



Habitat for Humanity[®]

of Lafayette

Summer 2025 Newsletter

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Hello, Friends of Habitat! I hope your summer's off to a fantastic start. You know what they say - "make hay while the sun shines." Well, that old proverb is ringing especially true for us here at Habitat. While farmers are out there getting their hay in, we're hard at work building homes. Sure, construction happens all year round, but there's just something special about working on a build site with the warm sun on your back and a refreshing breeze in your hair.

This newsletter is jam-packed with exciting updates. The Women Build is making twice the impact this year, and we've got an update on the 2025 Apostle Build for Saul and his daughter Katie. Local banks and State Farm Insurance are joining forces for The Bankers Build. We're making great strides with revitalization efforts in the Lincoln Neighborhood. And thanks to generous local grants, we've got shiny new equipment and tools to work with. But that's not all - our awesome ReStore has extended hours, we've got big plans brewing for the fall, and so much more.

It's a flurry of activity over here, and it's all thanks to incredible supporters like you. Whether you're volunteering for a day, spreading the word about donating to ReStore, sharing our social media posts, shopping at ReStore (where 100% of profits go straight to building materials!), talking up Habitat's amazing work, or donating (psst...we still have those Indiana income tax credits), every bit of support helps us build more affordable housing for families who need it most. Your dedication is making a positive change in our community.

Thank you.

Lincoln

Habitat is focusing efforts on increasing the number of owner-occupied homes in the historic Lincoln Neighborhood. This Spring, three new homes were completed at 7th and Tippecanoe - along with The House the Schools Built on 8th Street, that's four new homes in the last 18 months. Habitat has plans for another new construction on 7th Street in 2026. Habitat also has two former rental properties that will be rehabilitated and sold to eligible partner families. By the end of 2026, seven new families will own homes in the neighborhood. The location is ideal with easy access to Downtown, the West Side, or Tippecanoe County as a whole. And walking distance to Budgee's - a neighborhood staple - makes the area even sweeter.



Liz (in middle) at the closing for her new Lincoln Neighborhood home in April with Habitat staff members Angie and Grace.



2025 **WOMEN** BUILD!

The 2025 Women Build is in full swing this summer, with nearly 40 teams of strong, capable ladies coming together to raise money and build not just one, but two homes on Powder House Lane. It's a pretty epic undertaking, but they've got some serious support from IU Health, which stepped up as a proud sponsor this year. Thanks to their backing, the Women Build is able to take on double the impact, providing two deserving families with a place to call their own. Abdalah and Nahla, originally from Alexandria, Egypt, are super excited to settle into one of the homes with their two daughters Yara and Yomna, and a new baby on the way later this year. Abdalah works at Wabash and the house location makes for an easy commute.



Right next door, Jasmine and her crew - daughters Janeal, Faith, and Emma, and son Judah - are counting down the days until they can move into their new digs. Jasmine's been through some tough times, but she's rocking a job she loves at Creasy Springs now and can't wait to give her family the stability of an affordable home. It's pretty amazing to see these families' dreams coming true, and it's all thanks to the incredible women putting in the hard work to make it happen. The 2025 Women Build is set to wrap up this fall, and it's going to be a wonderful celebration when these families finally get to turn the keys and step into their new homes.

Brush with Kindness, Habitat's owner-occupied home repair program, has expanded. Jeremy Vegter is the program's director, and he joined the team in January to improve the quality of life for local residents who need minor home repairs



Purdue Pi Tau Sigman members Emilie came together to build a ramp to Peggy's home safer and possible for her to stay in her home longer.



So far this year, **165 projects** have been completed or are in process, benefiting **335 people** in the last year.

One of the recent projects was building a ramp for Peggy. She has Parkinson's Disease, and both entrances to her Lafayette home have stairs. Our strong volunteer corps sprung into action. Cat engineer Ryan Pettyjohn, and Droin, and Andrew Morrissey front door. The project made



Scan the QR code
to visit our **Brush with Kindness**
information

If you or someone you know needs assistance, click the QR code to apply for Brush with Kindness. Everyone deserves a decent place to live. Sometimes, a minor repair can make a huge difference in the owner's quality of life.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Lafayette Life Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette (CFGL), and the McAllister Foundation for their generous support! With help from Lafayette Life, we were able to get a mobile furnace to keep our build site volunteers warm in the winter, plus siding breaks that make installing siding faster and safer.



Thanks to the McAllister Foundation, we now have a much-needed forklift at our ReStore, which makes moving heavy items a whole lot easier.

A grant from the CFGL enabled us to purchase a work truck for our Brush with Kindness program. We're so grateful for the way these foundations are helping us build and serve our community better every day.



2025 VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER

Meet our Habitat for Humanity Volunteers of the Quarter

GORDON BARKER is a Purdue alumnus with a Construction Engineering Degree. He retired after a 40-year successful career with Walsh Construction. He is genuine, compassionate, and dedicated to volunteering with us at Habitat. His tireless work on building sites and behind the scenes has impacted families and our community. We're proud to honor Gordon and his inspiring commitment to creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

ELDER R. BROOKS began serving with Habitat for Humanity in October 2024, as part of his mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A native of Indiana, he studied Construction Trades and worked with Gaylor Electric through the Greater Lafayette Career Academy, skills that now serve him well on the build site. He enjoys working alongside volunteers and supervisors, describing them as a blast to be with. Outside of his mission, Elder Brooks enjoys writing and collecting all things Batman. Grateful for the chance to serve, he strives each day to "serve as the Savior served" and looks forward to the impact he'll continue to make throughout his mission.



MORE HOURS TO SHOP AT RESTORE

Habitat's ReStore, on Fortune Drive, is now open until 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the early-bird shoppers, the ReStore is open an hour earlier on Saturday at 9:00 am. Our friendly staff can help you find what you're looking for and even deliver it. We also pick up large donated items.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We're so grateful this summer to recognize Pepsi of Logansport for going above and beyond in their commitment to our mission! Their incredible team has stepped up in every way—volunteering during normal weekday shifts, forming a Corporate Volunteer Team to build together and sponsor a day on site, rallying an all-women crew for the 2025 Women Build, and even going the extra mile to support one of our partner families with thoughtful touches like a play set and stocked fridge. Their generosity, teamwork, and heart for the community make a lasting difference—and we're proud to have them as a partner in building homes, hope, and brighter futures. As part of being named a DMK Pepsi Bottler of the Year finalist, and in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the local community, Pepsi of Logansport is making a \$10,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette—on top of the amazing support they already have underway! Their generosity, spirit, and dedication are making a real, lasting impact—and we're so grateful to have Pepsi of Logansport as a key partner in building homes, community, and hope.



Pepsi Corporate Volunteer team with partner family of the Banker Build 2025



This is the team from Pepsi taking a quick break for a photo with a few Habitat members



This is Pepsi of Logansport General Manager, Joe Server out helping his team carry rafters.

PARTNER FAMILY APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Habitat is seeking new partner families for upcoming builds. Eight new partner families are needed in Clinton County for a new project in Frankfort. In Tippecanoe County, five partner families are needed for home builds that begin this autumn.

For more information on the requirements and the application, please use the QR code.



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