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may 14 & oct 15  
— 2022 —

NOW OFFERING TWO  
DATES NEXT YEAR!

**over the  
EDGE**

Next year, Habitat for Humanity-Spokane is offering you TWO chances to rappel from the roof of one of Spokane's most iconic (and tallest) buildings: The Bank of America Building! Raise funds and awareness for affordable homeownership and HAVE FUN doing it!

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Dear friend of Habitat,

I can't share my gratitude enough as I write in witness to your steadfast support of Habitat for Humanity. We successfully ended our Fiscal Year on June 30th, and while many of us start our "New Year Resolutions" in January, we launch that every year in July for Habitat.

For our first quarter of the "new year," we spend a lot of time planning and gearing up for the following year's fundraising efforts, identifying ways to come out more robust than the previous year so we can serve even more families through affordable homeownership.

This time of year also provides the opportunity to reflect on the incredible successes the organization was able to achieve, and while our passion for this ministry keeps us focused on the future, it is still important to remember the past.

Like many nonprofits, we are building our capacity. Throughout these last 18 months of uncertainty around the pandemic, we clearly see the gaps in service and are eager to fill them. We are even more fervent in our commitment to safety, workplace culture, and equitable housing justice. But, the balance among all of these is delicate, and you cannot have one without the others.

The support of volunteers, donors, and community partners has blessed this organization to continue its mission and further propel Habitat to serve more families.

**Over the last 18 months, Habitat has been able to:**

- Partner with 50 families that are now buyer-ready and awaiting land assignment
- 1.8% mortgage delinquency rate - the lowest in Habitat-Spokane history
- Passed 1590 in the City of Spokane to help fund programs like Habitat's
- 13 families have successfully paid off their Habitat mortgage
- 10 homes closed
- Broke ground in Highland Village, Airway Heights
- Rehabbed 7 units within the City of Spokane
- Launched new shared equity programming to keep the Cost of Home affordable
- The Habitat Store had its most successful year on record, hitting 110% over budget
- Successfully fundraised 52% more than the past fiscal year in individual, government, sponsorships & events.

These crucial milestones would not have been possible without your commitment. We also know that the transformative power of a safe, decent and affordable place to call home is out of reach for far too many in our community. Building capacity is how Habitat will meet the moment, which is why we are beyond thrilled to be adding several positions to the team.

As we plan and prepare, please keep Habitat in your prayers or put your faith into action by joining us on the job site. Your hands and hearts are the cornerstones of this mission, and I am beyond thankful for that.

Warmest blessings,



Michelle Girardot - CEO

**habitus**

Habitus happens when you step onto the job site, when you lend a hand to a neighbor, when you use your voice to advocate for affordable housing. It's when your heart is changed forever because you helped another family become empowered through Habitat's mission. When you use your time and talent to build the kingdom of God here on earth by breaking down barriers and building up our brothers and sisters, that is Habitus.



**your voice**  
makes a difference

The Spokane City Council and Mayor Nadine Woodward have backed housing incentives to help ease the affordable housing shortage. The Housing Action Plan includes the following priorities:

- Land use changes to support increased density
- Financial incentives for rapid development of affordable housing
- Administrative reform and resources for housing development
- Support for rental housing market
- Other housing equity strategies/development
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**Thank you for continuing to use your voice to help lift up those in need of a safe, decent, affordable place to call home. YOU are the difference!**



**Future homeowner, Farah,** takes a selfie with Numerica volunteers and his friends *in front of the house he just found out he will be buying!* This Habitat home is currently under renovation and Farah is spending every free second at his future home earning his sweat equity. He is grateful for the opportunity to provide a safe and stable place for his young family.



**A startling number** - 70 families will be in Habitat-Spokane's Homeownership Program by the end of August, 2021. We must be resilient in our efforts to help the growing need for affordable homeownership opportunities in our city. Each family pays it forward to the next through their sweat equity. Join them and us to helping more families have a better life in an affordable, safe, and decent Habitat home. **You can make a difference by using your voice and advocating, volunteering your time, and donating funds. Please help us serve those that need Habitat more than ever before.**

**70**  
*Families*

**BLITZ**  
**20<sup>TH</sup>**  
 annual  
**BUILD**  
 2021



thank you  
 for another amazing  
 year of Blitz Build!



CENTRAL  
 PRE-MIX  
 A CRH COMPANY



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 Trust Bank  
 Member FDIC



# construction



## Hope Meadows, Deer Park

Deer Park has been moving right along! We are just completing two homes and have six more going up right now. Progress has been much faster thanks to a successful Blitz Build and many volunteer groups over the past few months. The continued support from community partners for new construction materials means we are able to help more families have stability and self-reliance. Our jobsite supervisor, Jonathan, has also played a vital role in Habitat's resilient efforts to keep progress moving during a historical time for new construction in Spokane county.

## Highland Village, Airway Heights

Highland Village in Airway Heights is moving at an extraordinary pace. Our contractor has managed to finish the first two homes and has three more scheduled to be finished within the next few weeks. Progress is moving quickly and we hope to have the first ten homes completed before spring 2022.

## West Central, Spokane

City projects have consisted of renovations of derelict homes in the West Central neighborhood. Habitat's in town construction team finished rehabbing three homes already and they are currently working on completing two more. All of these homes were considered sub-standard or derelict. Our jobsite supervisor, Tony, has been extraordinary at pivoting from one project to the next. The construction team continues to search for more land and derelict homes in the city.



we love our volunteers!



we need you!

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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## 3-way light switch leads to gift that empowers people to become self-reliant, successful homeowners

It was 20 years ago when Wayne first pulled on the coveralls to volunteer at Habitat. Joining together with other serving-oriented men, he savored his time working with the construction crew and future homeowners. Wayne was particularly interested in the electrical work on a house; he even obtained an apprenticeship license to figure out those darn three-way switches.

Wayne has retired from active, hands-on volunteering but still wants to be a supporter in helping people become self-reliant, successful homeowners. Along with his family members, he has chosen to contribute Habitat-Spokane via an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

This decision was a good approach for their family. Wayne's daughter, Karin, encourages all Habitat supporters to consider this avenue to support charitable causes near to their hearts.

"Through the past year, I've learned much about annual federal income taxes and Washington State Estate Tax. My parents and I had many conversations about how they can make an impact today and, as my dad says,

*"Do your givin' while you're livin' so you're knowin' where it's goin'."*

*-Wayne Engström*

Through decades of volunteering at the Habitat job site, Wayne saw future homeowners' hard work building their homes. His gift today compounds the impact that began twenty years ago, providing more opportunity for Habitat Homeowners to be successful.



**To create your lasting legacy at Habitat-Spokane, please reach out to:**

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### How an IRA Charitable Distribution works:

- You must be 70½ or older.
- An individual may transfer up to a total of \$100,000 per year, and a married couple may give up to \$200,000.
- Your gift must be transferred directly from the IRA account to Habitat for Humanity.
- Your gift is a transfer of funds from your IRA to Habitat for Humanity, so it does not create taxable income for you and is not considered a charitable tax deduction.
- The transfer of funds counts towards your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA.

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members

57

**ground**  
breakers club

avg. donation

\$42

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store  
updates

The Habitat Store had an AMAZING 2020-21 fiscal year and we are already off to a strong start. Habitat has been blessed with great donations from the community, both from individuals as well as corporate and city projects. We are always looking for more donations, **but what we need right now are volunteers to help us sort through it all!** We need hands to help us move, process, and merchandise all of these wonderful donations. This would be a great opportunity for friends, families, and work teams, and makes for great team-building while also serving the local community.

♥ we need  
**volunteers**

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anniversary

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**40% OFF**

*\*almost everything*

**1 DAY ONLY** SATURDAY, AUGUST 28  
9:00am - 5:00pm

\* bedding, mattresses, and drinks excluded

current donation needs

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

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



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

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