



Fall 2022 Servant's Hammer

Building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter

building hope together

bob's bulletin Bob Anderson, Executive Director



We are off to a great start in 2022 with Habitat. We will work on house builds for at least 11 families this year serving 43 people. Our Habitat completed 25 “Brush With Kindness” projects that served 62 people. “Brush With Kindness” projects include helping people with projects around their house like fixing gutters, flooring, building a shed, etc.

When you support our local Habitat, you are also supporting projects around the world. As of this year our local Habitat has been able to tithe \$798,145.00. The tithe has given us the opportunity to help 271 families in Haiti.

Habitat homes are built by many volunteers. The volunteers are the heartbeat of Habitat for Humanity. Whether you're swinging a hammer for the first time as you help build a house, putting up siding, hanging drywall,

painting, cleaning or serving lunch to the other volunteers - your efforts make the dream of homeownership possible.

Volunteer opportunities offer a chance to stretch your skill set. At Habitat, you'll always have the chance to learn something different. More than anything, you will make a difference in a family for many years.

When you volunteer, whole neighborhoods improve and completely transform. Through this transformation, families achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life.

We continue to work toward a world where everyone has a decent place to live. That's our vision. That's where it starts. We believe that everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from, should have a decent place to

live; a place of their own where they feel safe, where they know their neighbors, where they can afford nutritious food and decent health-care, where they can save up to send their kids to college, and ultimately where they can build fulfilling, successful lives. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat brings people together to build homes, community, and hope. This year our theme is “Building Hope Together!” All three words are very important. We are building relationships, communities, and houses. It is our goal to partner with you so that, together, we can provide hope for partner families and the entire community.

meet our newest additions!



Jess Lazarz

Jess Lazarz, Intern

"I am thrilled to be working alongside the staff and volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette this semester! As a native of the La-

fayette area, I have seen firsthand the impact Habitat has on families, volunteers, and donors alike, and I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this organization. I am a senior studying Human Services at Purdue University, and after graduation in December, I hope to pursue a ca-

reer in nonprofit administration. Throughout the semester, I will be experiencing a number of areas within the organization, from construction to development, as well as connecting with neighbors from all walks of life that are working toward the common goal of building homes, community, and hope."



Vlad & Inna

Vladimir Slobodianiuk and his fiancée, Inna, have joined our team. They are from Odessa in Ukraine and have come to America to escape from the war and destitute conditions. They are happy to be a part of the Habitat family because "We want to work and help others." They are being sponsored by a team of individuals who are members of Covenant Church. Vlad and Inna are looking forward to their future here. Vlad is working in construction on our home builds and Inna is working at the ReStore. We are so glad to have them as part of the Habitat team!



thank you!



Thank you to the students at **The Crossing School**. They spent some time putting in new mulch at the Junction House. They will be working with Habitat on a regular basis building sheds, learning to build houses, etc. and Habitat is proud to be helping to train the next generation. We are thankful for this community partnership.



Thank you to **Knox Services** for their donations to Habitat. We appreciate their support! Why do they donate? "Our reason for participation and donation with Habitat is simple. We do it because care. We enjoy the opportunity to give back and help others in the community and it seems to be a natural fit for our company to do that through an organization such as Habitat for Humanity", says co-owner, C'Koh Andrew.

welcome home!

Four new families have learned much, worked hard, made new friends, closed on their mortgage, and received the keys to their new home! A world where everyone has a decent place to live is the vision of Habitat and affordable home ownership is the reality for our families.

Val Morris Family

"I've found some form of peace and my nervousness of owning a home has subsided. We're still taking it all in. We're happier. The boys are able to focus more on school because they each have a quiet place to go to. I have room to continue working on growing my business. But most of all, we have stability. This experience has forever changed our lives for the better."

~Val Morris



Chelsea Brown

"Owning a home has meant the world to my girls and I. We have spent a lot of time in places that weren't safe, or they couldn't just be kids. Having a safe place to come home to and a place they can play outside, it's just perfect and I couldn't be more thankful to have been chosen to be a part of such a great program."

~Chelsea Brown



Arissa Beck

"Having a home means having safety and security. It means I am building equity for myself and my community. I feel relaxed and at ease that the money I am putting into my home means something."

~Arissa Beck

(pictured here with board member Jan Nielsen)



Rob & Sara Pierce Family

"Our journey into home ownership was made possible by a lot of hard work and sacrifice. But now living in our beautiful new home, that hard work and sacrifice has paid off! We couldn't be happier with being able to relax, have family dinners, and sleep where we call home!"

~Rob & Sara Pierce





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At the ReStore, every purchase, donation, and hour volunteered supports our mission: building affordable homes in the Greater Lafayette area to empower families with strength, stability, and self-reliance. Each year, we are able to build at least one home for a local family using the proceeds from the ReStore alone. Following are some days to mark on your calendar:

- Active Duty Military/Veteran Discount:
15% OFF purchase everyday
- Senior Discount Day:
15% OFF purchase every Wednesday

- TBD: Teacher/Education Employee Appreciation Day
- TBD: Healthcare Professionals Day
- Dec. 3: Presents for Pets

We have partnered with *Animal Advocates* of Greater Lafayette to host their “Presents for Pets” event on Dec. 3. This event allows low-income children to select a donated gift for their pet during the season of giving. There will be cookie decorating for children as well. Beginning Nov. 1, the ReStore will begin collecting pet items.

Please note that we are closed on Nov. 24-26, Dec. 23-24, Dec. 30-31

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