



## Honoring a life of service

President Jimmy Carter | 1924 - 2024

Dear friend of Habitat,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible impact we made together in 2024 and the exciting opportunities ahead. Your dedication to Habitat for Humanity-Spokane—whether through volunteering, advocating, or giving—continues to transform lives and strengthen our community.

Last month, we celebrated a special **Home for the Holidays** dedication, where one family completed their journey to homeownership by accepting the keys to their new home—just in time for the holiday season. It was a powerful reminder of what's possible when we come together to build more than houses—we build hope, stability, and a future.

As we celebrate **Black History Month**, we are pleased to see the next cohort of **Black Homeownership Spokane** participants working through their curriculum to be better prepared for home purchases. This initiative is an essential step toward addressing historical disparities in homeownership and creating more opportunities for Black families to build generational wealth through homeownership.

Looking ahead, **we have 25 homes to complete in 2025**, and we need your help to make it happen! As you set your resolutions for the new year, I encourage you to commit to **sharing your time, talent, and treasure** with Habitat. Whether you're swinging a hammer, advocating for affordable housing, or making a financial gift, your support makes homeownership possible for families in need.

### **Upcoming Opportunities to Get Involved:**

**Women Build (March 19-22 & October 8-11)** – Gather your friends, coworkers, or faith group to help build homes and break barriers! We are also actively seeking sponsors to help make this event a success.

**Hope Builders Luncheon (May 8)** – An inspiring event to learn more about the need for affordable housing in Spokane. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals looking to make a meaningful impact.

**Blitz Build will be here before we know it!** – One of our biggest build events of the year, bringing together volunteers and sponsors to accelerate home construction and change lives. Stay tuned for more details!

We are actively looking for **sponsors** to help us make these events even more impactful. If your business, faith group, or organization is interested in partnering with Habitat-Spokane to build homes, communities, and hope, please contact our Development Team at [development@habitat-spokane.org](mailto:development@habitat-spokane.org) for more information.

Together, let's make 2025 a year of impact—**building with courage, humility, and accountability** to create a Spokane where everyone has a place to call home.

*Thank you for being part of this mission. Let's build hope, together!*



Michelle Girardot - CEO



## Remembering President Jimmy Carter honoring a life of service

Habitat for Humanity-Spokane joins the world in mourning the death of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and joins observances around the world to remember his life of service. He and Rosalynn Carter lent a hand to Habitat for Humanity as a young organization and created broad awareness of its work and of its mission. Their efforts helped raise awareness of the critical need for decent affordable housing in the U.S. and around the world.

Over the last three decades, the Carter Work Project has touched lives around the world by inspiring more than 108,000 volunteers across the U.S. and in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair 4,447 Habitat homes. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has served more than 62 million people around the world.

Stephen and Patti Aspinwall, long-time Habitat supporters, participated with a group from Habitat-Spokane for a Carter Work Project: “We traveled to Chang Mai, Thailand in November 2009. We built a home for a young couple, Pathit and Gloy. They had just had their first child, a baby girl. During the wet season in Thailand, raw sewage would flood their home, so getting a safe, clean and affordable home was a no-brainer. We thoroughly enjoyed our time serving side by side with this incredible family.”



*Volunteers from Habitat-Spokane at the Thailand Carter Build, November 2009. Photo credit: Dennis Reed*

Habitat-Spokane joins Habitat organizations around the world in erecting a memorial door to pay tribute to the late President Carter and acknowledge how his efforts opened doors to brighter futures for thousands of Habitat homeowners for more than four decades. We will be celebrating President Carter's life of service in the coming weeks with a memorial door event where the general public will be invited to pay tribute by signing their name and a personal message. We will also be hosting a local build event in late May 2025.



*Habitat-Spokane volunteers with the Carters in Thailand, 2009. Photo credit: Dennis Reed*





home  
for the  
holidays  
recap

On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Habitat-Spokane celebrated a special Home for the Holidays home dedication with Majok & Nyibol in their newly built home in the Highland Village neighborhood of Airway Heights, just in time for the holidays. Majok and Nyibol have five children and have been in the homeownership program for the last few years. During that time, they completed their partnership requirements, saved for closing costs, and prepared to close on their new home, opening a future full of possibilities.

"This house is big enough for everyone; we are blessed. Owning this home means our family will come together again," Majok said at the dedication.

Majok and Nyibol's home is one of 16 units in Phase II of the Highland Village Development and was built in collaboration with the City of Airway Heights, Spokane County, Habitat for Humanity-Spokane, Community Frameworks, and Greenstone Homes. Thank you to all who joined us for a celebration of Majok and Nyibol's family!



# Be a Table Host & Build Hope—One Seat at a Time!

At Habitat for Humanity-Spokane's Hope Builders Luncheon, we gather as a community to create life-changing opportunities for families striving for stability and homeownership. As a Table Host, you play a crucial role in bringing together people who believe in building a future where everyone has a safe, decent place to call home.

## Why Be a Table Host?

- ✔ *Make a Bigger Impact* – By inviting friends, family, or colleagues, you're helping expand the movement for affordable homeownership. Your table represents a group of people who can collectively change lives.
- ✔ *Be Part of Something Transformational* – The luncheon is more than a fundraiser—it's a moment of inspiration, where guests hear firsthand from families whose lives have been transformed by safe, affordable housing.
- ✔ *A Simple Yet Powerful Commitment* – There's no financial obligation to host. Your role is simply to fill a table of 10 by inviting people who care about making a difference. Habitat provides all the tools you need to engage your guests.
- ✔ *Lead by Example* – By stepping up as a host, you are a champion for change. You demonstrate leadership in your community and help ensure Habitat can continue building homes, communities, and hope.

## What to Expect as a Table Host

- 🏠 *A Front-Row Seat to Impact* – You and your guests will experience the heart of Habitat's mission through powerful stories and engaging presentations.
- ❤️ *Personalized Support* – We provide email templates, talking points, and RSVP tracking so inviting guests is easy and seamless.
- 💙 *Gratitude & Recognition* – Your dedication as a Table Host will be celebrated because YOU are an essential part of making this event a success.



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## Together, We Build More

When you become a Table Host, you're not just filling seats—you're igniting a movement. Each guest at your table represents another potential supporter, volunteer, or donor who can help us build and fund homes for families in need.

Join us in creating a future filled with hope. Step up as a Table Host today and be a part of something truly life-changing!

👉 Sign up now and let's build hope—together.





**SIGN UP TODAY!** >>>

**\$50 registration**



**March 19-22, 2025**

# women build



Women Build brings together volunteers from all walks of life to **strengthen & empower communities**. Anyone eager to learn how to build or repair homes is welcome to join, making this event a hands-on way to **serve & uplift their community**.

**Presented by:** 

**Invite friends and family to volunteer  
and make a lasting impact!**

**No experience needed!**

## Volunteer Spotlight

My Dad first introduced me to Habitat for Humanity and their vision for “a world where everyone has a decent place to live,” when he was a job site foreman for the North Idaho chapter. When he passed away I decided **the best way for me to keep his memory alive, was to do something he was passionate about, so I started volunteering with Habitat for Humanity-Spokane**. There really is no better feeling than picking up a hammer, a broom, a paint brush—whatever is needed—to **help a future homeowner achieve the ultimate dream of homeownership!**

When the Women Build Steering Committee was formed, I knew this was an amazing opportunity for me to further my involvement. My employer, Bank of America, has a longstanding partnership with Habitat locally and nationally, because of the need to improve access to affordable housing in our communities. Our collaboration brings together employee volunteer efforts and philanthropic commitments to help advance the benefits of economic opportunity through homeownership.

If you haven't had the chance to be present on dedication day, I highly recommend attending one to see firsthand their vision come alive, when the homeowner receives their keys!



**- Heidi Busso | Assistant Vice President, Commercial Associate - Bank of America**



# 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 stockings hung on the mantel in front of a cozy fireplace, these photos made us happy they have a home to celebrate in during the holidays.

*From one new homeowner:* "This year has been nothing short of a miracle for our family. Just before the holidays, we were **handed the keys to our very own home—a dream come true** that wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of Habitat for Humanity Spokane. Life has thrown its fair share of challenges our way, but thanks to Habitat's generosity and belief in us, we now have a place to call our own.

My kids and I are beyond grateful. It's hard to put into words how much this means to us. Every year, we get so excited about decorating for the holidays and welcoming family into our space. This year, **our home was filled with even more joy as we hosted both Thanksgiving and Christmas.** The laughter, love, and memories we made will stay with us forever, and my kids still talk about how much fun they had.

We are incredibly thankful for the chance to create new traditions and make our house a home. We look forward to many more holiday seasons here and are so

excited to share our journey with everyone who has supported us along the way. Thank you, Habitat for Humanity Spokane, for making this dream a reality."

**YOU helped make homeownership a reality for these families!**  
**Thank you!** 



*A cozy fireplace and decorated mantel complete this beautiful Habitat home.*



*This new homeowner just celebrated her first Thanksgiving & Christmas in her Habitat home with her 3 children!*

# exciting updates from our job sites

**Deer Park:** Our team has wrapped up most exterior tasks and is now diving into exciting indoor projects, including both new construction and renovation! With the chilly weather settling in, we're thrilled to be working indoors, making the job experience a whole lot cozier for everyone.

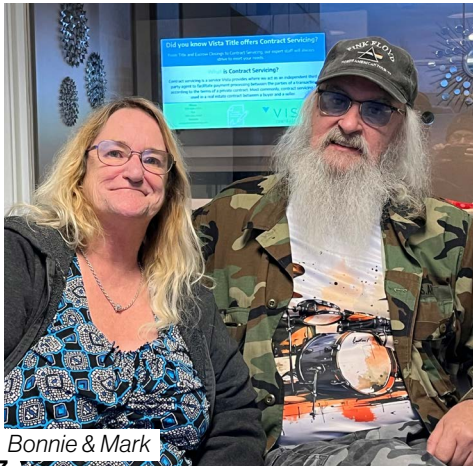


*Volunteers working at N Collins Lane in Spokane Valley*

**Spokane Valley - Collins Lane:** Things are buzzing at our Spokane Valley job site! Foundations have been poured for six new homes, joining the single-family home that's already making great progress. These homes, built with insulated concrete forms (ICF), promise fantastic energy efficiency and durability. It's shaping up to be an amazing building experience for all!

**City of Spokane:** Our yearly renovation projects are all underway! We are tackling a 120-year-old home in the Hillyard neighborhood, covering everything from exterior and interior to electrical, plumbing, and finishing touches. This collaboration with NEWTech provides invaluable hands-on training for high school students while contributing to our mission of building affordable housing. We couldn't be more delighted to have NEWTech on board!

## happy homeowners accepting their keys!



*Bonnie & Mark*



*Oksana & Bryant*





SCAN ME

# calling all volunteers

We are in tremendous need of willing hearts to come out and help us build homes on the construction job site and help around the Habitat Store. Join us by making a difference in our community building homes and hope!

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



OpenEye staff volunteering at the Spokane Valley job site



Leavitt Capital Company staff volunteering at the Store

*thank you*

**WELLS  
FARGO**

for joining us for a Team Build  
in the Spokane Valley!



# future homeowner highlight



Sandra (left) with Barbara, Habitat-Spokane Homeowner Support Specialist, volunteering at Spokane's Lunar New Year event in February.

After relocating from Mississippi to Spokane several years ago, **Sandra** is excited to begin a new chapter of her life in a Habitat home. **“To be able to afford the mortgage is something I never thought would be a part of my life”**, she says. Upon purchasing her house, Sandra is looking forward to expanding her garden, putting in a fire pit, and having a safe place to host her children and grandchildren. **“Thank you, Habitat!”**



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## sponsorship opportunities

women  
build

MARCH  
19-22

hope builders  
Luncheon

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*For more info,  
scan the QR code!*



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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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(509) 534-2552



# the Habitat Store needs YOU!

By shopping, donating, and volunteering at our store, you are helping Habitat's mission to build affordable housing in our community. **Donating is as easy as dropping by the Store, located at 1805 E. Trent Avenue, Monday through Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm on the west side of the building.** You can also visit our website at [habitat-spokane.org](http://habitat-spokane.org), click on the Store link in the upper right corner, and click on the "FREE Donation Pickup" link to email us a request for a donation truck to come to your home (certain limitations and restrictions).

## The Store is accepting New and Like New:

- Washers and Dryers
- Refrigerators
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- Flooring
- Cabinets
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*To schedule a free donation pick-up, scan the QR code!*



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# Store

Habitat for Humanity Spokane

## join our great team!

- Warehouse Lead - Store Ambassador

## NEW products!

NEW twin, full, and queen size mattresses. NEW 5'x8' area rugs in stock. NEW recycled paint in 18 different colors.



PAINT



MATTRESSES



RUGS

## donations needed!

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





# faith in action!

Put your **FAITH & LOVE** into action!  
Get your congregation involved by volunteering, pledging support, or joining our NEW Faith in Action committee with Habitat-Spokane.

**all denominations welcome!**

*Find out more!*   

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