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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the fifteenth 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.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, our thoughts and prayers are with our neighbors to the south. I hope that you and your families stayed safe during the storm. To support our neighbors during this difficult time, our Habitat affiliate has partnered with our fellow Tampa Bay region affiliates to provide relief to Southwest Florida. Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco, Habitat for Humanity of East & Central Pasco, and Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County are encouraging the community to donate funds and supplies to help our neighboring affiliates to the South.

While we are blessed to have been spared from the devastation from Hurricane Ian, we are heartbroken for the communities that were impacted. I have been in contact with the local affiliate in the area, including Lee & Hendry County and Charlotte County, which have seen a spectrum of damage, destruction and challenges. After speaking with the affiliate leaders, we identified the need for construction and cleaning supplies to start to prepare for rebuilding. A small team of Habitat Pinellas & West Pasco folks traveled to Punta Gorda earlier this week to help the Charlotte County affiliate repair damage to their office and ReStore.

Now more than ever, the Habitat mission to build homes, communities and homes is top of mind across the affiliate network, and beyond. For those interested in donating supplies, funds or time to those impacted, please visit our website at habitatpwp.org/ian to learn more.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Sutton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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.



disaster response hurricane ian relief

Help us #FillTheTruck with cleaning and safety supplies to support relief efforts for our neighbors in Southwest Florida.

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Contractor-Grade Bags
- Garbage Bags
- Paper Towels
- Brooms
- Mops
- Shovels

SAFETY GEAR

- Protective Gloves & Eyewear
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- First-Aid Kits
- Bandages

MONETARY DONATIONS

All funds will directly support disaster relief. To make a monetary donation, visit habitatpwp.org/ian or scan the QR code.



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT CLEARWATER, NEW PORT RICHEY,
ZEPHYRHILLS, BRANDON AND TAMPA RESTORES THRU 10/15**

for more information, visit habitatpwp.org/ian



Milestone Dedication

800th home

Celebrate the **800th** home built in our community with an **\$800 donation!**

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties' 800th home dedication is approaching quickly. With only 35 houses left to build, we will be celebrating this amazing milestone in early 2023.



donate today at
habitatpwp.org/800thhome.



The Clayton Family

2nd Annual CEO Build

CEO BUILD



leaders working together
building homes, communities, and hope.

Last year, 55 CEOs from the Tampa Bay Area took part in our inaugural CEO Build. The build was a major success and helped provide the Middlebrooks family with a safe and affordable home.

The CEO Build is back for year two and sponsorship opportunities are now available! We have over 40 CEO's committed to serving another family in our community.

Will you join them?

To reserve your spot, please contact Mike Sutton at msutton@habitatpwp.org.



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Ryan Ross
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Thank You to Our Committed Leaders

as of 10/11/22

\$10,000 Challenge Level

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Habitat Celebrations

USF Hispanic Heritage Awards

Mike Sutton Receives 2022 SoL Community Award

Each year during Hispanic Heritage Month, the USF Status of Latinos (SoL) Committee recognizes USF students, faculty, staff and community leaders who are contributing to the Latinx community through academic research and/or community service.

At this year's event, Mike Sutton was recognized as a 2022 SoL Community Award recipient for his leadership and commitment to provide our diverse community the opportunity to achieve affordable homeownership! He was nominated for the award by former Habitat Board Member, Norm Bungard. Habitat for Humanity thrives on the diversity of its partners and volunteers to provide a 'hand up' to deserving families in need. Through his leadership, Mike Sutton continues to move the Habitat mission forward with a key focus on our Latinx families and diversity as a whole to engage people of all races, religions, and nationalities to create affordable homeownership opportunities.

Mike's leadership continues to elevate the affiliate's brand and spread awareness of our mission. Congratulations and thank you to Mike for his continued leadership!



ABC Action News Gives

Habitat Receives \$10,000 from ABC Action News Viewers

On Friday, October 7th, Sean Daly from ABC Action News joined Habitat Staff at the Clearwater ReStore to help promote our Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief Drive. Our team was surprised with a donation of \$10,000 towards the campaign which was gifted to us by viewers of of the news station. This donation will go towards purchasing supplies to help support our neighbors down in Southwest Florida who were impacted by the storm.

Thank you Sean Daly and ABC Action News!



Habitat Celebrations

Tampa Bay Business & Wealth Apogee Awards

Todd St. John-Fulton named the Chief HR Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Todd St. John-Fulton for being named the Chief HR Officer of the Year at the 2022 Tampa Bay Business & Wealth's Apogee Awards. Todd was one of two finalists for the Chief Human Resources Officer award. The Apogee Awards is a unique awards program, created by TBBW magazine, to recognize distinguished c-suite leaders whose dedication to their industries and communities deserves particular recognition.



Board Addition

New Habitat Board Member – Chris Hackney

Chris is a SVP with BayFirst, a banking partner that is already deeply involved with Habitat. They recently made a \$50,000 donation to sponsor a home in St Petersburg. Their Chairman participated in our inaugural CEO Build earlier this year and their President will be participating in our 2023 CEO Build. The bank, formerly known as First Home Bank, is also involved in our Gala and is a referral source for applicants we receive that exceed income requirements. Chris comes to us through the Nonprofit Leadership Center's Advancing Racial Equity on Nonprofit Boards Fellowship program.



Chris Hackney

Senior Vice President, BayFirst

Habitat Growth

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!



José Tosado
ReStore Associate I



James Riggan
Warehouse Operations
Coordinator I



Job Opportunities

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



Upcoming Events

Cup of Joe with the CEO: Pasco
October 19th | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
New Port Richey ReStore

Cup of Joe with the CEO: Pinellas
October 20th | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Truist Homeowner Education Center

The Boykin Family Dedication
October 24th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM
2000 38th St. S., St. Petersburg

The Duckworth Family Dedication
October 24th | 10 AM - 10:15 AM
1816 21st St. S., St. Petersburg

The Dandridge Family Dedication
October 25th | 9 AM - 9:15 AM
711 Vine Ave., Clearwater, FL

Affordable Housing 101
October 26th | 6 PM - 7 PM
Virtual - habitatpwp.org/advocacy

Double Dedication: Davis & Christopher Families
October 28th | 9 AM - 9:30 AM
3912 57th Ave N., St. Petersburg

how to get involved

	Apply
	Donate
	Volunteer
	Shop
	Advocate

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**12TH ANNUAL
GOLFING FOR 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

habitatpwp.org/golf



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

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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