

Anngie, and sons Adrian (7) and Alan (19 mos) moved into their Habitat home this summer.



Your support builds impact!

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and more!

Dear friend,

The evenings are turning chilly again. At my house we just switched on the heat, and it made me think of neighbors in Spokane who are still waiting for the steady warmth a safe, decent home brings. Spokane is still in a housing crisis, and many neighbors don't have a real choice yet—but together we're opening doors.

I want you to know what your kindness makes possible. Each week I meet neighbors who are working toward homeownership on their own terms—learning, showing up on site, and moving toward a mortgage they can afford. Side by side with volunteers and our crews, they hang doors, roll paint, and pick the doorframe where those pencil marks will climb as a child grows. The first night under their own roof is often just a whisper: *We're safe. We're home.*

This is our shared work at Habitat for Humanity–Spokane. We build with, not for—and when we do, something bigger happens. Together, we build belonging. Belonging starts with home. You can see it in steadier school mornings, quieter worries, and neighbors who look out for each other.

This fall, the work keeps moving—and it won't stop when the temperature drops. We build year-round. Even on cold days there's plenty to do indoors at our jobsites (finish work, painting, punch lists) and inside the Habitat Store. Since July, four families have purchased their homes and 15 new families have entered the program. We are on track for 10 more home sales before the end of the calendar year—ten sets of keys, ten first nights, ten new beginnings.

And we're building for the long term: our model keeps homes affordable for future buyers too, so the home that's affordable today is affordable for the next family tomorrow. That means your generosity works twice—now, and again when the keys change hands.

Dates to keep in mind:

- *Fall & Winter Volunteer Days — year-round (indoor roles available on sites and at the Habitat Store)*
- *Giving Tuesday — Tuesday, December 2 (a community day of generosity that helps families cross the finish line)*
- *Home for the Holidays Home Dedication — Wednesday, December 10*

If you're wondering how to lean in this season, think about the neighbors buying these homes: lend a hand on a build or at the Store; share why home matters with a friend; add your voice when we advocate for policies that open doors instead of closing them. And if you're inclined to give on Giving Tuesday, know that you're helping a neighbor turn hard work into a home of their own.

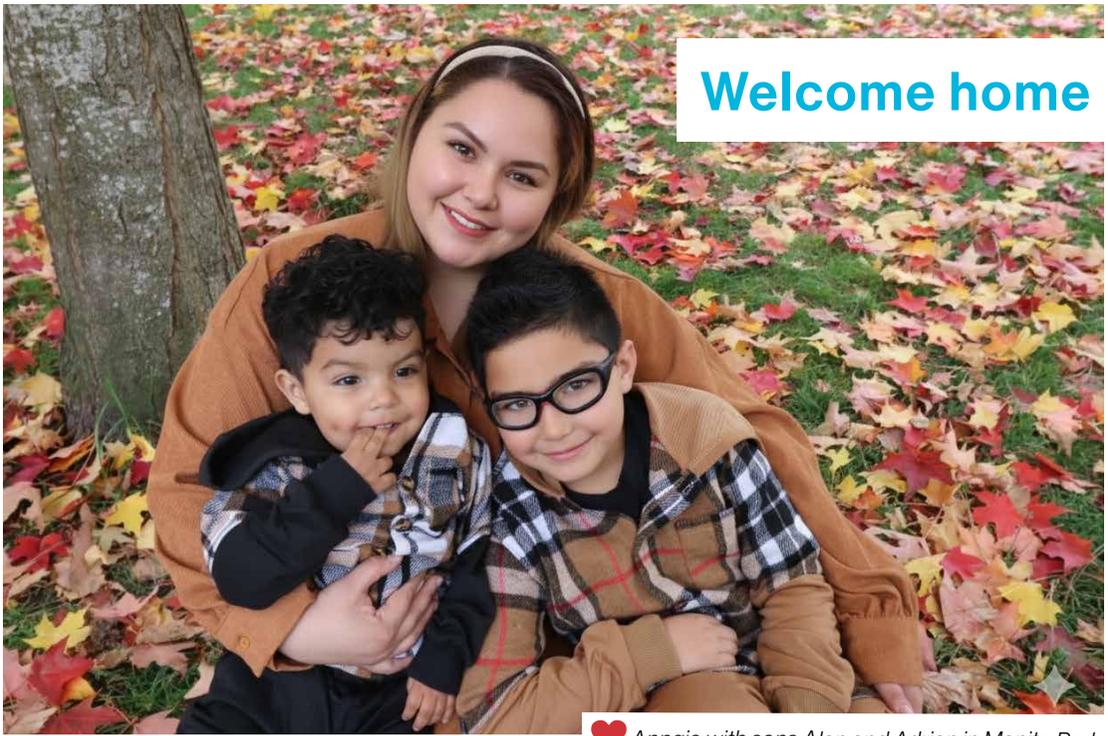
Volunteer. Donate. Advocate. Every way you show up helps a family step over a threshold and say, "*We're home.*" Thank you for standing with your neighbors. Your care is in every wall raised and every set of keys we hand over—homes, communities and hope made real.

With gratitude and hope,



Michelle Girardot
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity–Spokane

Welcome home



♥ Angie with sons Alan and Adrian in Manito Park

For years, Angie was doing everything she could to build a better life for her family. As a single mom, she worked full-time in addition to two part-time jobs, and went to school—all while providing for her kids and her dad. But with expensive rent and high cost of living, she could barely cover the essentials.

Life was busy and sometimes exhausting, but her goal was simple: to create stability and opportunity for the people she loves most. *"I was determined to create stability for Adrian while holding myself together—mentally, physically, and emotionally."* In the midst of that struggle, she began searching for affordable housing and discovered the Habitat for Humanity homeownership program.

"Just the thought of being able to offer my sons a safe and stable home gave me the strength to fill out the application and join the waiting list." She wasn't just building a house and fulfilling partnership hours—she was building a future.

"And while 250 hours of volunteering may seem overwhelming, those hours are filled with purpose: you'll learn new skills, meet future neighbors, help build your own home, and show others that Habitat's mission and vision are real."

Today, her Habitat home represents more than stability—it's the foundation for a brighter future. Since completing the program and purchasing her home, Angie graduated with a high GPA, leading to a successful internship. *"Without the constant worry of \$2,000 rent allowed me to stay grounded in my purpose. That stability helped me succeed, and ultimately led to a full-time, well-paying job.*

This is a life-changing opportunity and it's worth every step."

Habitat-Spokane Prepares for Local Election Season

At Habitat for Humanity-Spokane, we advocate for affordable homeownership at the federal, state, and local levels. With election season approaching, it's important to outline our approach to civic engagement. As a 501(c)(3), Habitat-Spokane never endorses or donates to candidates but always advocates for policies that expand access to affordable homeownership.

Spokane City Council Candidate Housing Forum

In partnership with the Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium (SLIHC) and Black Homeownership Spokane, Habitat-Spokane hosted its first Candidate Forum focused on affordable housing. Participants included City Council candidates Zack Zappone and Chris Savage (District 3), Kate Telis (District 2), and Sarah Dixit (District 1). Each shared their perspectives on policies shaping Spokane's housing future.

Progress in Spokane Valley

Habitat-Spokane was recently awarded a Spokane Valley property through the city's surplus land program—an initiative we helped champion to make public land available for affordable homeownership. Together with the City, we are pursuing Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) funds to support site preparation and infrastructure, paving the way for up to 23 new affordable homes for local families.

Spokane City Council Candidate Housing Forum

Habitat-Spokane is building a community of advocates working to expand affordable housing and homeownership. Stay informed and receive action alerts at [habitat-spokane.org/advocacy](https://www.habitat-spokane.org/advocacy).



(l-r) Spokane City Councilmember candidates Zappone, Savage, Telis, and Dixit speaking at the Candidate Housing Forum in October.

Thank you for a successful



Veterans BUILD 2025





1st Annual Homeownership Education Resource Fair

The Importance of Building Generational Wealth

On September 13th, Habitat for Humanity-Spokane hosted its 1st annual Homeownership Education Resource Fair, an inspiring event focused on empowering families with the knowledge, tools and resources to achieve stable, affordable housing.

Organized by LaKeisha Davis, Advancing Black Homeownership Manager at Habitat-Spokane, over 50 attendees connected with 15 local organizations offering services in financial education, credit repair, home insurance, and other local community resources outside of homeownership.

This impactful event connected community members with vendors and resources, along with fun kids' activities, family-friendly music, video interviews, and opportunities for one-on-one support by connecting directly with community partners.



LaKeisha Davis, Advancing Black Homeownership Manager

We extend our heartfelt thank you to our sponsor, Banner Bank. Their support helped make this inaugural event a success! We also thank our other community partners who attended—for their participation, support and commitment to housing equity. One attendee shared, *"This event gave me so much hope. I didn't realize how many programs were available to help families like mine."* Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Together we build inclusive communities—one home, one family, and one opportunity at a time.

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12:00PM - 1:00PM | Airway Heights
RSVP: habitat-spokane.org/H4TH

Turning Office Furniture into Homes

Kim Montgomery and Bank of America Advance Community Asset Development with Habitat for Humanity-Spokane

For 40 years, Bank of America has partnered with Habitat for Humanity International to strengthen our communities, building homes, hope, and opportunities for families. Here in Spokane, that partnership has existed for decades, and the legacy continues to grow thanks to leaders like Kim Montgomery, Senior Vice President for Eastern Washington and North Idaho at Bank of America and a member of Habitat-Spokane's Women Build Steering Committee.

Kim recently championed an initiative to donate gently used Bank of America office furniture to the Habitat Store rather than sending it to the landfill. These donations are sold through the Store, and the proceeds go directly toward building affordable homes for families in our community. Every desk, chair, or filing cabinet that finds a new home in our Store helps fund construction



Bank of America staff volunteering at the Habitat Store

materials, supports our local volunteer programs, and helps Habitat-Spokane provide safe, stable, and affordable housing to families across our community.

This effort is a great example of community asset development, turning existing resources into long-term benefits for local families. What might have been discarded as surplus now helps generate funding, reduce waste, and support Habitat's mission. Through Kim's leadership, simple office furniture is transformed into a sustainable resource that strengthens the community in multiple ways.

As Habitat for Humanity-Spokane celebrates its partnership with Bank of America, we are grateful for this shared commitment to building homes, hope, and a stronger community and for champions like Kim Montgomery who turn vision into action.

 **Welcome home! Together, we build vibrant neighborhoods.**



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Habitat for Humanity-Spokane is charging ahead in its mission to build safe, affordable homes for families across Spokane County! With exciting milestones reached and new developments on the horizon, here's a snapshot of the incredible progress happening at our job sites:

Deer Park – Hope Meadows

We did it! Hope Meadows has officially wrapped up all residential construction, now home to 72 families. This vibrant community, built over more than a decade with the help of volunteers, donors, and future homeowners, is a shining example of what perseverance and partnership can achieve.

Spokane – Rehabs

In the heart of Hillyard, Habitat is teaming up with New Tech Skill Center to breathe new life into a century-old home. This full-scale rehab not only restores a cherished family home—it also gives high school students hands-on experience in construction trades. From structural work to finishing touches, this project is a cornerstone of the Hillyard Suburban Plan, driving neighborhood revitalization through community investment.

Meanwhile, in West Central, we're collaborating with A Better Way to renovate a single-family home, continuing our commitment to transforming lives through safe, affordable housing.

Spokane Valley – Collins Lane

Things are buzzing at Collins Lane! Units two and three are nearly complete, and four more are on track for a spring finish. Plus, we're laying the groundwork—literally—for future development on land donated by the City on Carnahan. Big things are coming!



Volunteers at Collins Lane in Spokane Valley

Airway Heights – Highland Village

Phase Three is in full swing with 15 homes currently under construction. And we're not stopping there—plans are underway for a brand-new phase that could bring over 60 more homes to the community. The future is bright in Airway Heights!

Thank you for another great

women build



Faith in Action Committee Update: A Year of Unity and Impact

In its inaugural year, Habitat-Spokane's Faith in Action Committee brought together volunteers from diverse faith communities to put love into action through service. Three successful Faith Build events united over 100 volunteers from across traditions to support Habitat's mission of putting God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope.

More than just building houses, these events built bridges of understanding, unity, and compassion, bringing together people of faith, the broader community, and neighbors committed to loving and serving one another.

The committee also helped strengthen a growing interfaith network and has seen an encouraging increase in Spokane-area churches and congregations stepping up to volunteer, provide support, and deepen their partnership with Habitat-Spokane.

Looking ahead, the committee is excited to host more Faith Builds in the coming months and welcomes people of all faiths, congregations, and organizations to get involved! Whether by joining the Faith in Action Committee, sponsoring a Faith Build, or hosting lunch for volunteers, there's a place for everyone in this mission of shared service.

A heartfelt thank you to the Faith in Action Committee for their dedication, leadership, and support; you are helping to build not just homes, but a stronger, more unified Spokane.



Life Center Church members volunteering at Faith Build

every faith
can be put into action.

To learn more or get involved contact:

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

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store update



When you shop, donate, or volunteer at the Habitat Store, you're doing so much more than decluttering or scoring a deal—you're helping build safe, affordable homes for families right here in Spokane.

Volunteer with Purpose

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? Join our team of awesome volunteers! Whether you're sorting donations, helping customers, or sharing your skills, every hour you spend at the store directly supports our mission to create housing opportunities for families in need. Plus, it's a great way to meet new people and be part of something bigger.

Donate with Ease

Have extra items you no longer need?
We're currently accepting New and Like-New:

- Washers & Dryers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Tools & Hardware
- Furniture
- Flooring
- Cabinets
- Doors & Windows

**Make a BIG impact —
one donation, one purchase,
one volunteer shift at a time!**

*To schedule a
free donation
pick-up, scan
the QR code!*



Drop-offs are a breeze! Swing by 1805 E. Trent Avenue, Monday-Saturday from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (look for the donation area on the west side of the building). Need help with large items? We offer Free Donation Pickup! Simply head to habitat-spokane.org, click the “Store” link in the top right, then select “Free Donation Pickup” to send a quick email request. (*Some restrictions apply.*)

Shop to Support

Every purchase at the Habitat Store helps fund our mission. From one-of-a-kind furniture finds to quality tools, cabinets, and appliances—there's always something new to discover. Save money, reduce waste, and help build homes... all in one trip!

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Crystal is a single mom raising a teenage daughter and caring for their beloved pets—all while navigating the overwhelming uncertainty of Spokane's housing crisis. She's lived in Spokane her entire life, but until now, she had never known the comfort of a home she could truly call her own.

After facing years of instability, Crystal took a courageous step toward a better future. Through Habitat's Homeownership Program, she completed over 250 partnership hours, attended financial education courses, and worked tirelessly to save for her closing costs.

This spring, Crystal stood proudly on the porch of her new home—holding the keys to a future filled with hope. ***"The safety of having something that is all ours—that no one can take from us or tell us how to live—is what makes it life-changing for us."*** Because of your support, Crystal and her daughter now have space to breathe, room to grow, and a backyard where their dogs can play. They have something they never had before: a haven, a home, a future.

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