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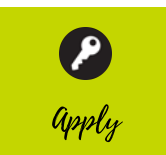
A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the third 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.

As we close out the first month of the new fiscal year, we are set up for success on the road to 65 homes! Homeowner candidates are as determined as ever to change the trajectory of their lives, volunteers are back on site building homes, and our supporters are engaging with us in new ways.

While some normalcy has returned, the pandemic is not over. It only challenges us to deepen and widen our impact to provide safe and affordable homeownership opportunities for families in need. Thank you for your support and continued engagement with our affiliate and the Habitat mission. For those seeking new ways to get involved, consider our strategic pillars:



Apply

Open a new door

Can your business, civic association or faith group help recruit qualified homeowner candidates?



Donate

Securing our future

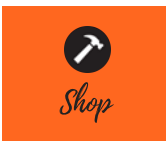
Each gift supports a family or individual in need in our community. From Corporate Team Build days to event sponsorships, your business can leverage the Habitat brand while supporting local families.



Volunteer

Building community

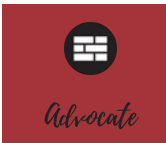
Volunteers are back on site and we invite you to come swing a hammer! You will be amazed at what you can do! No experience necessary.



Shop

Shop with purpose at the ReStore

Shop new and gently used building materials and home furnishings at discounted prices. Donations of appliances, furniture and more are eligible for free pick up!



Advocate

Changing perspectives, changing lives

Join us as an advocate to change policies and systems to eliminate barriers to adequate, affordable housing.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with the mission personally, through your organization, please reach out at 727-536-4755 ext. 205 or msutton@habitatpwp.org.

Sincerely,

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.

Staff Celebrations

Habitat COO Celebrates 15 Year Anniversary

This month we are celebrating a huge milestone for one of our Executive Team members, Ken Rush. Ken has been with our affiliate for 15 years and currently serves as Chief Operation Officer. During his time with Habitat, Ken has made an impact locally and globally, having travelled to Malawi on a Habitat Global Village trip.

When Ken started at Habitat as a member of the construction team, we were completing home #127. In a few weeks, we will celebrate home #700! Ken has a passion for the mission and serves as an unofficial Habitat historian for our affiliate. He has been instrumental in the growth of Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco and the lives of over 520 families in our service area.



“ Home is where the best meals are shared with the ones you love" – Ken Rush



Homeownership Program

16 new candidates accepted this past month

When a homeowner candidate is accepted into the program, it has been customary for them to receive their acceptance news via phone call from Jack Shanks, Senior VP of Programs. A tradition our president and CEO, Mike Sutton brought from his time with a Texas affiliate, has taken off at Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco.

Recently, we have begun to orchestrate surprise meetings with our newest candidates and the reactions are both emotional and inspiring! Our team works with the individual directly or with their employer to set up a meeting to "complete final paperwork". Instead of paperwork, these individuals are surprised with a special certificate recognizing their hard work to be accepted into the program.



The Cowan Family



Ms. Sophal Lvea



Ms. Josyela Johnson



Ms. Evelisse Cruz



Ms. Jessica Suazo
a MaintenX employee



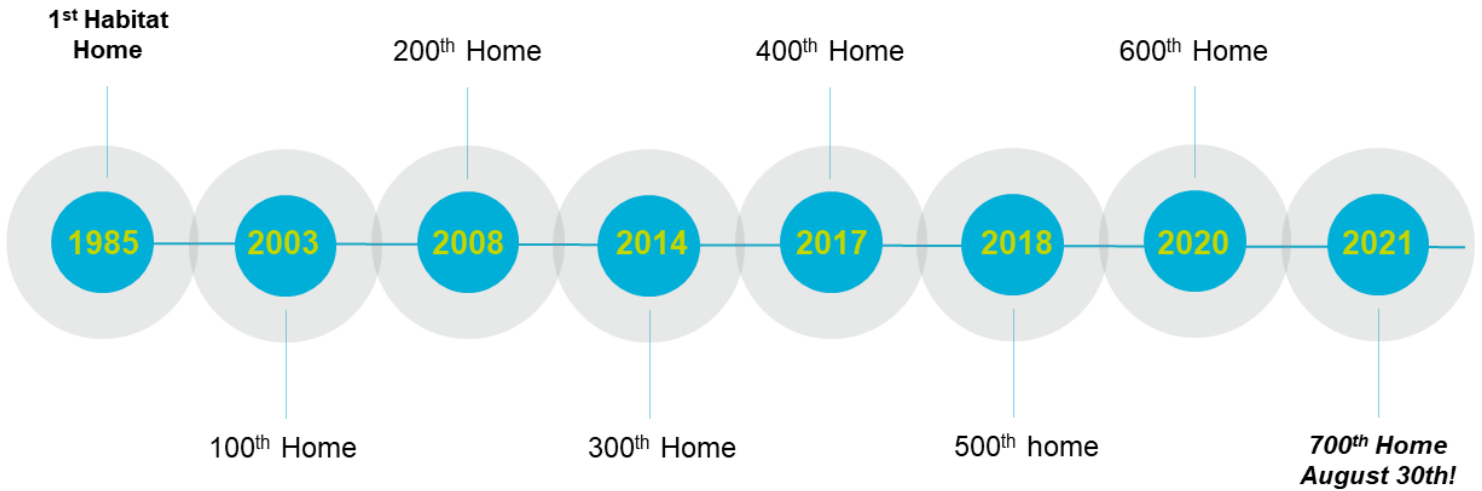
Milestone Dedication

700th Home Build

Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco has been a driving force and advocate for affordable homeownership opportunities in our community since 1985. Out of 1,100 Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the country, the organization is ranked 2nd based on new home builds. We are one month away from celebrating home #700! This milestone home is located in Tellor Estates, Pinellas Park, our largest development to date.

Habitat Staff alongside 700th homeowner, Aurora Sakers and her daughter, Ash, on their home build site

Habitat Milestones



As part of an ongoing effort to bring affordable homeownership opportunities to the area's working-class neighborhoods, Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco continues to work with the City of Pinellas Park and community partners to build homes in Tellor Estates, the affiliate's largest development to date.

In June of 2018, Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco acquired 7.3 acres located at the northeast corner of 68th Street and 62nd Avenue North in Pinellas Park for \$2.1 million. The following summer, the affiliate commemorated the groundbreaking with elected officials, homeowners and supporters.

Over the past two years, immense growth has taken place in Tellor Estates. At this time, we have completed 28 new homes in addition to the construction of a new road, with a total investment exceeding \$5,200,000. Upon completion, the neighborhood will offer 75 local families and individuals the opportunity to improve the paths of their family for generations to come.

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



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



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

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Education Center Coming Soon

In May, we celebrated the grand opening of our new Administrative Headquarters near the St. Pete-Clearwater Airport. This move of staff from the Clearwater ReStore offices allows for the build out of a dedicated Education Center and Homeowner Selection Area, with an anticipated completion date of October 2021.

Homeowner education is at the core of the Habitat program. The decision to move the administrative offices was made with our homeowners in mind. The addition of a dedicated education center will enhance our program by providing a first-rate educational experience for our homeowners and our devoted instructors.

Special thanks to Truist, Tibbets, Republic Bank, The Trepani Family and Marion Rich for sponsoring this new addition.

The Truist Education Center featured a space will include a large conference room that will serve as the main education space. Homeowner candidates soon be able to gather for classes and have an in-person experience as they complete the curriculum. There are also three dedication rooms for one on one mentoring. These rooms have been generously sponsored by Republic Bank, the Trepani Family and Marion Rich.

The new Education Center will also feature a Homeowner Selection Area, sponsored by Tibbets Lumber. This showroom will provide a curated space for homeowners to meet with the Habitat construction team to visualize and discuss various design options for their new home. Homeowners will be able to pick paint colors, see a model mockup of their kitchen cabinets, get hands-on with other materials and view their floor plans.

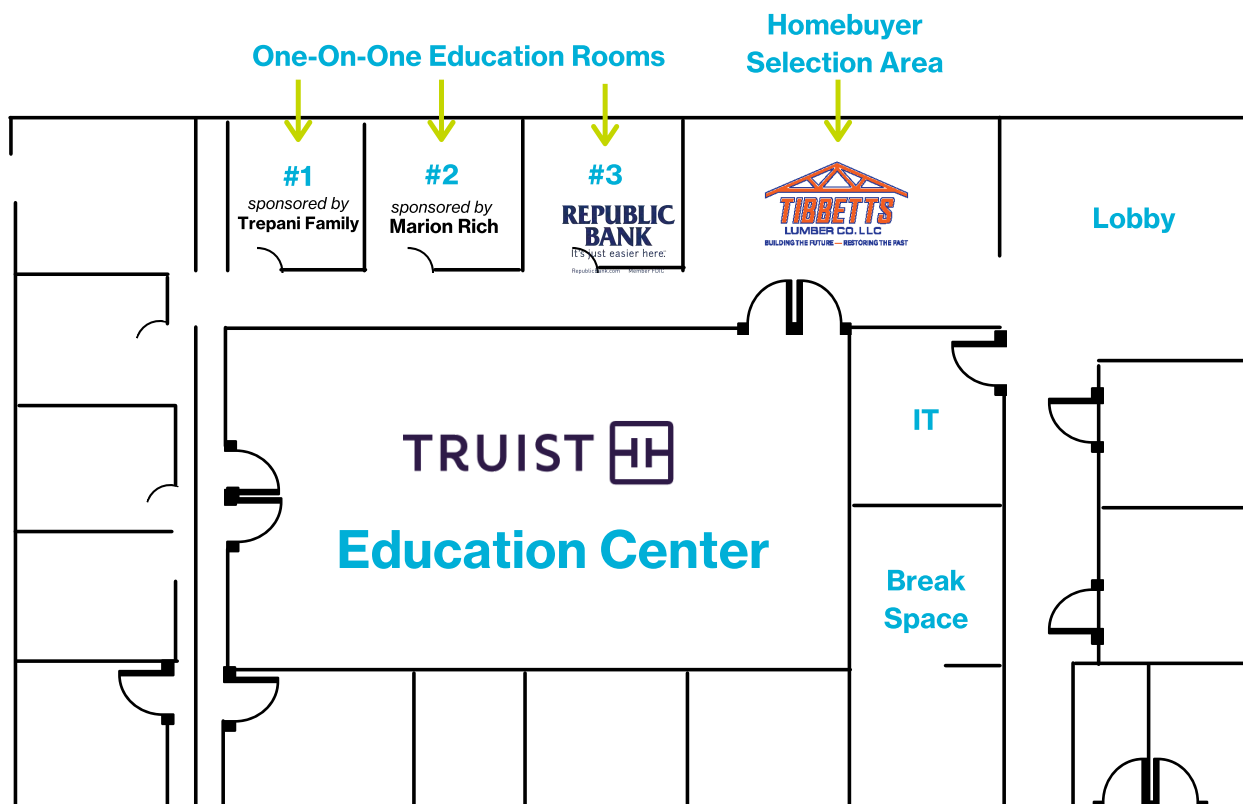


Did you know?

In order to complete the Program, Homeowner Candidates must complete 20 homebuyer education courses. The curriculum includes 19 core classes and a selection of elective courses.

Courses include:

- Welcome to Habitat 1 & 2
- Budgeting 101
- Money Smart Modules
- Financial Literacy Modules
- HUD Certification
- Home Maintenance 1 & 2
- Health Relationships & Parenting
- Insurance Class
- Being a Good Neighbor
- Fire Safety
- Hands Only CPR
- Tree & Landscaping Class
- Warranty Class
- Mortgage Documents





Dedications & Events

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

Friday, August 6th at 9 am | The Habicast ft Norm Bungard
Habitat's Facebook and YouTube Channel

Monday, August 16th at 9 am | Baxter Family Home Dedication
Home Built in Honor of Susie Mae Wilson-Newton
1034 11th Ave S, St. Petersburg

Tuesday, August 17th at 9 am | Crawford Family Home Dedication
Home Sponsored by Steve & Nancy Westphal
3077 21st Ave. S., St. Petersburg

Wednesday, August 18th at 9 am | Warren Family Home Dedication
6278 67th Way N. Pinellas Park, FL

Friday, August 20th at 9 & 9:30 am | Roundtree & Jackson Dedications
1002 LaSalle Street, Clearwater, 929 Eldridge St., Clearwater

Thursday, August 26th at 5:30 pm | Palm Harbor Chamber Mixer
Palm Harbor Restore 6431 US 19 N, Palm Harbor

Monday, August 30th at 9 am | 700th Home Dedication
6290 67th Way N, Pinellas Park

Save the Date: Signature Events

11th Annual Golfing Fore Habitat Partner Tournament | November 1st at 7 am
Copperhead Course at Innisbrook 36750 US Highway 19 N, Palm Harbor

Roaring 20's Prohibition Party - Spring Gala | April 1st, 2022 | 6 PM - 9 PM
The Vinoy® Renaissance St. Petersburg 501 5th Ave NE, St. Petersburg



visit us

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St. Pete Resource Center
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