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## Winter 2024 Newsletter

# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In October and November, five local families moved into their new affordable homes, just in time to celebrate the holidays!

- In early October, Rebecca and TJ closed on their 2024 Women Build home, and TJ's mom surprised him with a puppy – a perfect match for the Sunnyside 5th grader.
- By the end of the month, Halli and her two children settled into their Monticello home. Mia is loving decorating her own bedroom after sharing with her brother for years.

As part of Habitat's 40th anniversary, three new homes were built and donated by Tempest Homes, bringing three more families to Walker Court:

- Newlyweds Lincoln and Kourtney
  and their three sons
- Ashlynn and her two children
- Shawn and Avrie with their two sons

These families will enjoy their first Christmas in safe, affordable homes, thanks to Tempest Homes and Barney Scheumann's generous support. Since 1997, Tempest has built and donated 36 homes in Lafayette. TJ and his Puppy



# Ashlynn's Home Keys



Mia's New Space



# **Celebrating 40 Years**

Since 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette has provided affordable housing to nearly 2,000 families offering stability and security.

This milestone goes beyond numbers, making a lasting impact on lives and communities.

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# THE UNION BUILD PROJECT: HISTORIC COMMUNITY EFFORT

Three Homes, Three Families Transformed

## The Union Build Project

The Union Build is the first time our affiliate has built three homes simultaneously. Local trade unions are supporting the build by donating their labor and materials. This project not only brings skilled craftsmanship, it also fosters a spirit of collaboration and empowerment among the future homeowners and volunteers involved.

## **Financial Support and Fundraising**

The project has been supported by proceeds from Giving Tuesday, which were allocated towards purchasing essential building materials. However, to ensure the completion of the homes by the planned date in January, there is still approximately \$100,000 that needs to be raised.

## How You Can Help

Here are ways you can contribute to the success of the Union Build

- Donations: Every contribution, regardless of size, helps bridge the financial gap. Consider making a donation to support the completion of these homes.
- Volunteer: Your time and skills aid in the construction process.
- Spread the Word: Share information about the Union Build project within your networks to garner more support and awareness.

The Union Build is more than just a construction project; it is a testament to the strength of community action and the power of collaboration. With continued support, Liz, Danielle, Joela, and their families will soon have homes they can call their own- thanks to the strength of the community coming together to make it happen.





## **Meet the Homeowners**

We are excited to introduce the dedicated future homeowners of the Union Build:

Liz, Danielle, and Joela are the dedicated future homeowners who are working tirelessly on their future homes. Their commitment and energy are inspiring.

Each of these homeowners is investing time and effort, contributing to the physical construction process while also creating a sense of community and ownership.

# 2025 APOSTLE BUILD PLANNING UNDERWAY

# Chick-Fil-A is a new corporate sponsor

Spring is always a season filled with hope and new beginnings, and Spring 2025 promises to be exceptionally delightful with four exciting build projects kicking off. One of the most uplifting initiatives is the 2025 Apostle Build, a collaborative effort by Greater Lafayette churches to volunteer and raise funds for constructing a new home.



The Apostle Build is a testament to the power of community and faith-driven action. Churches from the Greater Lafayette area are coming together to make a significant impact by providing a new home for a family in need.



## **Meet the Future Residents**

Saul and his daughter are the future residents of this new home. They are eagerly looking forward to settling into their Wabash Neighborhood residence next summer. This project not only provides them with a house but also a stable and supportive community.

## **Get Involved**

If your church is interested in being part of this meaningful endeavor, there are plenty of ways to get involved:

- Volunteer: Lend your time and skills during the build.
- Fundraise: Help raise the necessary funds to cover construction costs.
- Spread the Word: Encourage others in your community to participate.

## **Contact Information**

For more details on how to participate or support the 2025 Apostle Build, please reach out to Wendy Medbourn at Wendy@LafayetteHabitat.org. Your involvement can help turn dreams into reality for Saul and his daughter.

Let's make Spring 2025 a season of giving, hope, and new beginnings for those in need!



Scan to sign your church up

# HABITAT TAX CREDITS STILL AVAILABLE

# Up to 50% Credit for Donation to Build Homes

## Maximize Your Giving with the Attainable Home Ownership Tax Credits

As the year comes to a close, consider the Attainable Home Ownership Tax Credits as a way to support affordable housing while benefiting from significant tax savings.

#### **Key Benefits:**

- 50% Indiana Income Tax Credit: For every dollar you donate, you can claim 50 cents back on your Indiana income taxes, up to \$10,000 for donations up to \$20,000.
- Support Community Development: Your contribution directly helps families achieve the dream of homeownership.
- Maximize Your Giving: This tax credit allows your donation to go further, making a greater impact with the same financial commitment.

#### **Availability:**

The tax credits are available for tax years 2024 and 2025, allowing you to plan your contributions for maximum benefit.

#### How to Learn More:

For more information or to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Laura Walls at Laura@LafayetteHabitat.org.

# Donor Contribution Form





2024 Habitat Christmas Cookies

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