



Thank you for choosing Habitat-Spokane to give back to. **YOU** are the difference!

Dear friends,

You have shown up in more ways than we can count. Your steadfast support of Habitat for Humanity allowed more families to secure safe, decent and affordable homeownership during a time when they needed it most. Your voices in advocating for change, your hands in swinging a socially distanced hammer, and in sharing your treasure during a tumultuous time makes me so grateful in continuing to serve this mission.

Even more, you know and see the great work Habitat can accomplish with your hearts at the helm. And, you know the great work we must continue to put forth in fighting for housing justice and equity in our community.

I am humbled and incredibly grateful for each of you and I know we will, at some point, be able to celebrate Habitat's mission in person again.

Warmest regards to you, and Happy New Year!



Michelle Girardot - CEO



thank you  
for building hope  
& changing lives

We are grateful for the foundations, organizations, and faith groups that made cash contributions between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

**Your kindness empowers Spokane families to build a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.**

save the date

april  
29  
2021



**\$20,000 and over**

- Innovia Foundation
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- Bank of America Grants
- Banner Bank
- Johnson Hanson Foundation
- US Bank Foundation

**\$10,000 to \$19,999**

- Williams Foundation
- F5 Networks
- Greater Spokane Incorporated
- OPEN Together

**\$5,000 to \$9,999**

- Carl M. Hansen Foundation
- Spokane Hardware
- Lowe's Foundation
- Asuris/Regence
- BNSF
- First Presbyterian Church
- Softwood Lumber
- Washington Trust Bank
- PEMCO Mutual Insurance
- Columbia Bank
- SRM Development
- Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program

**\$1,000 to \$4,999**

- Reliance Specialty Building Products
- Itron, Inc.
- Kaiser Foundation Community Giving Campaign
- Avista Corp
- Witherspoon Kelley
- Metals Fabrication Company, Inc
- Greenstone Corporation
- Integrus Architecture PS
- Elz Tastes & Teas Market
- Goodale & Barbieri Co.
- STCU
- Hoyt, Lewis & Associates
- A-Team Realty
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Heritage Bar & Kitchen
- Payne West Insurance
- NAI Black Realty
- Winston & Cashatt Lawyers, PSC
- AHBL, Inc
- Windermere Foundation
- America's Best Local Charities
- Canopy Credit Union
- DSI Construction
- MassMutual
- Thrivent Financial Foundation
- Inland Northwest ABC

**Up to \$999**

- Amica Companies Foundation
- Berg Manufacturing
- Spokane Association of Realtors
- Johnson & Johnson Foundation
- Kilgore Architectural Products
- Evolution Architecture
- Palouse Prairie Co
- NAWIC - Spokane #143
- Inland Northwest Insurance
- Shadle Park Presbyterian Church
- Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
- Knights of Columbus Council #683
- Sun City Church

future  
home owners



more than  
just a **number**

♥ 48

**Families** that  
are **currently**  
**enrolled** in  
the Habitat  
Homeownership  
Program!

♥ 27

**Families** that  
have completed  
their applications  
and are **waiting**  
for the phone  
call to hear if  
they have been  
accepted into  
the Habitat  
Homeownership  
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♥ 26

**Families** that  
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**'Sweat Equity'**!  
Every family  
earns 250 hours  
towards their  
homeownership.

♥ 197

**Families** that  
**submitted**  
**applications**  
to be in the  
Homeownership  
Program in 2020

In January **2020**, Habitat-Spokane had  
**12 families** enrolled in the Homeownership Program.

In January **2021**, Habitat-Spokane has  
**48 families** enrolled in the Homeownership Program.

This is a **400% increase**  
in the number of **families we are helping!**

Homeowner Services Department  
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**everyone**

deserves a safe, decent, and  
affordable place to call home.



# partner highlight

The Association of General Contractors Apprentices have supported Habitat-Spokane for nearly a decade and this year has been no different. The AGC spent much of February and March 2020 helping out in the Hope Meadows development in Deer Park and this winter, the construction department will utilize the AGC apprentices to work on infrastructure projects located in the city of Spokane. **The Apprenticeship group is vital to our community.** It provides an opportunity for employment with a great living wage and encourages young people to go into trade work.



we love our volunteers



Linda Venters started volunteering at the Habitat-Spokane job site every week and has already worked 35 shifts since September 2020! She's pictured here working alongside future home owner, Rachel.



## we need volunteers

We always need dedicated **Store volunteers**. (There are always spots available, and it's a close commute!)

In the winter, **Wednesday & Thursday** volunteer shifts out on the job site are always hard to fill. We could use your help!

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

# future home owner



“ When my son was six years old, he asked if I could get us a *real* house, one with a pointy roof, **and** I told him I would. *For me, it is a promise to fulfill.* ”

Meet Future Habitat Homeowner, Gloria. She's a mom with a promise to raise her son in a REAL home and escape the trailer they currently reside in - a promise that she is determined to keep.

She and her son have always wanted their OWN house, but as a single mother with one working wage, that opportunity never seemed like a possibility - especially after Covid hit and her 18-year serving job came to a halt.

In despair, Gloria turned to Habitat as a source of hope.

She worked extremely hard to get herself qualified for the homeownership program and has picked up work moonlighting as a cleaner until her job at the restaurant opens back up. Since being accepted to the program in September, she and her son have both hit the ground running on their "Sweat Equity"!

Gloria says her son finds comfort in knowing that the trailer situation is only temporary. Having their own home is a dream they are determined to make become a reality.

When asked what she would say to the volunteers and donors helping to make their dream of owning a "real" home come true, she said, ***"I want to remind them of what a life-changer their actions are. Thank you, for helping me break the cycle of poverty in my family."***

Our site supervisor sent us updates on the amount of work volunteers and future homeowners can accomplish in just ONE day!

all in a  
day's work



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## Construction Update

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Habitat's construction department has continued to make progress through Covid and the beginning of winter. Active job sites are being maintained at rehabs in Spokane's West Central neighborhood, and new construction continues in Deer Park.

Highland Village in Airway Heights has not yet been activated as we are waiting on permits from the city, but we hope to begin work out there this winter!

With the average costs to purchase and rehab a home in West Central around \$191,000 and the average cost to build a

new construction home around \$200,000, our volunteers and community partners have never been more important! We truly rely on this community to help keep home affordability within reach for our future homeowners.

This year, we plan to finish two more homes in Deer Park before summer and pour four more foundations for new construction! We also hope to finish rehabbing four homes in West Central, with the potential to purchase four more in the neighborhood to begin working on.



new!

# ground breakers club

Habitat-Spokane is rolling out a new *monthly donor program* to thank everyone that continually supports our mission, and to make it easier to give back in a way that is both sustainable and predictable. We simply could not build these homes without all of you and we want to make sure you know how much you are appreciated.

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

## club benefits!

- ▶ Every year, a home will be dedicated that was funded by our GroundBreakers Club
- ▶ Wall signing opportunities for club members only
- ▶ Every member gets a sticker to show they are a proud member of Habitat-Spokane's GroundBreakers Club
- ▶ Recognition in our quarterly newsletter (*can opt out*)
- ▶ Membership web page with a donation tracker

## Why a monthly donor club?

More of your money will go directly to helping our mission and the families we serve due to fewer admin costs.

Hassle free donation process: Set it and forget it!

Contribute to the longevity of the Habitat-Spokane and help MORE families by giving us regular support.

Sustainable: donations are manageable for your budget.

See a long-term impact on the families and the houses you donate to.

Become part of a special community of regular donors.

No amount is too small and it ALL goes a long way!

Cut out paper waste from donation forms, envelopes and checks.



*Already a monthly donor?* We will be reaching out soon to get you enrolled in this new program!

## USE YOUR VOICE



**The new legislative session is upon us and I anticipate we will need your voices just as much as your hammers in advocating for affordable homeownership!**

The advocacy efforts will also focus on ensuring housing justice and equity are fulfilled.

We also celebrate the success of Spokane's newest Housing Trust Fund, with last month's passing of HB 1590 at Spokane's City Council. While this funding will not solve all of the

housing issues in our community, it will generate \$5.8M annually in creating new housing and homeownership but also access to credit through down payment assistance and subsidy.

**Your voices have proven to be just as strong as your ability to raise roofs on our jobsites.** With a pipeline of more than 48 families waiting in partnership for their keys to homeownership, we are more than thankful for your advocacy in making this a reality.

*Michelle Girardot - CEO*

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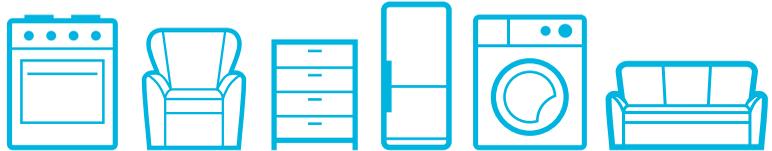
SHOP

DONATE

VOLUNTEER

With everything that 2020 threw at us, the Habitat-Spokane Store is still going strong and everyone has done an amazing job keeping a positive attitude throughout! All extra hands from volunteers and partner families have maintained a consistent flow of inventory to the sales floor while also keeping the Store clean, organized, and shop-able.

current  
donation  
needs



**appliances + cabinets + furniture + lawn and garden items**

Please make sure your items are clean and in good working condition!



coming  
soon!

We are only a couple weeks away from going live with a new point-of-sale system and with that, we will be introducing **gift cards!** This means you can purchase a gift card any time throughout the year while supporting the Store and the many families in Spokane that need a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.



Questions? Comments?  
We'd love to hear from you!

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face coverings

are REQUIRED to shop, work, volunteer  
or donate at the Habitat-Spokane Store!