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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO




Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the thirteenth 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 enter into August, I invite you to join me in reflecting on what we were able to accomplish in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. As you know, we partnered with 67 families to build and purchase their decent, affordable home. Thanks to your support, 67 local families achieved their dreams of homeownership.


Here's a snapshot of what was accomplished over the last 12 months:

67
HOMES
COMPLETED

Continued our partnership with **Kids Pedal Power** to provide **107 bicycles** to children in the Habitat program on their dedication day. 


Presented a check for **\$1,051,000** to the Pinellas County Commission, representing taxes paid by Habitat homeowners in 2021. 

Successfully launched our first **CEO Build** through which over **\$140,000** was raised by **55 CEOs** committed to creating affordable homeownership solutions. 


Celebrated the grand opening of the newly relocated **New Port Richey ReStore** which provides West Pasco residents the opportunity to shop great deals at the store that builds homes. 

\$36M
IN TOTAL
REVENUE


Through our tithing efforts, **67 homes** were funded internationally through Habitat for Humanity's global work. 

Hosted our first Community Leader Build Day with **25 elected officials** from across Pinellas County. 

Celebrated our **700th home dedication** ceremony with the Sakers Family in the Teller Estates development in Pinellas Park. 

Increased homeowner education curriculum to **32 classes** to better prepare homeowner candidates for their next chapter. 

31K
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

Opened the **Truist Homeowner Education Center & Tibbett's Lumber Selection Area**, a dedicated hub for homeowners to complete the required education curriculum and customize their future home. 

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.

Breaking News: Midtown Project Updates

Habitat for Humanity selected by City of St. Petersburg to develop two major affordable homeownership projects in South St. Pete

Mayor Welch has selected the affordable housing builder to develop two major properties in Midtown.

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties is proud to announce the organization has been selected by the City of St. Petersburg to develop two major affordable homeownership projects within the South St. Pete CRA: 18th St & 18th Ave S (The Grove) and 21st St & 18th Ave S (Pelican Place).

The Midtown neighborhood of St. Petersburg is a vibrant community and home to a diverse population of residents and workers. Yet, for those who are long-term residents of the area, the housing crisis has long been in the making. Property values have skyrocketed in the vicinity, and residents simply cannot afford to purchase a home in the area anymore. The ability for people to purchase affordable homes is an important factor in both creating and sustaining a vibrant community. Unfortunately, residents are left with few options and are moving out of the city. These two projects will bring help alleviate some of these pressures and create additional opportunities to sustain a vibrant Midtown.

Under Habitat's proposals for both projects, homeowners are provided a conventional 30-year, 0% interest mortgage. Habitat would also eliminate a need for a down payment and not require private mortgage insurance (PMI). It would only require \$1,000 in closing costs. Per its proposals, Habitat has committed to exclusively marketing the site to South St. Petersburg residents and city staff for the first three months of the program.

The announcement exemplifies the establishment of a true private-public partnership between Habitat for Humanity and the City of St. Petersburg; one that will vastly benefit South St. Pete residents.





12TH ANNUAL

GOLFING FORE HABITAT

COPPERHEAD AND ISLAND COURSES AT INNISBROOK
36750 US HWY 19 N, PALM HARBOR, FL 34684

Monday, October 31st, 2022
Shotgun Start 8:30 AM

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties will host its 12th Annual Golfing Fore Habitat Partner Tournament on Monday, October 31st, 2022 at Copperhead and Island Courses at Innisbrook, A Salamander Golf & Spa Resort. Due to the ongoing success of this tournament, this year we have expanded to TWO courses at Innisbrook.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Please contact Meredith Reagin at mreagin@habitatpwp.org for more information.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!



Bay to Bay Properties
MaintenX
Sheraton Sand Key
Terwilliger Brothers Residential

Habitat Happenings

End-of-Year Celebration

Habitat Board & Staff Bowling Party

On Saturday, July 30th, Habitat board members, staff, and family members gathered for a celebration of our 2021-2022 fiscal year accomplishments. The Habitat Family was able to come together for good food, fun games, and some exciting rounds of bowling! Thank you to our board members who were able to make it out to this special occasion.



Community Conversations

Historic Gas Plant District Redevelopment



Last month, Habitat President & CEO, Mike Sutton, and Vice President of Government Affairs, Sean King, were invited by St. Pete's Mayor Ken Welch to speak at a four-part community conversation regarding the redevelopment of the Historic Gas Plant District. They spoke on the increasing need for affordable housing in St. Petersburg and discussed redevelopment opportunities for the area to help drive significant change for families in our community. Between the four events, over 1,000 community members were reached; helping to spread awareness of the affordable housing crisis in our region.

Homeownership Program

7 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 for these families...](#)

Habitat Growth: Meet Our New Staff

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. Join us in welcoming our new hires to the team!



Charles Armstrong
Land Development
Project Manager



Tori Bates
Development
Coordinator



Billy Boccio
Director of
Pre-Construction



Sonja Felton
Director of
ReStore Operations



Sean Gowens
Mortgage Operations
Coordinator



Clinton Lewis
Senior Director
of Development



Alexis Perez
Human Resources
Coordinator



Meredith Reagin
Director of
Development



Wesley Sextro
ReStore Associate I



Shannon Spooner
ReStore Associate I
& Habitat Homeowner



Job Opportunities

We are seeking talented individuals to join our team! Find more information at habitatpwp.org/careers.

- Warehouse Operations Coordinator
- ReStore Associate I
- ReStore Donation Driver I
- Construction Crew Leader
- Field Site Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Cup of Joe: Pinellas

August 22nd | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Truist Education Center

Cup of Joe: Pasco

August 26th | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
New Port Richey ReStore

The Allen Family Dedication

August 24th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM
1617 Russel St. S. St. Petersburg

The Gatlin Family Dedication

September 9th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM
637 Blanche B. Littlejohn Trail, Clearwater

Affordable Housing 101

August 24th | 6 PM - 7 PM
Free Online Class

Double Dedication: Letthand & Tosado-Zeno-Clement

September 16th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM
12878 Jackson St., Largo

Strategic Pillars



Save the Date



12TH ANNUAL GOLFING FORE HABITAT

Annual Golf Tournament at
Innisbrook Copperhead & Island Courses

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

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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

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