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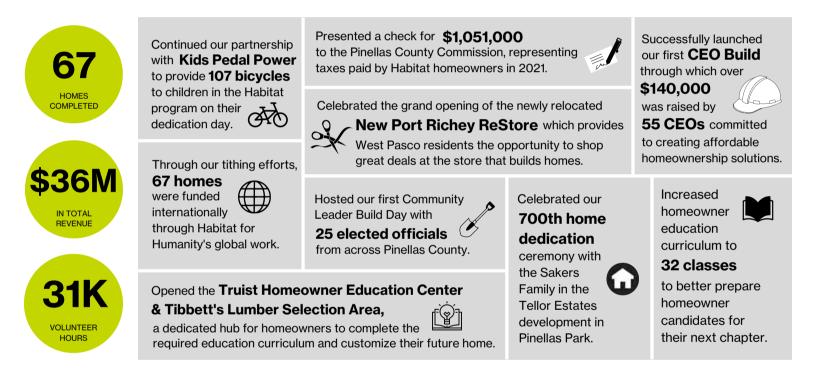
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## A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO

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:



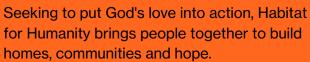
Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Together, we will continue to move the mission forward to build homes, communities and hope.

Sincerely,

Mike Sutton, President & CEO Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco



#### our mission



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#### 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.









# 17TH ANN of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties JULFING FURE HARI **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!





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#### 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...

#### 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

**The Allen Family Dedication** August 24th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM 1617 Russel St. S. St. Petersburg

Affordable Housing 101 August 24th | 6 PM - 7 PM Free Online Class **Cup of Joe: Pasco** August 26th | 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM New Port Richey ReStore

**The Gatlin Family Dedication** September 9th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM 637 Blanche B. Littlejohn Trail, Clearwater

**Double Dedication: Letthand & Tosado-Zeno-Clement** September 16th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM 12878 Jackson St., Largo

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Annual Golf Tournament at Innisbrook Copperhead & Island Courses

## October 31st, 2022



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St. Pete Resource Center 1350 22nd St S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

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