

## **Winston Salem Homebuilders Association Contributes to Building a Stronger Community**

The Kernersville Foundation was the recipient of a \$2500.00 contribution from the Home Builders Association of Winston Salem. The Homebuilders Association donated a portion of net proceeds from their recent “Nailed It! 5K Pumpkin Run,” which was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The contribution to the Kernersville Foundation is part of the Home Builder’s Association ongoing commitment to supporting the local community.

Michael Ensore (Veritas Construction), chair of the Nailed It! 5 K Pumpkin run said, “By contributing to this respected organization, we aim to foster growth, enhance well-being, and promote positive change within the Kernersville area. This donation not only reflects the association’s dedication to giving back but also strengthens the community’s foundation, ensuring it continues to thrive for years to come.”

The Kernersville Foundation has a 25-year history of supporting non-profits in the community, especially organizations who provide for the most important human service needs, as well as strengthening the quality of life of the Kernersville community. Currently, the Kernersville Foundation contributes to fourteen 501-c-3 organizations in Kernersville.

There were 140 participants in the “Nailed It! 5K Pumpkin Run,” which is the largest event to date hosted by the Winston Salem Home Builder’s Association. The Winston Salem Home Builder’s Association has 634 members, representing a variety of building and remodeling professionals, as well as realtors in Forsyth and Stokes counties. The organization was founded in 1959. Current officers of the Home Builders Association are: President- Ron Foister (Wilson-Covington Construction Company), President-Elect- Aaron Lange, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Lee Riddle (RL Riddle Construction LLC), and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Heather Bowen (Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Carolinas Realty), and employees Gisela Lopez (Executive Vice President) and Sarah Avery (Membership Coordinator).

Jeff Taylor, President of the Kernersville Foundation, expressed his appreciation for the support from the Winston Salem Home Builder’s Association. “The Kernersville Foundation and Home Builder’s Association are both in the business of building a strong community – one from promoting a quality product and the other building a healthy community. Community support, such as the proceeds from the 5K run makes it possible for the Kernersville Foundation to do even more in the community in the coming year.”



**Photo Caption:**

(Left to right, front row) – Gisela Lopez, HBA Executive Vice President; Heather Bowen, Bowen Builds LLC; Dona Neal, Kernersville Foundation Treasurer; Sarah Avery, HBA Membership Coordinator.

Left to right, Back Row: Jim Bland, Kernersville Foundation Vice President; Michael Enscore, Veritas Construction; Bruce Boyer, Kernersville Foundation Executive Director; Chris Thompson, Thompson Building Group, LLC; and Duane Long, Kernersville Foundation President-Elect.