

Decent, affordable shelter provides families with a place to gather and grow. Even more, by working with Habitat to achieve affordable homeownership, families can transform their lives.

Liz



Laura



the Galwans

Dear friend,

We've put 2022 to bed, and are welcoming 2023 with open arms and hearts. I cannot wait to see what this year will have in store for Habitat-Spokane. I know this time of year the winter can linger, but the days are slowly starting to get a bit longer bringing glimmers of hope for Spring.

Habitat for Humanity has hit the ground running for this new year with plenty of volunteer opportunities and fundraising activities. We are actively planning Women Build 2023, the Hope Builders Luncheon, and even Blitz Build. These events will be here before we know it, and we want you to be involved--and this newsletter will tell you just how to get started!

We have a lofty goal of closing on 6 more homes before June 2023. Join us in swinging a hammer or using your voice to advocate for affordable homeownership. The Washington State Legislative session has just started, and we look forward to hearing your voices support critical policy issues that will build more communities of opportunity in our beautiful Spokane.

Sincerely,



Michelle Girardot - CEO



I hope you can join us at this year's Luncheon!



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Spokane

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 11, 2023

hope builders
Annual Benefit Luncheon



A note from *Liz*

*"We are thankful for the opportunity to be working with Habitat, which will help [my kids and I] get into an affordable house of our very own. Habitat has a great crew that works for them, and **without all of you, this wouldn't be possible.** Piper and myself look forward to having BBQs and being able to invite family to come visit. Piper is most thankful to have **a place to call our home.**"*

-Liz Sanchez, Future Homeowner

Liz is a single mom currently earning her sweat equity in the Homeownership Program. She has been a huge help at both the Habitat Store and the construction site. We appreciate her hard work! Join us in cheering her on as she gets closer to completing the program and buying her home!

♥ Volunteer Appreciation

Meet Gerry Riddle, a longtime volunteer with Habitat for Humanity-Spokane. Gerry has been helping out in the Habitat Store every Wednesday, for a full 8 hour shift, for over a year now. At 75 years old and retired, he enjoys the volunteer pace at the Store; **"It's a happy place to work, with great staff, and everyone enjoys what they do."** Store Manager, Ceis Laura, says that Gerry does great work repairing, fixing, and putting things together at the Store. THANK YOU for your time and talent, Gerry!!!



Gerry enjoying a surprise volunteer appreciation lunch next to our Warehouse Manager, Caleb Brown!



THE SUBARU LOVE PROMISE

**SUBARU
OF
SPOKANE**
A LITHIA STORE

\$50
donated
per car sold
thru 3/31



Not only are employees from Subaru of Spokane coming out to volunteer for the next three months, but the company is also **DONATING \$50 to Habitat for Humanity-Spokane FOR EVERY CAR SOLD THROUGH the end of March!** These kind of partnerships help Habitat raise the critical funds needed to continue building affordable homes in Spokane.

THANK YOU!



sponsors
partnerships
team builds

Are you interested in making an even bigger philanthropic impact in your community? Align your business with Habitat for Humanity and build a lasting relationship that shapes the future of Spokane! Reach out for more information:

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20
23

upcoming events



women build

MARCH
8 - 11

↑ REGISTER
TODAY
*spots are
limited!*

Kicking off on International Women's Day, this four-day fundraising building event is a hands-on opportunity to truly dig into the building process, and partner alongside the hardworking individuals in our Homeownership Program. Forging gender equity isn't limited to just women, and ALL are welcome. Habitat is excited to meet you at the job site to make real contributions for the women in our community as we build one another up and build affordable homes - **no experience necessary!**

save the date!

official invites
coming soon!

sponsorships
available!

hope builders *Luncheon*

MAY
11

sponsorships
available!

BLITZ BUILD

JUNE
5-16

sponsorships
available!

over the EDGE

OCT
14

Habitat Homes & Gardens

This past holiday season, we asked Habitat homeowners to share their favorite spot in their new, affordable homes. From decorated trees to beautiful wreaths, these photos made us happy they all have a home to celebrate in during the holidays!



♥

Congratulations to Aman and Shogofa (pictured here with their two children, friends, and family at their home dedication!) for completing the Habitat Homeownership Program! They have officially signed their mortgage papers and accepted the keys to their affordable home in the beautiful West Central neighborhood of Spokane.

help us build

25
homes

in 2023!

why is affordable home- OWNERSHIP important?

Affordable homeownership helps create the conditions that free families from instability, stress, and fear and **encourages self-reliance and confidence**. Studies show that strong and stable households are foundational to child development and growth. When a home fosters — instead of hinders — health and safety, **families can flourish**. Owning an affordable home also allows homeowners to lift up their entire family by saving for their futures and investing in educational opportunities — **bolstering job opportunities and long-term career growth**.

Surveys of Habitat homeowners and their families show **better financial health**, parents who are more confident about meeting their family's needs, and even **improved grades for their children**.

For every \$1 white men earn:
Latina women earn about **\$.58**
Black women earn about **\$.63**
White women earn about **\$.83**

29.5%
of single parent households **led by women** live below the poverty level in WA.

57%
of Habitat-Spokane families identify as **BIPOC**.

The median home resale price in Spokane County **nearly doubled** from \$255,600 in 2019 to \$467,500 in 2022

60%
of Habitat-Spokane families are **led by single mothers**.

Nearly 80%
of families approved for Habitat's Homeownership Program are **working 2 jobs** just to make ends meet.

As active participants in building a better future for themselves and their families, **qualified Habitat home-buyers are...**

in need of better housing

Potential home-buyers might be dealing with poorly made, unhealthy, or inadequate housing; unaffordable rent; homes inaccessible for their disabilities or damaged by natural disasters; or have other shelter needs.



willing to partner with Habitat

Habitat homebuyers put in hundreds of hours of “sweat equity” helping build their own home and the homes of others in the program. This also includes classes in personal finances, home maintenance, and other homeownership topics!

able to pay an affordable mortgage

Habitat participants **BUY** their home at a price they can afford. They save up \$4,000 for a downpayment, take out a traditional loan, and their mortgage payments cycle back into the community to help build more affordable houses.





SCAN ME

calling all volunteers

We are in tremendous need of willing hearts to come out and help us build homes and inventory items at the Habitat Store. This is the hardest time of year and we need all the helping hands we can get. **We especially need DEER PARK volunteers!**

habitat-spokane.org/volunteer-opportunities



DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteers on the job site often get to work alongside the future homeowners that will be buying the house they're working on!

Current Habitat homeowners still occasionally volunteer their time on the job site, in the Store, and at events as their way of giving back to the organization.

Research has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression and anxiety, especially for people 65 and older. Volunteering reduces stress and increases positive, relaxed feelings by releasing dopamine!

VOLUNTEERS, LARGE GROUPS & APPRENTICESHIPS NEEDED!

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construction update

Habitat for Humanity is currently working on six new affordable homes in Spokane County. We are in the process of locating additional properties around the city to build on so we can continue to provide maximum density homeownership units.

East Central

Habitat is finalizing two highly efficient homes, made primarily from concrete, which will provide two families with generations of reliable, affordable homeownership. This project is helping revitalize a historically under-served neighborhood and should be complete by the Spring.

Deer Park

Four homes are currently under construction, two of which are in the finishing stages. Our construction team hopes to finish all four homes before Spring and pour six more foundations before Summer.



join our great team!

- Director of Retail Operations
- Store Ambassador

NEW products!

NEW exterior, pre hung, metal skinned doors. NEW twin, full, and queen size mattresses. NEW 5'x8' area rugs in stock.



DOORS



MATTRESSES



RUGS

donations needed!

We are always looking for clean working appliances, kitchen cabinet sets, and gently used furniture!

thank you to all of our
sponsors and partners in 2022



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we're hiring!

- Chief Development Officer
- Director of Retail Operations
- Accounting Director
- Executive Assistant
- Staff Accountant
- Accounting Clerk
- Store Ambassador



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a small monthly gift!*



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**monthly
donor**

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