

Valentina & Alex



Anneke

Come build safe, decent, and affordable homes alongside these amazing future homeowners!



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Nada (and her sons!)



volunteers,
we need you!

(see page 2 for details)

Dear Friend,

As we start another new year with uncertainty, I find comfort and confidence in what I am certain of. Habitat for Humanity-Spokane is halfway through its fiscal year and eager to finish the next two-quarters strong.

Strength is a critical theme that helps guide us through uncertainty. Our community continues to navigate the waters of the pandemic, and while that is hard, we have found strength in each other and our voices to fight for change.

We are still in a housing crisis; it will take strength from each of us to navigate out of it. It will require we share our strengths and call out our weaknesses to do and be better. Habitat calls on the strength of your hearts, your hammers, hands, and voices--that volume lifts our neighbors and empowers partners.

Habitat also calls for strength to break down barriers: in how we love and talk to one another, to put our words into work, and build the beloved community we all yearn for.

I am excited to see what unfolds this year. I am excited to hear the enthusiasm and hope turned into reality.

However, this cannot happen without the strength of us all. Spokane's families and neighbors are paying too much for a place to call home, often choosing a roof overhead instead of food in their bellies. The insecurity is overwhelming, and the barriers to achieving securities are cumbersome to unravel.

I am reminded of Dr. King's words, "First, the line of progress is never straight. For a period a movement may follow a straight line and then it encounters obstacles and the path bends. It is like curving around a mountain when you are approaching a city. Often it feels as though you were moving backwards, and you lose sight of your goal: but in fact you are moving ahead, and soon you will see the city again, closer by."

If you are wondering, where to start or if we're progressing, you can help keep Habitat moving ahead:



Sign up to volunteer



Use your voice to advocate for equitable housing policies



Pray with your heart and your hands: bring your congregants to the jobsite with a Faith Build.



Become a monthly donor, sponsor or table host

These starters may support your New Year's Resolution. They will certainly support Habitat's resolution to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live. I know progress is attainable if we have the strength to see it through.

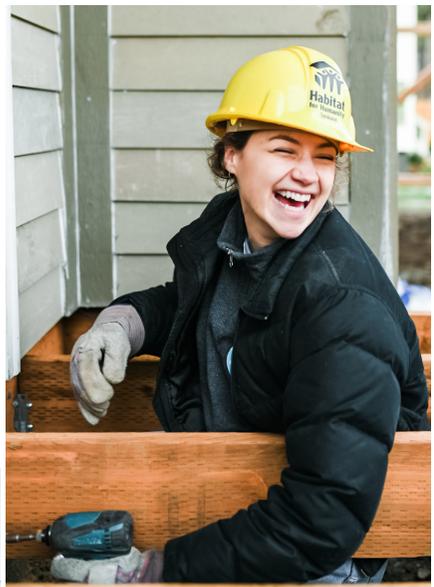


Michelle Girardot - CEO

calling all volunteers!

Winter volunteer shifts out on the job site are always hard to fill, but we have MANY houses to build and over 56 families in the Homeownership Program! **We are in tremendous need of volunteers** to come out and help us complete houses at our Hope Meadows development in Deer Park. If you or anyone you know can help,

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!



Volunteers rate
the Habitat job site
experience
4.7 out of 5 stars



Employers that encourage volunteerism opportunities see a **78% increase** in loyalty to their organization.



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DID YOU KNOW?

There are more homeless families in the United States than in any other industrialized country. In fact, families make up about 30% of the entire homeless population in the US.

The main cause? Lack of affordable housing.

Habitat is building to help bridge the gap and make affordable homeownership available to those that otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity.

YOU are helping families overcome adversity and become advocates in their community. Thank you for believing in them, and in the work that we do.

Many hands make light work.

Express your faith through action!

Habitat has an ambitious goal to complete 10 more homes by June, and we need your help!

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry with a mission to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. This winter, we are calling on all faith communities to join us in building for area families in need of safe, affordable housing. We invite all local congregations to help raise walls, funds, and prayers to make a difference.

There are many ways for members of your congregation to get involved both on and off the construction site.

How to get involved:



Organize or participate in **volunteer** days with your congregation.



Invite a Habitat leader to **speak** at the end of service.



Provide **lunch** for volunteers during Women Build or Blitz Build.



Commit a portion of **funds** to help cover the rising cost of construction supplies.



Participate at ground-breaking and home dedication **events**.



Form a **prayer** group.

To schedule a volunteer day, please contact Lydia Duffy 509-534-2552 x 215.

from homeless, to homeowner

This last holiday season, we received a photo from a single mother of her Christmas tree up in her new, warm, safe, and affordable Habitat home. She shared with us that just a year prior, she had experienced homelessness - but now here she was putting presents under the tree for her children in her very OWN home. **YOU helped make homeownership for this single Mom a reality! Thank you!**





♥
 Future
 Homeowner
 Highlight

Meet Kelsey, an amazing and dedicated mother of three kids. Family is the most important thing in her life and she has a full team of cheerleaders, like her father, rooting for her success. Kelsey works two jobs but still manages to find the time to come to Habitat College classes where she is most enthusiastic about learning money management and budgeting skills. A lifelong Spokane resident, Kelsey and her kids love GU and the Seahawks, as well as traveling around the area on family adventures. Her

oldest, son Kahree, is fourteen and a total sports fanatic, loves robotics, and has recently expressed interest in fashion. Her two daughters, Annabelle and Trinity, are five and seven. Annabelle's imagination and creativity are guaranteed to take her far in life, says Kelsey, and Trinity already knows what she wants and pursues it as passionately as her mother has pursued homeownership. This incredible family can't wait to have their own home to grow and thrive in, a place where they can each chase after their dreams.

483 The number of families that inquired about Habitat's Homeownership Program in 2021.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Habitat's energy-efficient building designs generate financial savings for homeowners by lowering utility costs, which are typically the second greatest monthly expense after mortgage payments.



construction update

Deer Park – New Construction: *6 homes by the end of Spring 2022!*

Winter has come full force, but so have our Construction Supervisors, Jonathan and Rudy! Together with Future Homeowners and Volunteers, they are on track to finish out two homes in Deer Park before the winter season is over. With cold weather, volunteers become fewer and sub-contractors schedules more ambiguous, but our awesome team is doing everything they can to keep things on schedule. Four more homes have already been roofed and sided and are ready for volunteers to work inside during the colder months ahead!

Airway Heights – New Construction: *14 homes by the end of Summer 2022!*

The Highland Village project has gone extremely well with eight homes fully completed and another six units close behind. Infrastructure planning has begun for phase II and construction hopes to have roads, sidewalks and utilities extended into phase II by this summer.

Spokane – Rehabs:

Last year we dedicated FIVE beautiful rehabilitated homes to Habitat families! We have several leads that we hope will result in more affordable homeownership opportunities for our partner families.

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an impact!

19 # of **children** that moved into their safe and stable home in 2021!

22 # of **HOMES** Habitat will **build and rehabilitate** in 2022.

56 # of **families** currently in Habitat's **Homeownership Program**

114 # of **kids** currently in Habitat's Homeownership program.

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Your support means more families will achieve their dream of buying an affordable home in Spokane.
These opportunities change lives FOREVER!

 *Thank you!*



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