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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the sixth 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:

915

families served

714

homes built

201

a brush with kindness projects

595

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.

Signature Event

Golfing Fore Habitat

On Monday, November 1st, we held our sold out 11th Annual Golfing Fore Habitat Partner Tournament at Innisbrook Resort. Thanks to the support of our community, more than \$125,000 was raised towards the Habitat mission of providing safe and affordable homeownership opportunities.

Over 100 golfers, sponsors, and vendors had a great round on the course, followed by an impactful testimonial from last year's Golfing Fore Habitat homeowner recipient, Carmen deZengotita. Carmen expressed that all her daughter has ever asked for, was a home to decorate for Christmas. The family will officially move into their new Habitat home on November 22nd, right in time for the holidays.

Here at Habitat, we want to send a huge thank you to all of our sponsors and vendor partners, including our presenting sponsors at Star Media Enterprises. With your support, we were able to raise enough money to provide another family with a safe and affordable home in our community.

Due to the ongoing success and interest in our Golfing Fore Habitat Partner Tournament, we will be expanding to TWO courses at Innisbrook in 2022. This will allow for more teams, sponsorship opportunities, and most importantly, more funds to be raised towards the mission. Stay tuned for dates as we finalizing details for next year's tournament.

“ We may not have a fully furnished house right away but one thing is for sure , she’s definitely going to have a fully decorated house for Christmas. - Carmen deZengotita

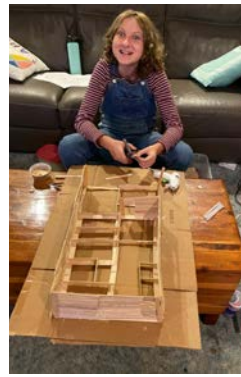


Homeowner Celebrations

Homebuild DIY

Throughout the last month, Habitat homeowner Cynthia Thompson, shared updates of her daughter, Abbey, who is building her future home out of popsicle sticks. The Habitat Construction Team was able to supply the family their actual home plans, which Abbey has been using to make an exact replica before they officially move into their new Habitat home. The family will move into their new home in Tellor Estates on November 19th, sponsored by Fishman Family Foundation.

“A home was the first thing Abbey asked for when Make-A-Wish granted her a wish. It’s up to me to get it done.” - Cynthia



Homeownership Program

10 new candidates accepted last 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.

Hammers & Heels

On October 27th the Habitat Women's Giving Circle, Hammers and Heels, held their annual kick off party at the home of Ronice and Steve Barlow. Over 30 ladies gathered and were introduced to Ms. Evette Hunter who they will support by volunteering and making a donation to Habitat. Evette talked about her journey through the program and how it will impact her life. It was a lovely evening of networking, socializing, and learning more about Habitat's mission and the annual Women's Build.

Hammers and Heels members are a group of 100 women that support the mission with an annual contribution of \$500. The group's collective gift of \$50,000 helps the affordability of a home (or two!) each year. In addition, many women owned businesses become sponsors for the build.

The group was started in 2014 with Judy Mitchell as the honorary chair. The main mission of the group is to help a single mom build her forever home. This year our homeowner candidate is Evette Hunter. She is a mother of 2 and grandmother of Kyndel, age 3 and Kaliel, age 1. They are a family of 5 living in a 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with Evette's mother. She is the perfect homeowner candidate for this year's Women's Build and Hammers and Heels ladies can't wait to get started. To become a member or corporate sponsor please email Pam Ora, pora@habitatpwp.org.



Staff Expansion

New Hires

As our affiliate continues to grow, we have been looking to bring new staff members on in various positions to support our goal of serving more families. We are quickly approaching 70 employees who are dedicated to advancing the Habitat mission.

Join us in welcoming seven new hires to the Habitat team, just this past month:

Jenny Gonzalez-Bohnert

Chief Development Officer

Patrick Blyeth

Director of ReStore Operations

Robyn Liska

Regional Director - Pasco

Sherri McCammon

ReStore Associate - Palm Harbor

Mike De Marco

Construction Crew Leader

Michael Cole

Warehouse Operations Coordinator

Joshua Henry

Mortgage Operations Manager





Dedications & Events

Thursday, November 4th @ 9 am

Williams/Thompson Home Dedication
1741 15th Ave S., St. Petersburg

Wednesday, November 10th @ 9 am - 10 am

Brown & Jordan Home Dedications
6267 67th Way N., Pinellas Park
6291 67th Way N., Pinellas Park

Wednesday, November 10th @ 4:30 pm

Ribbon Cutting of NEW Education Center
13355 49th Street North, Clearwater

Friday, November 19th @ 9 am - 10 am

Thompson & McGriff Home Dedications
6348 67th Way N., Pinellas Park
6337 67th Way N., Pinellas Park

Friday, November 22nd @ 9 am - 10 am

Gil & deZengotita Home Dedication
12955 126th Street N., Largo
12926 Henry Ct., Largo

Strategic Pillars

	<i>Apply</i>
	<i>Donate</i>
	<i>Volunteer</i>
	<i>Shop</i>
	<i>Advocate</i>

Save the Date: Signature Events

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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Palm Harbor ReStore

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New Port Richey ReStore COMING SOON!

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