

Annabell (8), Kahree (15) and Trinity (6) are SO excited to move into their forever home.

**STORY INSIDE!**



**HOME**

*is built with love & dreams*

Letter from the CEO

Dear friend,

*The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting colder. At my home, we just kicked on the furnace, and it was a stark reminder of the many families in our community who will not feel the warmth a home can provide.*

*But, it was also a reminder of the amazing work Habitat does in this community. Even as our list of partner families grows, Habitat is making a difference. Twenty-two new Habitat homeowners have also turned on their heaters in their safe, decent and affordable homes. The relief of having safety and security for themselves and their kiddos is a feeling everyone should have, and we must not take it for granted.*

*Habitat-Spokane is still hammering away, even as the days get wetter and colder. We had incredible volunteer support from area contractors and credit unions after launching the first two insulated concrete form (ICF) homes in East Central. These fire-resistant homes are built on a shorter construction schedule which will allow two families to move into them this winter.*

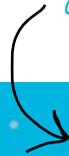
*As we lose count of the little comforts like warmth and a roof overhead, let's not forget about the many families in partnership working to purchase their homes. You can help Habitat continue making an impact in our community. Volunteer with us on our jobsites, use your voice and vote to keep the cost of home affordable, and pray for a Spokane that has equitable access to opportunity. We all need to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.*

Sincerely,



Michelle Girardot - CEO

*Bring the whole family!*



*Skate for a Cause*  
benefitting Habitat for Humanity-Spokane

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## Home is the starting place of love, hope, and dreams. ❤️

As a single mom, Kelsey McCarthy never imagined she would be able to buy a home in Spokane. She wants more for her three kids, she wants them to be proud of her - to see the hard work that is sometimes necessary to enact change.

***“I want my kids to see what I’m doing,”*** she explained. She wants them to volunteer and take part in their community. ***“I’m trying to make them into good people, you know? It’s not just about being good [to our family] but I want them to be good members of society.”***

Kelsey emphasized many times that she wants to raise her kids to be service-minded, to pay their blessing forward, and to appreciate all that they have been able to accomplish through hard work and dedication.

With that determination, and the help of volunteers, donors, and sponsors, Kelsey will be buying a Habitat home this winter! Most importantly, it’s within her kids’ school district. ***“They don’t have to be uprooted - we won’t have to change many of their routines. It’s a blessing,”*** Kelsey says.

After buying their Habitat Home, Kelsey won’t have to be worried about rising rent costs or where her children will be safe to play. ***“We’re going to be saving so much money just on our bills each month, and it’s a comfort. We’re excited to have our own space here.”***



Kahree, Annabell, Trinity, and Kelsey in Manito Park.



Habitat site supervisor Jonathan Balazs shakes hands with Annabell at an event to thank community partners.



Kelsey and her kids donned hard hats in September for a tour of their soon-to-be affordable Habitat Home!



SCAN ME

# calling all volunteers

We are in tremendous need of willing hearts to come out and help us build homes during the winter months. This is the hardest time of year and we need all the helping hands we can get. We also need help in the Habitat Store!

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



We asked a couple of our regulars why they volunteer at Habitat-Spokane:



"It's gratifying to help someone, or some family, have a better (and in some cases much better) life. I enjoy the fellowship of the other volunteers, especially the regular volunteers on the Thursday crew. Or as I like to call us, The Over The Hill Gang."  
- Pearson Burke

"I began volunteering when my church signed up to help in West Central. I fell for the entire Habitat crew. They were so kind, helpful, and fun. I was hooked! I could see so clearly how I was helping people and how much Habitat was doing for our community. We are making a huge difference in peoples lives. It is infinitely rewarding to me."  
- Linda Venters



## ♥ Credit Union Love



Two families will soon purchase their new Habitat homes thanks to volunteer support from 19 local credit unions. Taking steps to address the housing crisis, hundreds of credit union volunteers have been working together the past month to make this project possible.

*“The partnership with our area credit unions highlights how affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. By these volunteers lifting their hearts and hammers, two families will open the doors to a future of economic mobility and stability.”*

Michelle Girardot - CEO  
Habitat for Humanity-Spokane

*“The chance to do a project that involves up to 600 volunteer opportunities really drives home the credit union philosophy of people helping people. All 19 credit unions coming together cooperatively enables two deserving families to meet Habitat for Humanity’s vision that everyone needs a decent place to live.”*

Debie Keesee - President and CEO  
Spokane Media Federal Credit Union.



*thank you for another great event!*

# OVER THE EDGE



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# Habitat Homes & Gardens



We are sooooo happy that we have our yard. It is small, but we want to make it very beautiful!! When I work on my yard and create that beauty I enjoy it at the same time! My house and yard were my dream but dreams come true!

Thank God!

And also thank you guys for your help and support!



*Real text messages from a Habitat Homeowner!*

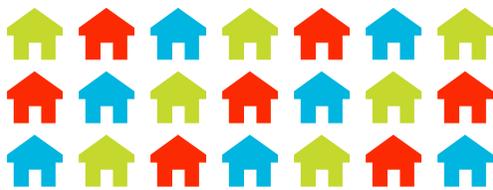


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**22 families are**

# HOME owners

*and in a warm home this holiday season thanks to your support!*



At the beginning of 2022, we set a goal to build the most homes we have ever completed in one year, and YOU HELPED US REACH THAT GOAL! 22 families bought and moved into their affordable homes in 2022 because of YOUR support. It is clear to us that we have been called to do this work TOGETHER, and we are forever grateful for your dedication to our mission. It is critical that we set an even higher goal for 2023. To help meet the growing list of families hoping for their opportunity to build stability in a safe and decent home, please give generously this holiday season to help us build 25 HOMES in 2023.

help us build

**25**  
homes

in 2023!





# BEHIND THE BUILD RECAP!

Habitat for Humanity-Spokane partnered with The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's (NRMCA) Build with Strength Coalition to build two unique and affordable homes in Spokane's diverse East Central neighborhood. The project represents the first Habitat-Spokane homes to utilize insulated concrete forms (ICFs), a sustainable, noncombustible concrete building system that will reduce upfront expenses and on-site construction time while maximizing the structure's durability and energy performance.

Community members, volunteers, local leaders, and media came out to celebrate

the progress we've made and met the many people and partners who have helped bring these homes to life. The event featured remarks from local leaders, a guided hard-hat tour of the homes, and a "block signing ceremony" where attendees, including future Homeowner Kelsey McCarthy and her kids had the chance to write well wishes and blessings for the Habitat families on the ICFs.

Having built over 60 homes in the East Central neighborhood, we at Habitat-Spokane know that strong and stable housing builds strong and stable communities. With a solid foundation, everyone has the potential to achieve independence, fulfill their dreams, and thrive.

"My passion for being a part of the Habitat mission and a member of the board stems from my childhood. Growing up with a single mom, we struggled for many years with temporary housing. Once we were able to establish our first home, we finally began to flourish. I believe that home ownership is the foundation to any family and I want to be a part of that solution for others. Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out, offering a pathway for families to build that foundation and create stability in their lives."





**DID YOU KNOW?**

## Good grades count towards sweat equity hours!

Kids of Future Habitat Homeowners can contribute by earning up to 20 sweat equity hours with good grades. Report cards are turned in and they earn 2 hours for every "A" and 1 hour for every "B"!



Daisy & her daughter, Nevaeh.



Daisy earning sweat equity on the job site next to regular volunteer, Linda Venters.

### Meet Daisy, a Future Homeowner and single mom, that earns her sweat equity in our Homeownership Program.

Daisy and her young daughter Nevaeh were forced to move multiple times due to rent increases since they came to our area in 2018. Nevaeh has transferred to three different school districts because of these moves, which makes it hard for her to build connections with her teachers and maintain friendships.

As a single working mom, Daisy has always felt guilty about not being able to provide the security and stability her daughter deserves. From living in cramped quarters with family

members most of her life, to feeling uncertain about where she would end up next, Daisy decided it was time to take control of her situation – so she turned to Habitat.

Daisy now has hope for the future. She dreams about the many things she and her daughter will do once they buy their home, like planting a garden. Nevaeh is looking forward to having her very own room that she can paint shark-themed! She imagines a space for all her arts and crafts, and hopes her mom will eventually let her get a bunny. More than anything, **they are looking forward to having a safe and stable place to call home.**



How it started...

12 days later!



Habitat-Spokane's 21st annual Blitz Build kicked off in June and ended twelve days later with TWO homes fully framed and roofed!

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**  
for a great annual Blitz Build!



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## Volunteers, Large Groups & Apprenticeships NEEDED!

Please reach out if you or anyone you know wants to help out!

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

# construction update

### Deer Park – New Construction:

We poured another foundation and framed two more homes in Deer Park. With the addition of two new construction supervisors, we are able to keep Deer Park staffed full time! They will spend the rest of fall and winter leading volunteers, with a **plan to finish four more homes by spring 2023.**

### Airway Heights – New Construction:

**14 units have been completed** in Phase I and infrastructure planning has started for Phase II with final house plan designs in the works. Construction hopes to have roads, sidewalks and utilities extended into phase II Spring 2023, pending design and City approvals.

### Spokane – Rehabs/New Construction:

Two construction supervisors will be on site in East Central, leading volunteers to **finish two homes by late winter.** During the ICF build week, great progress was made possible by donations and labor from community partners.

**Two new rehab projects** have been acquired! A home on West Mallon Ave was purchased, and only needs minor items before it's ready for a partner family. Another home on East Union will need significant rehabilitation. Our community partner, New Tech Skill Center, has already evaluated the project and will utilize students who are training for the construction trades to repair the home.



# Store

Habitat for Humanity Spokane

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making an impact!*



Veteran Nathan Thomas and his wife, Jessica, have been dreaming of owning a home in Spokane since they moved here seven years ago. With hard work, determination, and **your** help, their dreams are about to become a reality. Habitat-Spokane, alongside hundreds of volunteers, sponsors, and donors, are currently building the Thomas' ADA-accessible home in the East Central neighborhood. The couple are expected to move in this winter with their two children. Nathan volunteered with Habitat in Mississippi when Hurricane Katrina hit, and can't believe he will now be purchasing a Habitat home himself. He said **"Every person involved with Habitat makes a difference in our lives. THANK YOU."**

**3X MATCH!**

Triple your impact  
now - December

*Give a meaningful gift  
this holiday season.*



**Donate to Habitat for Humanity-Spokane today! ➔**