridge".

Sherika Eskridge
Neighborhood Revitalization Program Coordinator

every one
deserves a decent place to live