



Habitat's commitment:  
be actively  
antiracist and  
affirm that  
Black Lives Matter

## Black Lives Matter

Habitat for Humanity is more than just a nonprofit housing ministry. Our shared vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live can't be achieved with prayer alone. We must be committed to be better listeners, learners, leaders and take action through faith.

We must commit to doing the work in our practices, our programs and our networks that brings equity to our efforts and helps bring justice to the communities in which we work. We must do a better job of connecting issues of racial and social injustice with historic barriers to affordable housing and working to eradicate those barriers.

We have much to learn in becoming better practitioners, partners and builders within our community. Historic discrimination in U.S. housing policy – particularly discrimination against BIPOC – is one of the chief drivers of racial inequities that persist today.

We know that affordable homeownership and housing brings equity to our BIPOC brothers and sisters in many ways: Health, Safety, Education, and Wealth Generation. We will continue to listen, learn, and strive for excellence in building a Spokane Community for all.

**Affordable homeownership is a direct solution to many of the disparities BIPOC communities face:**



(cdc.gov)

Families that **OWN** their homes achieve improved physical and mental health.



(worldpopulationreview.com)

Homeownership builds wealth and helps end the generational cycle of poverty many families face.



(towncharts.com)

The graduation rate for children of homeowners is 19 percent higher than for renters.



We recommit ourselves to taking bold actions to ensure racial equity through our collective advocacy efforts, specifically the Cost of Home campaign. FIND OUT MORE: [habitat-spokane.org/costofhome](http://habitat-spokane.org/costofhome)

Our Homeownership Program has seen a

**300% increase**

in applications compared to last year.

Without your help, we would not be able to meet the needs of the many families looking to Habitat for an opportunity at a better life.

**Please donate today.**

[habitat-spokane.org/donate-now](http://habitat-spokane.org/donate-now)



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**BLITZ BUILD**  
 2020

Blitz Build, our annual two-week accelerated build event that was originally scheduled for the beginning of June in West Central, ended up taking place **August 3-14 in Hope Meadows** – Habitat’s vibrant housing community in Deer Park, WA.

To meet Covid safety requirements, Blitz Build 2020 looked a lot different with only 12 volunteers allowed per shift (we usually allow up to 30 per shift), the safety video being pre-recorded and sent virtually, a drive through checkin and strict PPE measures. Yet, volunteers showed up masked and ready to work, individually wrapped/boxed lunches were donated every day, and two houses in Deer Park got a lot of love! Thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered, donated and participated in making this years event spectacular, even amidst a pandemic.



A huge  
**THANKS to**  
 our sponsors  
 for their continued  
 support of building  
 affordable homes in  
 Spokane.

# Go Over the Edge!

September 19, 2020  
The Bank of America Building

Habitat-Spokane is bringing an exciting, extremely socially distanced fundraising event to the top of the tallest building in Spokane. It's called OVER THE EDGE and we have a feeling it's going to please all the thrill-seekers out there!

Partnering with Over The Edge Global, Habitat-Spokane is inviting participants to rappel off the top of the 20-story Bank of America Building in the name of affordable homeownership. People can face their fear of heights while raising funds for the MANY Spokane families working hard to build a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.

The need for affordable homeownership opportunities has reached a critical high in Spokane due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Habitat-Spokane is determined to meet the needs of the growing number of families that enter our Homeownership program. Due to Covid restrictions, this means we have to get a little creative as the pandemic continues to affect large gatherings.

We'd say sending people over the edge of a building is pretty creative.

The event focuses on the "peer-to-peer" fundraising model – which can all be done virtually. Individuals must raise \$1,000 for Habitat in order to secure a rappelling spot. They can easily achieve this by asking their network of family and friends to donate to a personal fundraising page that they set up through Classy (an online peer-to-peer fundraising platform).

There is also a "Toss Your Boss" option where co-workers can band together and chip in funds to send their boss/supervisor/manager over the edge (let's be honest, a lot of us would love to see this happen). If they reach their goal and their boss is too scared to go over, they must match the \$1,000 in funds to choose someone else to go over in their place. We think this could easily be transferred to "Toss your Teacher" or "Toss your Professor" – we're sure the people of Spokane will get creative.

## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

This is a great opportunity for brand recognition connected to an amazing cause! Please contact Lydia Duffy to discuss YOUR sponsorship:

[lduffy@habitat-spokane.org](mailto:lduffy@habitat-spokane.org)

509.999.7141

[habitat-spokane.org/sponsorship](https://habitat-spokane.org/sponsorship)



Spots are limited for this event.  
Find out more and SIGN UP ASAP!

[habitat-spokane.org/over-the-edge](https://habitat-spokane.org/over-the-edge)



## before and after

Amidst the pandemic, crew leaders were able to safely work on houses in West Central, though progress was slow without our amazing volunteers.

All of us at Habitat for Humanity know firsthand that **better, affordable living conditions lead to improved health and stronger childhood development.** We know that they give families the ability – and financial flexibility – to make forward-looking choices. Proper shelter **creates jobs, revitalizes neighborhoods, attracts employers, increases consumer spending and government revenues, and lowers the risk of foreclosure,** all while bringing transformative benefits to families and developing resiliency in communities.

## education



Affordable homeownership fosters the skills and confidence people need to invest in themselves and their communities. The outcomes can be long-lasting and life changing.

This year we celebrated three Habitat-Spokane homeowners who **GRADUATED COLLEGE!** (Mayuko (pictured), Bright and Dorcas). Every single donor, volunteer, shopper, sponsor and in-kind donation has helped these families build a better life for themselves - and for their children.



It is always a joy to have Barry helping on the Habitat job site. He is exact in his measurements and treats every project as if he is building his own home. **Thank you, Barry.** It is impossible not to be inspired by your care and volunteerism.

## volunteer of the year

### USE YOUR VOICE



### TALK TO CONGRESS

Habitat for Humanity defines advocacy as changing policies and systems to eliminate barriers to adequate, affordable housing in order to create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Now more than ever, we need to tear down walls of disparity and discrimination and replace them with **equality, inclusiveness and understanding.** It is up to all of us to forge a path that will allow us to rebuild smarter and better. We can and we will get through this – together. **Take action with us today!**

<https://habitatforhumanityinternational.salsalabs.org/covid19>



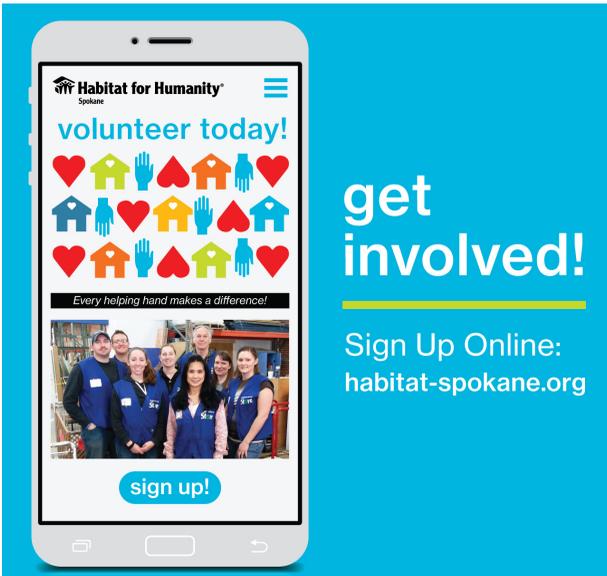
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involved!

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## safety + you

We have taken measures to ensure everyone's safety by cleaning, disinfecting and implementing social distancing protocols for the re-opening of our job sites and our Store.

In the Habitat Store we have implemented the following safety features:

-  handwashing stations
-  glass barriers at check out
-  one way aisles
-  more space between items
-  personal protective equipment for employees and volunteers

Our team takes everyone's health and safety very seriously. We have put together an in depth **Safety Procedure Guide** that all employees and volunteers are required to read through before returning back to work at Habitat-Spokane. You are more than welcome to view this booklet online, and if you have any questions regarding our guidelines, feel free to reach out to us.

<https://habitat-spokane.org/safety-procedures>



Habitat for Humanity Store

THIS MONTH'S TAG SALES

Face coverings are **REQUIRED** to shop, work, volunteer or donate at the Habitat-Store!