



Dear friend,

Habitat for Humanity closed out 2023 with two more home closings, allowing two more families to enjoy the comfort of a safe, decent, warm, and affordable place of their very own.

These frigid temperatures are not deterring our construction team from leading volunteers on multiple job sites. However, we are still in need of volunteer support! All construction work is currently indoors; sign up on our website, [habitat-spokane.org](https://habitat-spokane.org), to learn more.

Outside of our job sites, Habitat is busy gearing up for several events. We are recruiting for Women Build, which is a week-long build event strengthening the bonds of sisterhood while raising funds and bringing awareness to the gender gap in Homeownership. This year, Women Build is kicking off on Tuesday, March 19th.

We are also seeking Table Hosts and Sponsors for our largest fundraiser of the year, the Hope Builders Luncheon, which will take place at the Spokane Convention Center on May 16th. If you want to become a Table Host or come out for Women Build, contact [development@habitat-spokane.org](mailto:development@habitat-spokane.org).

I am so grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers, and advocates. While our donors help to fund this powerful mission, our volunteers put that investment into action on the job site. Another powerful tool in the toolbox is the voices that tell Habitat's stories. The Washington State Legislature is in a short 60-day session, and we hope to leverage your voices to ensure more funding can support affordable homeownership in our beautiful Spokane. Be on the lookout for calls to action in your inbox so we can share your support with our lawmakers.

Lastly, in celebrating the legacy and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Beloved Community, Habitat-Spokane has been participating in the Black Homeownership Initiative (BHI). BHI is led by a group of homeownership providers, realtors, and developers that have built a 10-12 month program with an intensive curriculum for 18 families. The goal is to provide education, accountability, and access to Down Payment Assistance, which will allow families to identify what they need to do to become homebuyer-ready. If you are interested in learning more about this work, contact our Advancing Black Homeownership Manager, LaKeisha Davis, at [ldavis@habitat-spokane.org](mailto:ldavis@habitat-spokane.org).



Michelle Girardot - CEO

# home for the holidays recap

On Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Habitat-Spokane celebrated Home for the Holidays with the Alshaar family in the Chief Garry Park neighborhood. The newly rehabilitated home was originally built and sold to another Habitat family in 2002. When the first homeowners were ready to sell, they called Habitat!

Through our commitment to providing safe, decent, and affordable homes in Spokane, Habitat rehabbed and resold the home to a new partner family - just in time for the holidays.

This special home dedication also honored former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, who passed away peacefully in November after a life dedicated to service. For more than three decades, First Lady and President Carter selflessly donated their time and leadership to Habitat for Humanity working alongside over 100,000 volunteers worldwide to build and repair nearly 4,500 homes.

Thank you for all who joined us and please visit the First Lady Rosalynn Carter Memorial Front Door in our Habitat-Spokane Store to leave a message of gratitude for her incredible life's work!







**hope builders**  
*Annual Benefit Luncheon*

**thank you**



Together,  
you helped  
Habitat for  
Humanity-  
Spokane  
**raise**  
**approximately**  
**\$95,000**  
for our  
Year-End  
Campaign!

# construction update

Construction has started on two more units in the Highland Village development in Airway Heights. There are currently no volunteer opportunities at this build site, but the subcontractors are working hard to dry in two units and have already started interior insulation and drywall on both units. More foundations will be poured in the spring when weather allows.

Volunteer opportunities are abundant in the Hope Meadows development in Deer Park. With two units being completed and indoor work opportunities on the next 6 units. There will be lots to do come spring when the weather allows but construction is making the most of the indoor work and getting a lot accomplished.

Habitat completed construction on two homes in Spokane City and has two more active projects in need of rehab work with plenty of volunteer opportunities! There are also several projects in the pipeline for spring and summer, consisting of both new construction and rehabs. The search continues for several potential properties in Spokane and Spokane Valley.

## Happy homeowners receiving their keys!





**SIGN UP TODAY! >>>**

**\$50 registration**



**March 19-22, 2024**

**empowered women  
empower communities**

# Women Build



Women Build is an event that brings empowered women and supportive community members together to help build decent and affordable homes for hardworking families!

**SATURDAY  
3/23  
JUST ADDED!**

*Learn the skills needed to build a home!*

*Have fun making a real difference  
in the Spokane community!*

Presented by: **stcu**





**DONATE!**



♥ **MAKE A DONATION** in honor of a strong, powerful woman that has had a meaningful impact on your life!



This year Habitat-Spokane kicked off Women Build with our first-ever GALENTINE'S DAY MIXER to support women's empowerment through equitable homeownership in Spokane County! Like-minded women (and a few men!) gathered to celebrate the strong women in our lives and learned more about Habitat-Spokane's Women Build event. **Special thanks to our Women Build Steering Committee** (*pictured below*) and thank you to all the **WONDERFUL WOMEN** that joined us - we are excited to see you at the job site!



## Future Homeowner Highlight



"I LOVE volunteering with Habitat because I love their mission and the staff and every FHO I have met. Loving others by putting my hands to work on homes has been so fun and rewarding! It's amazing and humbling to see strangers come out and put time and energy into my future home too! I've learned so many construction skills and made wonderful friends, and even when my house is complete, I will continue to come out and volunteer... because I love it!!!" - Anneke





# 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!

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



## THANK YOU

These local credit unions signed up for Team Build days and offered employee matching on donations, raising over \$11,000 for Habitat!



20  
24

# upcoming events

SATURDAY  
3/23  
JUST ADDED!

women  
build

MARCH  
19-22

hope builders  
*Luncheon*

MAY  
16

BLITZ BUILD

JUNE  
3-14

Pride Build

JUNE  
10

Veteran Build

SEPTEMBER

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