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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the fourth 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.

This August we closed out the month with a huge milestone - our 700th Home Dedication. We gathered with homeowners, volunteers, donors and community partners to celebrate the historic day. The Sakers family received the key to their brand new home in Pinellas Park, as more than 250 community leaders watched live in person, with more than 500 watching from around the community on Facebook Live.

This week, I have been reflecting on the number 700. The impact it has had on our community, locally and globally through our tithe partnerships, is immeasurable. On behalf of our affiliate, I thank each of you for your support over the years to help make this success possible; allowing us to provide deserving families with decent and affordable shelter through homeownership.



Our impact as of today:

901

families served

700

homes built

201

a brush with kindness projects

589

homes funded overseas

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Together, we will continue to move the mission forward to build homes, communities and hope.

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.

Milestone Dedication

700th Home Build

On Monday morning, we celebrated a huge milestone – our 700th home build. The Sakers family is the 700th family to build and purchase an affordable home with a zero-interest loan through the Habitat homeownership program.

Over 100 business and individuals came together to sponsor this family's home. New partner, Solar Bear generously donated and installed solar power onto the home, which will be a huge saving for the family. Feeding Tampa Bay has been an amazing Habitat partner – stocking the pantries of all Habitat homeowners. As a special surprise, Matt Spence, COO of Feeding Tampa Bay announced a year of free food for the Sakers! The Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce's program Kids Pedal Pub has been donating brand new bikes for homeowner children. Other partners included Tellor Estates' landscape sponsors, TEGNA Inc., Congressman Charlie Crist, GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club & GFWC St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club, Largo Cracker Quilters, and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Special guests at the dedication included Senator Ed Hooper, Representative Linda Chaney who helped welcome the Sakers to their new home. Councilmember Dave Eggers presented a proclamation commemorating the milestone. Habitat Homeowners and Board Members, Tamara DeBose and Davisha Earley presented Aurora with a Bible, signed with well wishes from attendees and the ceremonial hammer, which represents the coming together of Habitat supporters to make homeownership dreams come true.

“ I'm really excited to live here,” Ash Sakers said. “After living in an apartment for so long, it will be nice to live in a place that is spacious and is part of a neighborhood.”

700th home



700th home

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Homeowner Celebrations

Back to School Spotlights

Throughout the month of August, Habitat homeowners shared photos of their children and their upcoming goals for the new year. We know that a safe and stable home provides kids with the foundation to grow and learn. From dreams of becoming teachers, NFL players, scientists, Realtors and artists, we look forward to celebrating with this next generation of Habitat homeowner children on their future successes!

“**School is extremely important to us because we know that education helps us to grow and develop. My parents did not graduate traditionally so I worked hard to do so and I have instilled the importance of education in my children as well.**” - Artesha



Homeownership Program

8 new candidates accepted this 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.

Staff Expansion

Job Opportunities and Pasco Job Fair

As our affiliate continues to grow, we are looking to bring new staff members on in various positions to support our goal of serving more families. We invite you to share these openings with your networks to help us identify new team members!

Current Job Opportunities

retail

director of restore operations
restore associate I
restore donation driver I

development & marketing

development officer
community outreach manager

construction

construction crew leader
warehouse operations coordinator

finance & mortgage operations

mortgage lending processor



Pasco Job Fair

September 15th, 2021

1 pm - 5 pm

One Community Now

5841 Main St, New Port Richey

learn more at
bit.ly/habitatjobfair

Changing Lives, Changing Perspectives

Advocacy Ambassador Launch

We are excited to announce the initial launch of our Advocacy Ambassador Program! The program will provide another avenue to engage with our homeowner candidates, donors, volunteers and the community at large. This initiative is directly tied to objectives within our strategic plan, expressly relating to 'engaging volunteers in advocacy initiatives as well as assisting in helping 'reimagine (our) volunteer program'.

This innovative program will provide affordable housing education, awareness of current issues and actionable steps that can be taken. Participants will learn; what advocacy is, its impact, how to advocate/be an advocate, social media training, affordable housing policy, and future steps.

Members will be asked to attend two 1.5 hour training sessions held monthly and engage in advocacy-related activities before officially becoming an Advocacy Ambassador. Upon successful completion of training, Ambassadors have curated opportunities to engage in advocacy efforts. This includes, yet is not limited to; meeting with legislators, email/letter/social media campaigns, speaking engagements, stakeholder meetings and public comment opportunities. In addition, members will receive exclusive advocacy alert emails, attend quarterly advocacy meetings and have unique access to Habitat staff, affordable housing experts and local elected officials.

Building affordable housing is more than just hammers and nails. Advocacy is an integral part of impacting the supply of affordable housing within our service area and is thus core to our mission.

The first orientation session begins on September 1st from 6pm to 8pm and will be held virtually. We ask you please help spread the word through your networks: habitatpwp.org/advocate/advocacy-ambassadors

If you would like to join a future session or have questions, please contact Sean King – Director of Government Relations & Advocacy at sking@habitatpwp.org





Dedications & Events

Thursday, September 9th @ 12 pm

USF Muma College of Business Conversations with a CEO featuring Mike Sutton - Virtual

Friday, September 10th @ 9 AM and 9:30 AM

Pinckney & Francis Home Dedications
6230 and 6330 67th Way North, Pinellas Park

Tuesday, September 14th

McKenzie Home Dedication @ 9 AM
12790 Dan Place, Largo

Antone Home Dedication @ 9:45 AM

13317 Oak St., Largo

Wednesday, September 15th @ 1 PM

Habitat Job Fair
5814 Main St, New Port Richey

Saturday, September 28th @ 10 AM

NASCAR Car Wash Habitat Fundraiser
7601 Ulmerton Rd, Largo

Monday, September 20th @ 9 AM

Duncans Home Dedication
6266 67th Way N., Pinellas Park

Saturday, September 25th @ 5 PM

Shuffle on Home Shuffleboard Tournament benefiting Habitat, presented by Guardian Restoration
559 Mirror Lake Dr. N. St. Petersburg

Monday, September 27th @ 9 AM

Jack Home Dedication
6254 67th Way N. Pinellas Park

Thursday, September 30th @ 9 AM

Bair Home Dedication
8416 Anay Ct., New Port Richey

Strategic Pillars

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	Donate
	Volunteer
	Shop
	Advocate

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



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New Port Richey ReStore COMING SOON!

6431 US Highway 19 North New Port Richey, FL

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