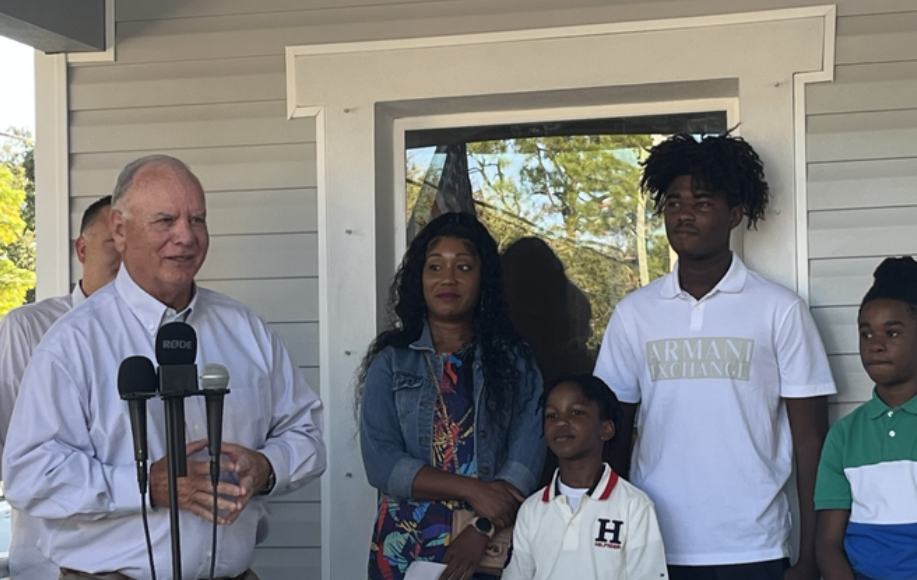




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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat supporters – you are receiving the sixteenth 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.

Our affiliate had an amazing month of October, which saw seven new families become homeowners through the Habitat program! Congrats to the Amaral, Oliver, Taylor, Boykin, Duckworth, Davis, and Christopher families. We have now completed 14 homes this fiscal year, on our way to meet our end of the year goal of 70 families between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

As we continue to work toward this goal of 70 homes, we also are approaching two incredible milestones for our affiliate: our 800th home built and our 1,000th family served! These milestones are a testament to the continued transformational impact that Habitat for Humanity has on the community.

For many, home is where children feel safe, where families grow together and where memories are made. It is where a family benefits from stability, something that Habitat homeowners are able to enjoy after months of hard work and determination to change the trajectory of her family’s life forever.

Because of the tremendous support from our donors, volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff, our affiliate will have been able to build 800 safe and stable forever homes for families in the Pinellas and West Pasco community. We invite you to celebrate this milestone with the Clayton Family in early 2023.

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 on a white background.

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 Volunteers

Tampa Bay Business Journal 40 Under 40 Honorees Build Day

On Friday, November 4th, Habitat for Humanity held its inaugural 40 Under 40 Build Day. The build site was filled with honorees learning about each other and Habitat. The volunteers had the opportunity to work on two homes for deserving families in Clearwater: The Craft and Alvarez Families!



We want this to be a tradition. 40 Under 40 and Tampa Bay Business Journal leaving its mark on Habitat for years to come.

- Ian Anderson, Market President and Publisher at Tampa Bay Business Journal

Habitat Celebrations

AMPLIFY Clearwater Awards

Habitat Receives "Nonprofit Excellence" Award

Business leaders from across Clearwater joined AMPLIFY Clearwater as they hosted "Stars Among Us – Awarding Excellence in Entrepreneurship" at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Friday, November 4, 2022. This event was designed to celebrate the positive contributions by individuals and businesses across the community.

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties was awarded the "Nonprofit Excellence Award" during the ceremony. Our affiliate was honored with this award due to the demonstration of excellence in non-profit business management practices and resource development and the achievement of growth in the number of programs, networks, partnerships, collaborations and services that demonstrate community impact and experienced steady growth in clients served.



Tampa Bay Business Journal One Tampa Bay

Habitat Recognized as One Tampa Bay Honoree for Seventh Straight Year

Thirty-four Tampa Bay area nonprofit organizations and corporations have been named as honorees for this year's One Tampa Bay awards.

These awards honor the businesses and groups that stand out for their work in the community and their fiscal management. It honors both local nonprofits and companies dedicated to philanthropy. For the nonprofit honorees, a large focus is on financial stewardship and the impact they make to improve people's lives and address societal needs. Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco was recently recognized as an honoree for the seventh year in a row.



Signature Event

Golfing Fore Habitat

On Monday, October 31st, we held our sold out 12th Annual Golfing Fore Habitat Partner Tournament at Innisbrook Resort. Thanks to the support of our community, more than \$135,000 was raised towards the Habitat mission of providing safe and affordable homeownership opportunities.

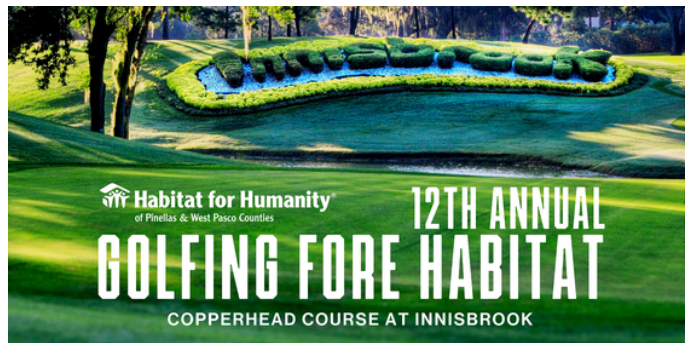
Over 100 golfers, sponsors, and vendors had a great round on the course, followed by an impactful testimonial from this year's Golfing Fore Habitat homeowner recipient, Jaime Pitt. Jaime expressed that the most important thing she has learned so far in the Habitat program is budgeting. "I am turning spending into saving", she told the crowd.

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

We look forward to seeing you back at Innisbrook next year for our 13th Annual Golfing Fore Habitat tournament!

“ This program breaks generational curses, but builds generational wealth. We will never have to pack up and move because (this home) is ours.

- Jaime Pitt



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 24 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 45 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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2023 Honorary Chairs



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Consello Group, Former
CEO of WW and HSNi



Bill Brand
CEO of
Rue21



Ryan Ross
President of
Neiman Marcus

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as of 11/10/22

\$10,000 Challenge Level

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Habitat Growth

Homeownership Program

12 New Candidates Accepted Last Month



Usually, when a homeowner candidate is accepted into the program, a surprise meeting is set up at our administration offices to welcome the new homeowner candidate. However, this month we surprised 12 families with the exciting news all at once! We asked the families to come to a Board of Directors meeting to make their case to be accepted into our Habitat program. But when they got there they learned they had ALL been approved!

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!



Renae Groen
Accounts Payable
Manager



Jonathan Rivera
Construction Crew
Leader

Promotions

Sean Gowens first started with us as a Mortgage Operations Coordinator. He has proven to be such an awesome asset to the affiliate and the Mortgage Operations department and last month he was offered a promotion to Mortgage Operations Manager. Please join us in congratulating Sean on this much deserved promotion!



Sean Gowens
Mortgage Operations
Manager



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

November 18th | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
New Port Richey ReStore

Double Dedication: Diviney & Al-Rubaye-Qasim Families

November 22nd | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
4110 & 4120 57th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL

The Alvarez Family Dedication

November 28th | 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
619 Blanche B. Littlejohn Trail, Clearwater, FL

The Philie Family Dedication

November 29th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
12808 Jackson St., Largo, FL

The Shaw Family Dedication

November 29th | 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
12822 Jackson St., Largo, FL

Affordable Housing 101

December 7th | 6 PM - 7 PM
Virtual - habitatpwp.org/advocacy

how to get involved

	Apply
	Donate
	Volunteer
	Shop
	Advocate

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HABITAT'S DISCO BALL

03.31.23 AT 7 PM

THE VINOY RENAISSANCE HOTEL



visit us

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Administrative HQ
14010 Roosevelt Blvd, Suite 704 Clearwater, FL 33762

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St. Pete Resource Center
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