



Together, we build vibrant neighborhoods.

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Dear Friend,

This new fiscal year feels big. We've got big plans, big vision, and big goals to make affordable homeownership a reality for even more families here in Spokane County. But honestly, what sticks with me most right now isn't a number or a plan—it's a little moment that says everything about why this work matters.

A few weeks ago, some of our volunteers were building on a nearby lot when they overheard a Habitat kid whose family had just purchased their home. This kiddo could hardly contain themselves, telling everyone they finally get to have their first slumber party. Before Habitat, they were living in overcrowded, unsafe conditions where something as simple as having friends stay over wasn't possible. Now, they've got the space, the safety, and the freedom to just be a kid.

That's what your support really builds—homes, yes, but also memories, stability, and futures. And this year, we're setting out to do even more of it.

We're starting strong. Our Blitz Build at Collins Lane brought together hundreds of volunteers, corporate partners, faith groups, and future homeowners. In just two weeks, multiple homes went from foundation to framed and fully weather-tight. It was an incredible reminder of what this community can do when we show up for each other.

We wrapped up the last fiscal year with **31 homes under construction, 23 families buying their first home, and 8 families paying off their mortgages**. Nearly 450 Habitat families are now living in safe, affordable homes here in Spokane County. And there are more families waiting for their turn. This year, we're aiming to complete and **close 38 homes** across Spokane Valley, the City of Spokane (including new infill projects), Deer Park, and Airway Heights.

Two great chances to stay involved are just around the corner:

- **Veterans Build – September 10–13, 2025, registration is OPEN!**
- **Women Build 2 – October 8–11, 2025, with registration opening August 27**

Thank you, truly, for walking alongside us. This year, together, we can open more doors, welcome more families in, and keep making room for all the little things that turn a house into a home.

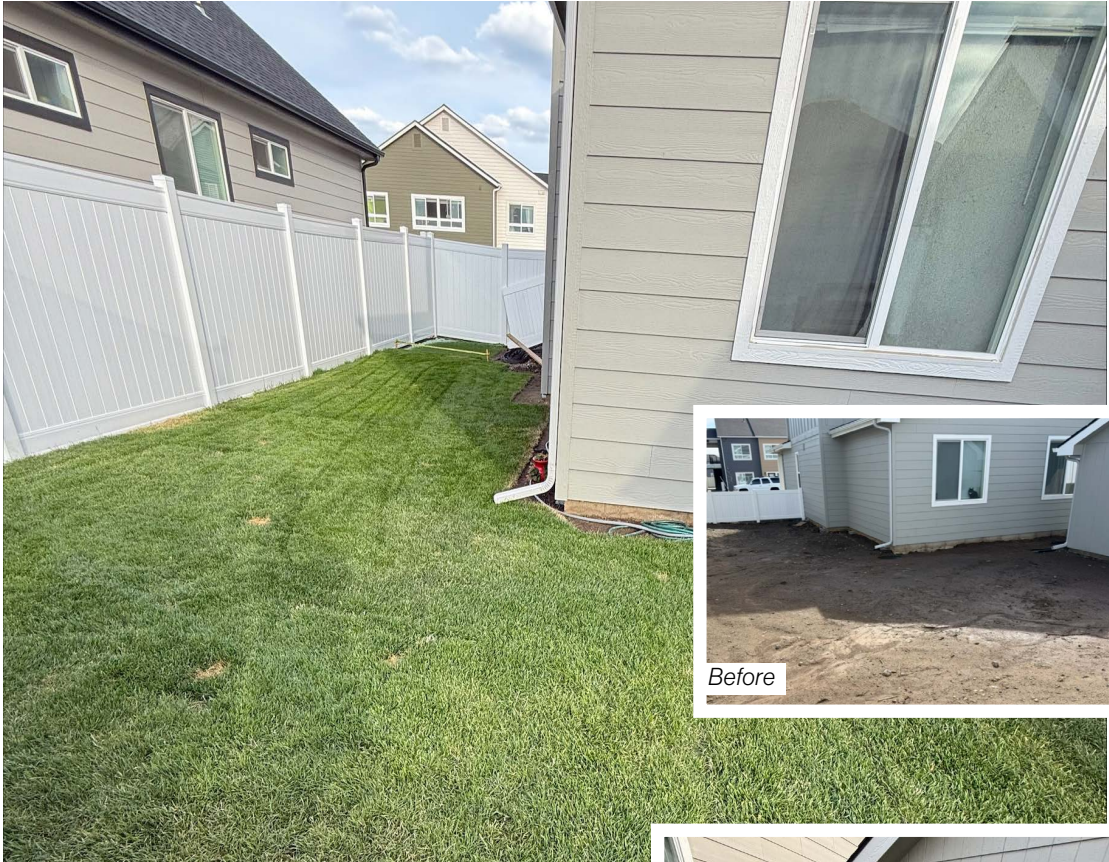


In partnership,



Michelle Girardot
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity-Spokane

Habitat Homes & Gardens



Welcome to Jen's beautiful backyard oasis! After moving into her Habitat home this spring, she immediately got to work leveling and laying sod, turning the dirt backyard into a kid-friendly and inviting space for her family to relax and unwind.

*"I can't thank Spokane Habitat for Humanity enough for helping make my dreams a reality. As a single mom, owning a home with a yard felt almost impossible in today's market—but with the incredible support from Habitat and our community, it became possible. Today, not only do **I have my dream home, but also a dream yard that's become our happy place.** After years of hard work, I finally get to come home, plant flowers, grow grass, and watch my kids and fur babies enjoy the space we've built together."*

Dignity starts with a home.





empowered **women** empower **communities**



Current members of the Women Build Steering Committee volunteering at the spring Women Build event in March.

Habitat for Humanity-Spokane is seeking passionate and dedicated women from diverse backgrounds to join our **Women Build Steering Committee**. Whether you work in construction, real estate, community service, healthcare, or simply have a heart for making a difference, we invite you to bring your unique perspective and talents to our mission. As a Steering Committee member, you'll play a vital role in organizing and sustaining year-round Women Build programming, including **volunteer events, fundraising efforts, advocacy campaigns, and networking opportunities**. Together, we're building more than homes—we're building equity, empowerment, and lasting community impact.

Women Build is about more than just swinging a hammer. It's a movement that **tackles the systemic barriers women — especially single mothers — face on the path to homeownership**. With housing costs in Spokane more than doubling since 2018 and persistent wage gaps, the need for action is urgent. *For more information or to apply to be on the committee, please scan the QR code. All applications must be emailed to: development@habitat-spokane.org*

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upcoming events

Sponsorship opportunities available!

veterans build

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SEPTEMBER
10-13

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women build

OCTOBER
8-11

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construction update



Highland Village – Airway Heights

The energy at Highland Village is unmistakable! Since last quarter, more than **five homes have been completed**, and we're on track to deliver **ten additional homes by year's end**. With all permits secured, our team is moving forward at full speed. Even better — design work for the next phase is already in motion, and we're targeting a winter infrastructure launch. The community momentum here is truly inspiring.

Spokane Valley

Big news for Spokane Valley: Habitat-Spokane has been awarded **land to develop up to 25 brand-new homes**. While still in the planning phase, we're aiming to **break ground on infrastructure this coming spring**. Meanwhile, steady progress continues **six homes along Collins Lane, all scheduled for completion before winter 2026**. This project is about growth—one thoughtfully built home at a time.

City of Spokane

Over in Spokane, we're actively exploring **two new rehab opportunities** that will breathe new life into existing homes. One standout initiative is happening in the historic **Hillyard neighborhood—a full restoration of a century-old house**. This project is a special partnership with **NewTech Prep**, giving students hands-on experience while preserving Spokane's architectural heritage. It's a beautiful blend of education and community revitalization.

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Myrtle & Elbi with sons Ryel & Kyle



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Because of YOU, Habitat celebrated
our 24th successful Blitz Build and
our 2nd annual Pride Build
in Spokane Valley!

*Thank
You*

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SRM

**Keurig
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Habitat-Spokane Advances Local Advocacy for Affordable Homeownership

At Habitat for Humanity-Spokane, we advocate for affordable homeownership at the federal, state, and local levels—with much of our day-to-day work focused on local policy and partnerships. This quarter, we're excited to highlight several major advocacy wins in our region.

City of Spokane Valley

Spokane Valley has emerged as an exciting hub for Habitat-Spokane, thanks to the city's strong support for affordable homeownership. It began with the **allocation of local funding to kick off our first development in the Valley in more than 25 years**. Building on this momentum, **Habitat worked alongside the Spokane Valley City Council to pass an ordinance allowing the city to donate surplus publicly owned land to affordable housing developers**. Habitat-Spokane was honored to be the first successful recipient of such a donation, paving the way for a new 24-home community in Spokane Valley.

City of Airway Heights

In Airway Heights, Habitat-Spokane partnered with the city and the planning commission to help implement a **new middle housing ordinance**. This update **allows for a greater variety of housing types—including small-lot single-family homes and townhomes—making more efficient use of limited land**. These changes will significantly expand opportunities for affordable homeownership in the growing Airway Heights community.

Join Us in Advocacy

Habitat-Spokane is building a strong community of advocates committed to expanding access to affordable housing and homeownership. To stay informed and receive action alerts when your voice is needed, **sign up for our advocacy email list: habitat-spokane.org/advocacy**.



(l-r) Spokane Valley Councilmember Padden, Deputy Mayor Hattenburg, Habitat for Humanity-Spokane CEO Michelle Girardot, and Representative Schmidt speaking at our President Carter celebration event on the last day of Blitz Build in June.

faith in action



The **Faith in Action Committee** at Habitat-Spokane continues to grow in spirit, impact, and unity. We are deeply grateful for each committee member whose dedication, time, and faithful service are helping bring hope and housing to families in need.

Recent efforts have focused on planning for our upcoming **Faith Build Events**, coordinating volunteer support, strengthening relationships with local congregations, and expanding outreach to engage new faith communities.

The committee warmly invites people of all faiths to join in this important work, emphasizing that our shared commitment to service transcends individual traditions.

Through prayer, partnership, and purpose-driven action, we are seeing the power of faith come to life, building not just homes, but a stronger, more compassionate community.

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can be put into action.



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



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for another OUTSTANDING year building homes, community, and hope in Spokane County!

Fiscal Year 2025 Recap



Year End featured family: Mimi and sons Artega & Maluda



Home for the Holidays: Nyibol & Majok



Veterans Build



Honoring President Jimmy Carter



Blitz Build

Women Build



Hope Builders Luncheon



Volunteers at the Store



Pride Build





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*"Before I found Habitat for Humanity, life was a constant struggle. As a single mother of my children, Eduardo and Zhylene, **I was determined to provide a better future for them**, but the harsh*

reality of unstable housing made it seem like an impossible challenge. I was working tirelessly as a medical assistant apprentice, and finding a place to call home remained elusive.

*Then, like a beacon of hope, Habitat entered my life. I made the decision to apply, **driven by the belief that I deserved more and that my children deserved more**. Working alongside volunteers and fellow homeowners, I immersed myself in the process of building our Habitat home. From learning to lay shingles on a rooftop to nailing the foundation of a home together, **I discovered a newfound sense of empowerment and pride in my abilities**. Habitat provided not only the opportunity for affordable homeownership but also a platform for personal growth and skill development."* - **Gracie, Habitat Homeowner**



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Automatic monthly donations help Habitat for Humanity-Spokane plan long-term, budget more efficiently, and create more life-changing outcomes. **Donate monthly and help solve the affordable housing crisis we are currently facing in Spokane.**

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