



# Habitat for Humanity<sup>®</sup> of Lafayette

Summer 2024 Newsletter

## 2024 CATHOLIC BUILD A SUCCESS



Sarah and Jackson with priests from Greater Lafayette parishes at their house blessing on June 27.

Sarah and her son Jackson are enjoying their new home on Ellsworth Street thanks to the support of nearly 200 volunteers, in-kind donations of labor and materials, and donations from Greater Lafayette's six Catholic parishes.

Thank you to the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Ann, St. Boniface, St. Lawrence, St. Mary, and St. Thomas Aquinas for the 10th Catholic Build. Together they raised more than \$75,000 for building materials.

On June 27, we had an emotional gathering of priests, volunteers, donors, family, and friends to bless Sarah's new home and celebrate the build's completion.



## 40 YEARS YOUNG

What an incredible night! The Habitat's Builder's Ball on April 25 was a resounding success, thanks to your generosity and support. We were thrilled to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our affiliate's incorporation at The Stables Event Center, an evening filled with joy, gratitude, and inspiration. A special shout-out goes to Tempest Homes and the Scheumann family for their outstanding contributions. Your presence and donations are instrumental in building homes, community, and hope. The Builders Association of Greater Lafayette (BAGL) came out in force and had a great time.



BAGL members at the Builder's Ball in April.

# FRIENDS AND BANKS GET IT DONE

What a joyous occasion it was on June 6 when Amanda and her daughter Ariel received the keys to their new home on S. 2nd Street! [This build was sponsored by the incredible efforts of the Spring Friendship Build Powered by Lafayette Banks.](#) Twelve friendship teams came together, each group of 8-10 volunteers raising at least \$2,500, to turn this dream into a reality. Kudos also go to our fantastic financial supporters: Peterman Brothers, First Merchants Bank, Centier Bank, First Source, First Farmers Bank, and Purdue Federal Credit Union. Congratulations, Amanda!



New homeowner Amanda is joined by Habitat staff at her closing. Amanda and her daughter are settled into their new home on S. 2nd Street,

## HELP BUILD HALLI'S DREAM HOME

This summer, Halli is excitedly working on her new home on Hanawalt Street with the help of dedicated volunteers. Halli is eager for a stable, affordable place where she can make lasting memories with her son and daughter, who are thrilled to have their own bedrooms. [However, we still need to raise \\$50,000 for building materials and have over 100 volunteer slots open.](#) Your support can truly make a difference. Please scan the QR codes to get involved and help transform this family's life.



Donate!



Volunteer!



### \$5,000 Grant for Halli's Kitchen

Halli's new home is partially funded by a \$5,000 grant from the White County Community Foundation for building materials in the kitchen. The community foundation's contribution marks the second consecutive year of invaluable support for Habitat homes in Monticello, and we deeply appreciate their commitment to our cause. Their generosity not only provides the building blocks for these homes but also fosters a sense of community and hope for families like Halli's.

# ATTAINABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP TAX CREDIT

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**Who** Tax credits are available for any qualified individual taxpayer, small business or corporation in Indiana that makes a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Indiana.

**What** Tax credits may be used to offset individual income taxes or business taxes in the tax year the donation is made beginning in 2024. Eligible donations may be cash, land or stock.

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**Where** Donations must be made to Habitat for Humanity of Indiana to process tax credits. All donations will be distributed to your local affiliate, be sure to indicate the name or county of your local affiliate on your tax credit form.

**Donate** Checks must be sent with a tax credit form! Ask your local Habitat affiliate at the information below for a form today!



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CREDIT

# UPCOMING BUILD TO HONOR LONGTIME PUBLIC SERVANT

*Accessible and Affordable Home for Cooper*

Donate!



State Representative Sheila Klinker has dedicated her entire career to making a difference in Greater Lafayette - first as a teacher and now more than 40 years as a state representative.

Habitat can always count on Rep. Klinker to welcome our partner families into their new homes with a flag and proclamation. To honor her decades of support to Habitat, we are building "The Sheila Klinker Home". This new home on Powder House Lane begins construction in August for Cooper.



Rep. Klinker at a house blessing.



Cooper Gretencord, future homeowner.

Chances are good that you have seen Cooper in the community. Cooper Gretencord works at the YMCA as a wellness coordinator and trainer. Additionally, he volunteers at the Wabash Center to assist those with special needs in staying active.

Cooper is well aware of the vital role exercise plays in his life, having been born with cerebral palsy and relying on crutches for mobility. Without his dedication to fitness, he would likely be confined to a wheelchair. Despite his challenges, Cooper remains determined to lead an independent life and share his talents with others.

Now, however, he needs support from the community. With a safe, zero-entry home equipped with a walk-in shower and handrails throughout, Cooper's life will be drastically transformed. We still need to raise \$50,000 and secure 200 volunteers during the three months of construction. The volunteer signup will be released soon. Please consider donating today. Thank you.



## 2024 WOMEN BUILD: LET'S DO THIS!

With the rising temperatures, the 2024 Women Build officially kicked off on June 26 on S. 5th Street. This year, we're constructing a new home for Rebecca, a hospice health care worker, which is set to be completed around Labor Day. She and her son TJ are looking forward to owning their home and making new memories.

We have 20 dedicated teams of around 10 women each, all working hard and raising \$2,500 per team. A huge shout-out to Freckles for donating our fabulous t-shirts this year! Additionally, Knox Roofing, Precision Electric, and Anderson Plumbing are generously contributing their services. It's going to be a fun summer of building.



## BOB'S BULLETIN

Greetings Habitat Family and Friends,



40 Years! Since 1984 Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette has been building or renovating homes where families have a decent place to call home. A free house? No. That is not what Habitat for Humanity does for people. This is the biggest myth that we must correct when we engage our community.

We don't give houses away, but we do give families a hand up – not a handout. For many families a hand up is being afforded the opportunity to build a new home, and a new future – one full of possibilities. For others it might be a new roof, new water heater or grab bars in the bathroom. A hand up might include a new wheelchair ramp to make their home accessible.

The hand up comes in many forms and it is not possible without our community of volunteers and donors. While our new construction of houses continues, we are amping up our Brush With Kindness program (BWK) where we can help many families with home repairs. Ultimately, we want to put an end to substandard housing, and you are a big part of this mission when you support Habitat with an affordable housing solution in our community. Together we can give many families a hand up!

Bob Anderson  
Executive Director

# HABITAT'S FLEET GETS A BOOST

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to a generous grant from the McAllister Foundation, Habitat has added a new Toyota Tundra truck to our fleet! Purchased from Bob Rohrman Toyota and adorned with custom stickers from Freckles Graphics, this vehicle is now a vital part of our daily operations. Our construction crew has already benefited greatly, being able to swiftly pick up necessary materials and travel safely to and from job sites. McAllister Foundation's continued support is deeply appreciated and makes a tangible difference in our community projects.



Craig Horn with the new Toyota Tundra from the McAllister Foundation. This is the 4th grant for a new truck from the local foundation in the last eight years as we have expanded and updated our fleet.

# COURTNEY AND CARLA'S HOUSE BLESSINGS



Carla is absolutely thrilled to finally be in her new home after the long winter of construction. She's so happy to fill it with love from her grandchildren and make new memories in the Tipmont / Purdue Honors College Smart Home.



What an incredible day celebrating the M&M Build! Courtney and her children have a beautiful new home thanks to the hard work and dedication of our retirees and volunteers. The home build honored Charles Mayberry and Bill Mayor - two longtime volunteers and their legacies of commitment to Habitat. The support from Kay Mayberry and Janet Mayor made the celebration even more special.

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