



June 7 - 18



Build with us!

Dear friends of Habitat,

I am constantly in awe of this fantastic mission we are all called to serve. You continue to be steadfast stewards in making affordable homeownership a reality for future Habitat homeowners.

While we're still navigating uncharted territory through "zoom" meetings and physical distancing, your love for Habitat's mission feels even more robust than ever before.

Habitat for Humanity is a largely tangible experience for supporters--swinging hammers, signing closing documents, breaking bread while raising walls. You have met the moment time and again to support Habitat even when the experience wasn't as tangible. You've used the power of your voices, your networks to advocate for Spokane families and put your faith into action in new ways.

This year marked our second Virtual Hope Builders Lunch-In. We had all hoped by now that we would meet in person to share and embrace the powerful work of Habitat for Humanity. While that could not happen this year, you all showed up regardless. Because of your steadfast support, Habitat was able to raise \$105,376 and bring even more people into the fold.

You were able to witness Habitat's work behind the scenes over the past year through our video series. You saw the transformative power of neighborhood revitalization through Habitat's partnership with the City of Spokane.

The light is at the end of the tunnel, and I cannot wait to greet you on the jobsite or in the Habitat Store. Thank you for your continued support and resilience in keeping Habitat for Humanity a beacon of hope for so many. I know Spokane families need Habitat now, more than ever before, and it is because of you, Habitat will be.

God bless,



Michelle Girardot - CEO

 needs 

As a non-profit organization, there are always additional items we are in need of. Many of you have asked if there are other ways you can give to Habitat, so we put together a list of our big ticket items that we will need within the next couple of years. If you can help in any of these areas, please reach out to us!

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- 1 ton truck with a lumber rack
- 8x10 enclosed cargo trailer
- Scaffolding
- 15 passenger van
- Spokane builders/community support with materials & labor costs
- New parking lot repair/overlay for the Store
- New Store/Office roof
- Parking lot lights
- VOLUNTEERS!

building
stability

47 ♥

families are currently
enrolled in Habitat's
Homeownership
Program!

future
home owners



together
we will continue building
hope & changing lives.

In March 2021, Habitat-Spokane had **27 families**
apply for the Homeownership Program.

Since January 2021, Habitat-Spokane has
approved 16 families into the program!



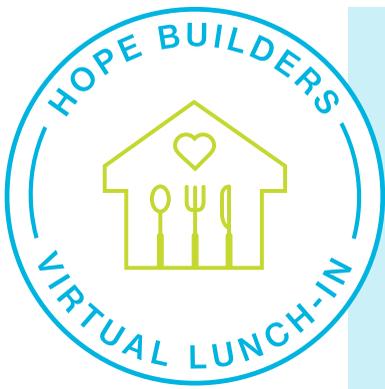
we need
volunteers

We need dedicated **Store volunteers!**

There are always spots available, and it's a close commute.

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

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On behalf of Habitat-Spokane homeowners

thank you

to our SPONSORS, TABLE HOSTS & DONORS!

At Habitat's Hope Builders Virtual Lunch-In on April 29, future homeowner, Thomas, shared his dreams for three-year-old Allison to grow up in a home. He is already planning the memories of her having her very own room to play in and paint! YOU are helping make his dreams a reality by supporting Habitat and we are forever grateful for your generosity and dedication to making affordable homeownership possible.

Thomas is one of 47 families working toward building stability in partnership with Habitat-Spokane. We are SO close to reaching the fundraising goal of \$150,000 for this year's lunch-in and donations are still welcome!

Thanks to Presenting Sponsor Banner Bank's \$17,000 donation match, we have been able to raise \$105,376 - only \$44,624 away from our goal. Every little bit helps build homes and hope, and **donations will be accepted throughout the month of May.**

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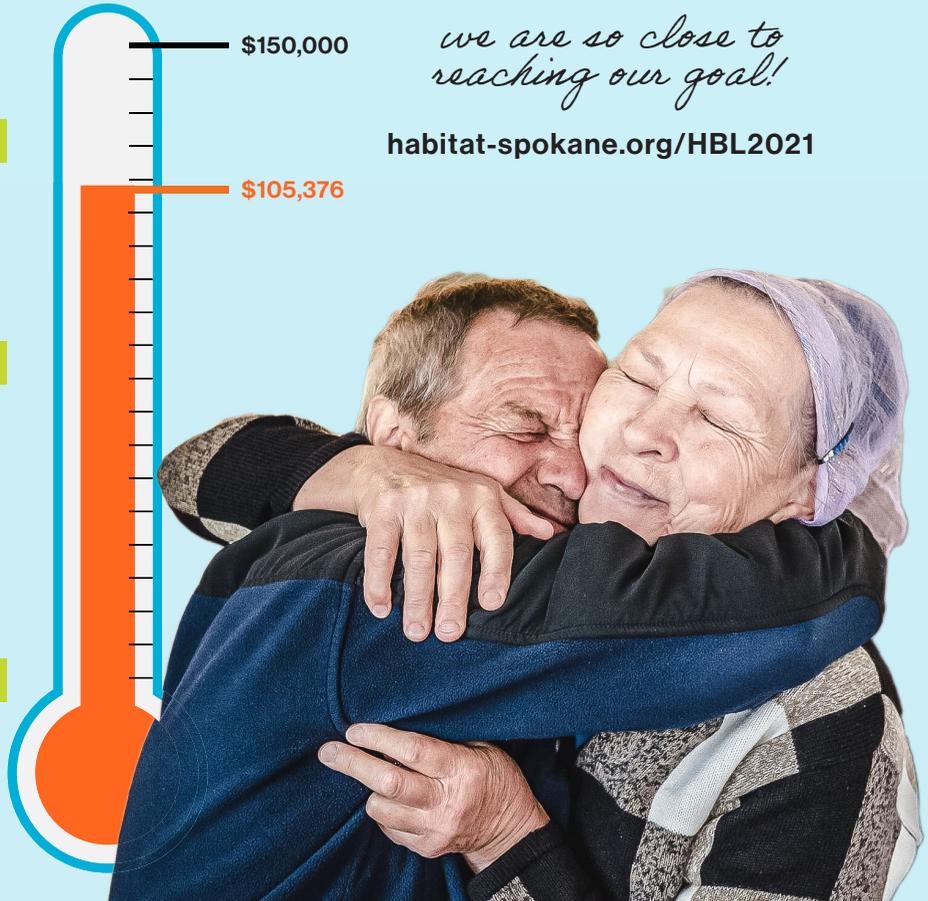


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Highland Village

Habitat Spokane is working to build 14 single family homes in Airway Heights as part of Phase 1 of its shared Highland Village development. Community Frameworks, another Spokane housing non-profit, is also building single family homes in Highland village along with multifamily rentals. Habitat's homes will consist of mostly of single and two story homes with off street parking. Great efforts were made to partner with the right contractor for the job and secure affordability for all homes in Highland Village. The development is tied together with oversized sidewalks to encourage walking and a huge park is planned to be built as a service to all residents in the area. Recently, it was announced that a new school is being built within walking distance to Highland Village which will encourage families to stay for generations.

we love our volunteers!



calling the faithful to the housing crisis

Why should churches and faith groups get involved in solving the affordable housing crisis? **Faith is a hope in the unseen**, and right now there are thousands of people—because of wage stagnation, rising costs, and housing insecurity — who are being left behind in the Spokane housing market. They are often unseen and forgotten.

It takes people and communities of faith to see and remember these people, to realize their value to our community, to recognize them as the image of God.

By getting involved with Habitat, churches and faith groups can build hope on behalf of the unseen, hope for a decent place to live for everyone in Spokane County.

Get your congregation involved!

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faith in action!

Put your FAITH & LOVE into action!
Get your congregation involved by
volunteering, pledging support, or
booking a group faith build day at
Habitat for Humanity -Spokane.

all denominations welcome!

Find out more!



stop exclusionary zoning



We all want to live in thriving communities where our friends, family members, and children can meet their greatest potential. We've seen incredible transformation in our beloved Spokane community over the past decade. But, access to participating in these thriving communities is out of reach for too many.

Many factors contribute to our neighbors' inability to access a spot in thriving communities of opportunity. Rising material costs, access to credit, labor shortages, and transportation are just a few. One primary gatekeeper is exclusionary zoning practices in our community.

Exclusionary zoning practices created a loophole to continue as a vehicle of racial discrimination. Today, they act as continued redlining keeping families from accessing a safe, decent and affordable place to live near their place of employment and good schools.

What does exclusionary zoning look like? When we see nearly 70% of Spokane zoned for single-family homes on large lots, it adds to the overall cost's price tag to build and sell the homes. This further confines low-income households to low-income areas of our community, preventing them from reaching their greatest potential. Combining the minimum lot size requirements, single residence per lot requirements, minimum square footage requirements, and costly building codes also reduce the amount of available land during a time where Spokane needs more housing.

Because individuals and families of color are impacted most by lower incomes, there is a parallel tract of class-based discrimination and racial discrimination.

Governments at all levels are obligated to increase opportunities for Black households to live in neighborhoods with good schools and safe streets. They can do this by:

Reforming zoning to allow mixed-income communities. By diversifying the types of homes allowed in their communities, localities can make them more racially and economically inclusive. Zoning modifications like lowering minimum home- and lot-size requirements, permitting duplexes and triplexes, allowing apartments in more locations, and/or minimizing discretionary review processes help achieve this. In considering these reforms, it is essential to be mindful of how zoning changes might inadvertently displace existing residents of color and prevent this from happening.

Building and preserving affordable homes in communities of opportunity. Zoning reforms are necessary but often insufficient alone — governments must also increase investments in affordable homes in non-segregated communities. Local and state governments can help by incentivizing mixed-income housing developments and making public land in well-resourced neighborhoods available at low cost for intentionally affordable homes.



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56

ground
breakers club

avg. donation

\$42

Help us reach our goal of 100 monthly donors! SIGN UP TODAY!

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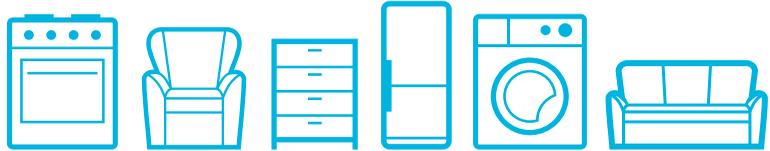
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partner highlight

One of our largest and most faithful donors is the local Ace Hardware distribution center, formerly known as Jensen Distribution. Prior to being acquired by Ace, Jensen had been donating to Habitat for nearly 14 years, and since becoming part of the Ace brand, the team at the distribution center has not missed a beat in continuing their donations to the Store. Overall, they have donated nearly \$400K in store merchandise, which easily could have ended up in local landfills. Working with Jensen, Ace and all of our corporate and private donors not only funds a significant portion of our mission, it also allows us to practice our stewardship in protecting the environment.



saving
the
planet!

In the last fiscal year, the Habitat-Spokane Store has **saved 406 tons from landfills**, which is the equivalent weight of nearly three (3) Boeing 777 airliners! This includes items sold in the store, items saved to be recycled, or items to be used directly for our mission to include store fixtures and tools. We are working hard to increase this diversion rate by seeking out new partners and processes to further reduce what is sent to the landfills. We firmly believe it is our responsibility to protect the community in which we live and serve.



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!