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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the second edition of a monthly newsletter we’ve created, specifically designed for you – our Advisory Board Members, Board of Directors, Emeritus Trustees, Legacy Society Members, Community Builders Society Members, and major donors. The goal of this exclusive communication piece is to keep you better informed of current projects and future initiatives.

Today, June 30, 2021 marks the final day of Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco's 2020-2021 fiscal year. Despite the challenges we faced with COVID, building supplies, and lack of volunteers, we were able to complete this year with 60 new homes built. This sets a record for the largest number of homeowners served in a fiscal year over our 36 year history. Through the pandemic and challenges over the past 12 months, this organization has persevered and kept focused on our mission – serving more families!

In addition, we raised more than \$21M in revenue, opened a new administrative office, began plans for an Education Center, reopened the Palm Harbor ReStore, and will be opening a new New Port Richey ReStore later in 2021. We also completed the infrastructure in Tellor Estates and are well underway on Phase 2 of the development, which is our largest neighborhood to date.



As we continue on the road to 700, I'd like to take a moment to reflect. Since 1985, Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco has completed 690 new homes and served 891 families through our homebuyer program and neighborhood revitalization projects. 582 families have been impacted globally through our tithe efforts with the Habitat Nicaragua and Malawi affiliates.

But, our work is not done. The pandemic has only amplified the affordable housing crisis our community and country faces. 1 in 6 families in Florida spend half or more of their income on housing, forcing them to make impossible choices. Now, as the significant economic impacts of COVID-19 continue to unfold, the number of families struggling to make ends meet is only growing.

The need is great, and we are committed to changing lives and perspectives in our community. We are blessed to have your support to move the mission forward as we head into a new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Mike Sutton".

Mike Sutton, President & CEO
Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco



our mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.



Thank You to Our Sponsors

700th Home Build Milestone

Aurora Sakers and her teenage daughter, Ash, are the 700th family to partner with Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco Counties. This August, they will become homeowners in Tellor Estates, the affiliate's largest development to date located in Pinellas Park.



"Home is where you build the foundations of a brighter future with your family" – Aurora Sakers

Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco will celebrate our 700th Home Build in Pinellas Park on August 30th, 2021. Since launching the campaign to support this home build, we have surpassed our goal of 100 donors at \$700!

RSVP online and learn more about event details and sponsorship opportunities at habitatpwp.org/700.

700th home

Habitat for Humanity
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08.30.21 @ 9:00 AM
6290 67th Way N Pinellas Park

Thank You to Our Sponsors

*as of 6/29/2021

A #1 Seamless Gutter Solutions
AAA Electrical Contractors
Amaya Stucco
Amplify Clearwater
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Beachside Hospitality Group
Bizco Technologies
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Pinellas County Commissioners: Dave
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Pop Goes the Waffle
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St. Petersburg College –
Tarpon Springs Campus
SpeedPro St. Petersburg
Suncoast Roofing Supply
Mike Sutton
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Unlimited Tile and Marble
Valspar Championship/
Copperhead Charities
Vickstrom Engineering Services
West Coast Medical Resources, LLC
Wilsonart
Andy Winkler





Volunteer Program to Return as of July 1

Due to the pandemic, Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco Counties has been without our beloved volunteers for over a year. As we return to the "new normal" we are excited to relaunch our volunteer program in full capacity starting on July 1st, 2021.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Habitat for Humanity. Whether you are a builder or have never used a hammer, everyone can make a difference in our community. We welcome back new volunteers and are excited to introduce the Habitat mission with new faces on our build sites, in our ReStores and at our special events.



We are welcoming individuals, groups (schools, faith, civic, birthday teams) and corporate teams to rejoin us to work alongside other likeminded individuals and our homeowner candidates. Our affiliate has build sites, events and ReStores across our service area: from South St. Petersburg to New Port Richey!

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please visit habitatpwp.org/volunteer or contact us at 727-536-4755 ext. 216.

Warrick Dunn & MarineMax Make Homeownership Dreams Come True



Earlier this month we celebrated with Amanda Pedigo, a dedicated single mother and domestic violence survivor as she received the keys to her safe and affordable home in Tellor Estates, Pinellas Park. What she thought would be a typical dedication turned out to be a once in a lifetime experience. As she pulled up to her house, she and her two daughters were greeted by former NFL star, Warrick Dunn. Amanda and her two children had no idea they would be receiving a \$5,000 down-payment assistance check from Warrick Dunn Charities and \$10,000 worth of furnishings from Aaron's!



Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties partnered with Warrick Dunn for the 190th home celebration nationwide by Warrick Dunn Charities. The former Tampa Bay Buccaneer's nonprofit organization identifies single parents across the country and helps them achieve their goal of first-time homeownership as part of its "Homes for the Holidays" program. All of the finishing touches, groceries, and down-payment assistance were made possible thanks to support from Ryan Jumeville and Cigna. Community partner, MarineMax sponsored this home in Pinellas Park. This was MarineMax's fourth home sponsorship with our affiliate.



I have come a long way from experiencing homelessness, and overall life struggles. This has made me the strong woman that never looks back. My kids and I always focus on our dreams, and I hope I am living proof for them" - Amanda Pedigo

As we close out June 2021, Habitat has completed 28 new home builds in Tellor Estates. Upon completion, a total of 75 safe and affordable Habitat homes will be built. This August, we will celebrate our 700th Home Build milestone in the Pinellas Park neighborhood.

2020 - 2021 Fiscal Year Impact Report

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**HOMES BUILT
LOCALLY**

60

**HOMES FUNDED
INTERNATIONALLY**



Presented a check for \$959,888 to the Pinellas County Commission, representing the taxes paid by Habitat homeowners in 2020



Our first event out of COVID, Havana Nights raised more than \$450,000 for our mission



Sold the New Port Richey location, so prepare for a move to higher traffic area on US 19, opening soon!



Launched a partnership with the Holiday Sharing Fund to provide bikes for Habitat homeowner children at dedications.



Completed 11 new homes in Pasco County



Launched a partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay to provide essential food at move in.



Reopened the Palm Harbor ReStore location on US19



Opened the new administrative headquarters location, to prepare buildout of the Truist Education Center



Dedications & Events

Friday, July 2nd & Saturday, July 3rd | ReStore Stars & Stripes Spectacular Sale

Both Locations: 13355 49th St N, Suite B & 31541 US Highway 19 North, Palm Harbor

Friday, July 2nd at 9 am | Habicast Episode 16 ft Jason Clement

Premieres on Habitat's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel

Monday, July 12th at 9 am | Double Dedication: Jordan & Liham Families

12780 Dan Place, Largo & 12770 Dan Place, Largo

Tuesday, July 13th at 9 am | Taylor Family Home Dedication

Sponsored by Steve & Shirley Dehmlow

1741 15th Ave S, St. Petersburg

Friday, July 16th at 9 am | Habicast Episode 17 ft Brandon Brayboy

Premieres on Habitat's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel

Thursday, July 29th at 5:30 pm | Hammers & Heels Pasco - Glass Art Class

Lis's Pieces | 6214 Grand Blvd, New Port Richey

Saturday, August 3rd at 5:30 pm | Hammers & Heels Pinellas - Wine Tasting

Stirling Winery 461 Main St, Dunedin

Monday, August 5th at 6 pm | Nuts & Bolts: Volunteer Info Session

Virtual

Friday, August 16th at 9 am | Baxter Family Home Dedication

Home Built in Honor of Susie Mae Wilson-Newton

1034 11th Ave S, St. Petersburg

Save the Date: Signature Events

Community Builders Breakfast | September 23rd at 7 am

USF St. Petersburg Campus Ballroom 200 6th Ave S, St. Petersburg

Community Builders Luncheon | October 7th at 11:30 am

Ruth Eckerd Hall 1111 McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater

11th Annual Golfing Fore Habitat Partner Tournament | November 1st at 7 am

Copperhead Course at Innisbrook 36750 US Highway 19 N, Palm Harbor



visit us

Clearwater ReStore & Construction HQ (Mailing Address)

13355 49th St N, Suite B Clearwater, FL 33762

Administrative HQ

14010 Roosevelt Blvd, Suite 704 Clearwater, FL 33762

St. Pete Resource Center

1350 22nd St S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

(727) 536-4755 | habitatpwp.org

Palm Harbor ReStore

31541 US Highway 19 North Palm Harbor, FL 34684

New Port Richey ReStore COMING SOON!

6431 US Highway 19 North New Port Richey, FL



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