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#### A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO

Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the twelfth 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 last month of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our affiliate remains determined and focused to serve more, build more, and be the change in our community. We are scheduled to host ten home dedications in the month of June over the span of ten days starting on June 16th. This will bring our total number of homes built this year to 67, a new record for our organization. We invite you to come out and celebrate these families as they receive the keys to their new homes.

What have we accomplished this year? A record amount of safe and affordable homes for hardworking individuals in our community. Check out a sneak peek of our fiscal year impact report to see the accomplishments the Habitat team has pushed for in order to better serve our community:

67
HOMES BUILT LOCALLY

67
HOMES FUNDED INTERNATIONALLY

CEOS PARTICIPATED
IN INAGURUAL
CEO BUILD

700 th

HOME BUILT AND
DEDICATED

107
BIKES DONATED TO HABITAT KIDS BY KIDS PEDAL POWER

#### **Our impact since 1985:**

949 families served

748
homes built

201
a brush with kindness projects

622
homes funded overseas

of Pinellas

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.

#### **Habitat Celebrations**

#### **New Port Richey ReStore Location Grand Opening**

Last month, our affiliate opened our newest nonprofit retail center in New Port Richey. These ReStores are shopping centers where the community can shop for new and gently used building materials and home furnishings that are sold at discounted prices. The ReStores are our solution for turning donations, from generous and environmentally concerned individuals and businesses, into money to build homes for families.

Our Grand Opening Weekend was a major success! The community gathered over the weekend to shop, donate, and participate in raffles to win some great prizes. We celebrated on Friday with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce. The festivities continued on Saturday with a Live Remote session hosted by HITS 106. Thank you to everyone who came out to shop at the store that builds homes, communities, and hope! We hope that this new location will continue to serve as a hub for shoppers, donors, homeowner candidates and volunteers to engage with the Habitat mission in Pasco County.





#### Afilliate Achievement

#### 2022 ENERGY STAR Market Leader Award

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties is proud to announce that it has earned a 2022 ENERGY STAR® Market Leader Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in recognition of its contribution to building energy-efficient new homes that have earned ENERGY STAR certification. ENERGY STAR certified homes are at least 10% more energy efficient than those built to code and achieve a 20% improvement on average while providing homeowners with better quality, performance, and comfort.

The Market Leader Award recognizes partners participating in EPA's ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction program who have made a significant positive impact in energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by building at least 50 ENERGY STAR certified homes over the past year.



#### **Homeowner Celebrations**

#### **Graduation Spotlights**

Throughout the month of May, Habitat homeowners shared photos of their children who are celebrating their graduation from school. They also shared what their plans are for the next 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, dentists and artists, we look forward to celebrating with this next generation of Habitat homeowner children on their future successes!



Education is extremely important to me as I wasn't very great at it growing up. Now, as an adult I'm back in school to better my life for my children. I pray they can see what I went through in life and use my mistakes as guidance in their own lives. Meaning, school is important and knowledge is power!" - Chastity Masterton

















#### **Community History**

#### The History of Gooden Crossing

In 1936, Chester & Corrine Gooden purchased 10+ acres in the Ridgecrest community of Pinellas County for \$800. On May 14th, the eldest grandchild of the Gooden's, Elizabeth, was able to meet three single moms that will soon call her grandparent's property home. Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties will continue to honor the legacy of those who established this amazing community years ago.







#### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **Habitat is Hiring for Multiple Positions!**

At Habitat, we treat each other like family so that we can create the places where others enjoy theirs. We nurture opportunities for growth while celebrating the accomplishments of individuals and teams along the way. We believe in answering to hard work and dedication with the consideration, flexibility, and benefits our team deserves. Put simply: we treat each other like family.

We are currently hiring for multiple positions in Pinellas & West Pasco counties. We offer some amazing benefits including 100% Employer-Paid Health Insurance and Paid Time Off! Additionally, we are currently offering a \$1,000 sign-on bonus for these positions. Please see below for the positions available and how you or someone you know can apply.



\$1,000 sign-on bonus!

**Director of Pre-Construction** 

Location: Pinellas

Warehouse Operations Coordinator

Positions Available: 2 Location: Pinellas

**ReStore Associate I** 

Positions Available: 2 Location: Pinellas

**Construction Crew Leader** 

Location: Pinellas & West Pasco

**Human Resources Coordinator** 

Location: Pinellas

**Mortgage Operations Coordinator** 

Location: Pinellas

#### benefits

- Employee Health Insurance Paid by company 100% = \$7,617.48/year
- \$25,000 Life Insurance Paid by the company
- Long-Term Disability (LTD) Paid by the company
- Voluntary Dental, Vision, Short Term Disability (STD), Supplemental life, FSA, EAP
- 401K with match \$.50 up to 6% of salary
- Paid Time Off (PTO)
- Paid Holidays Up to 14 days

### Habitat invites you to join us for

# 10 Dedications in 10 Days June 16th - June 25th



The Rivera Family | 06.16.22 | 9:00 AM 1175 Tangerine St., Clearwater, FL





The Lockhart Family | 06.16.22 | 4:00 PM 12933 126th St N., Largo, FL



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The Scott Family | 06.17.22 | 9:00 AM 3920 57th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL





The Lathan Family | 06.17.22 | 9:45 AM 3941 54th Ave N., St. Petersburg





The Jackson Family | 06.24.22 | 9:00 AM 3999 54th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL



#6

The Sampson Family | 06.24.22 | 9:45 AM 3999 56th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL



#7

The Keys Family | 06.24.22 | 10:30 AM 4196 57th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL





The McKinnie-Clayton Family | 06.24.22 11:15 AM | 4080 57th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL



#9

The Jones Family | 06.24.22 | 12:00 PM 3998 56th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL

Jerry & Mary Miller



The Hayes Family | 06.25.22 | 9:00 AM 12911 126th St N., Largo, FL



#### **Board of Directors**

#### 2022 Slate of Officers

Our Board of Directors recently elected the slate of officers to begin their service on July 1st, 2022. These individuals will all serve on the Executive Committee of the Board for the next twelve months.

- Chairman Brandon Brayboy
- Vice Chairman Frank Starkey
- Treasurer / Chair Elect Heather Ford
- Secretary Ken Ginel
- Immediate Past Chair Alfredo Anthony
- At-Large Patti Templeton
- At-Large Rebecca Watson
- At-Large Bruce Terwilliger
- Mike Sutton (CEO, non-voting)

#### **Incoming Board Members**

Our affiliate will soon announce five new additions to the Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Board of Directors. These five individuals will begin their first term as a board member on July 1, 2022.

- Andrew Fink, MD President of BayCare Medical Group
- Chris Majeski SVP, Head of Private Client Group Supervision at Raymond James
- Ian Peterson Founder & CEO of Dialed In Golf Solutions
- Charles "Charlie" Rogers retired
- Marilyn Turman Director of Communications, Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition (CULC)



**Andrew Fink** 



Chris Majeski



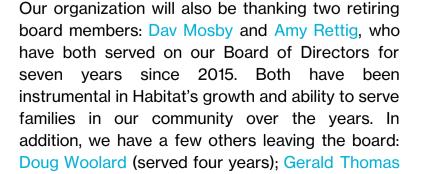
Ian Peterson



**Charles Rogers** 



**Marilyn Turman** 



(served one year) is relocating to Jacksonville; and

Kristen Lewis (served two years).



**Dav Mosby** 



**Amy Rettig** 

Thank you for your service to our organization!

#### **Habitat Expansion**

#### **Staff Expansion**

#### **New Hires & Promotions**

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. Join us in welcoming six new hires to the Habitat team and congratulating four employees on their recent promotions.



**Charles Armstrong**Land Development Project Manager

Brandon Lowe
Construction Crew Leader

**Clinton Lewis**Sr. Director of Development

#### **Promotions**

Rick Vail
Vice President of Construction

Ralph Grau
Construction Permitting Manager

#### Meredith Reagin

**Director of Development** 

**Reá Sol** ReStore Associate I

Maurevensly Jeudy Development Coordinator

**Justin Haley** Site Operations Manager



## Homeownership Program

#### **5 New Candidates Accepted Last Month**











When a homeowner candidate is accepted into the program, a surprise meeting is set up resulting in reactions that 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 journey begins...



# Upcoming Events



Cup of Joe: Pasco

June 15th, 2022 | 8:00 am - 9:00 am NEAT Coffee Bar @ 5500 Main St Unit 108

RSVP to rliska@habitatpwp.org







#### **Cup of Joe: Pinellas**

June 21st, 2022 | 8:30 am - 9:30 am **Habitat Homeowner Education Center** 13355 49th St. North, Suite B

RSVP to igonzalez@habitatpwp.org.

# Strategic Pillars



Save the Date: Golfing Fore Habitat

**Annual Golf Tournament at Innisbrook Copperhead Course** 

October 31st, 2022



#### visit us

**Clearwater ReStore & Truist Education Center** 13355 49th St N, Suite B Clearwater, FL 33762

**Administrative HQ** 

14010 Roosevelt Blvd, Suite 704 Clearwater, FL 33762

(727) 536-4755 | habitatpwp.org

**New Port Richey ReStore** 

6431 US Highway 19 North New Port Richey, FL

St. Pete Resource Center

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





