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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat Supporter,

Welcome to the twenty-third edition of The Community Builder newsletter!

This exclusive communication is 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 monthly communication is to provide you with insight into current and upcoming projects, events and initiatives designed in support of our mission.

As our team has now wrapped up the first few months of our new fiscal year, I thought it would be a great time to reflect on what we were able to accomplish in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. As you know, we were able to move 73 families into their decent, affordable home in the fiscal year and as far as we know, that puts us as one of the largest affiliates within the Habitat network! Let's look at what we accomplished over the last 12 months:

- **Goal of 70 Homes - 73 Homes Completed**
- **Raised \$33,451,826 in revenue**
- **Ended the year with a record 108 homeowners in the pipeline**
- **Named one of Tampa Bay Business Journal's Best Places to Work**
- **Named an ENERGY STAR Award Partner of the Year**

Many of these goals will grow in the new fiscal year, and with support from our donors, volunteers, board members, and staff, we will achieve great success!

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 Staff Team Building Day at Empower Adventures

On July 25th, Habitat staff members gathered together at Empower Adventures for a day full of team-building activities, ziplining, and fun! Our team members worked together in a variety of activities that allowed us to better work with one another and get to know others outside of their regular department. These activities emphasized the importance of communication and patience both in and out of the workplace.

Throughout the day, staff members took to the sky to zipline across the treetops and lakes. Those who were brave enough even tried out the elevated obstacle course! Overall, the day served as a reminder of the exceptional things that our staff can accomplish when we work together, support each other, and step out of our comfort zones.



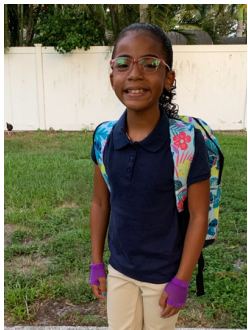
HOC Celebrations

Back to School Spotlights

Over the last month, Habitat homeowner candidates have shared photos of their children who are celebrating their first day of school. They also shared what their goals are for the school year and what they are looking forward to. We know that a safe and stable home provides kids with the foundation to grow and learn. From dreams of becoming police officers, football players, geologists, chefs, and teachers, we know that these have a bright future ahead of them.

“ School is, perhaps, one of the best parts of life. Knowledge, skills, critical thinking, and reasoning are important to child development; social, mental, and physical well-being is developed concurrently.

- *Cindy Roberts, Homeowner Candidate*



Habitat Farewells

Habitat Hosts Goodbye Party for Chief Construction Officer, Gaby Camacho

On July 27th, we celebrated Chief Construction Officer Gaby Camacho, who recently left Habitat after 13 years. She has a wonderful opportunity ahead, and we couldn't be more excited for her.

Our organization will miss Gaby's leadership, passion for affordable housing, and Habitat's mission. President & CEO Mike Sutton presented Gaby with the Norman Bungard Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing her hard work and the hundreds of families who benefitted from her service.

Thank you, Gaby! We will miss you!



2023 Slate of Officers

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

- **Chair – Heather Ford**
- **Vice Chair – Frank Starkey**
- **Treasurer – Ken Ginel**
- **Secretary – Chris Hackney**
- **Immediate Past Chair - Brandon Brayboy**
- **At-Large - Ian Peterson**
- **At-Large - Chris Majeski**
- **At-Large - Lynn Skelton**
- **Mike Sutton (CEO, non-voting)**

Incoming Board Members

Our affiliate is excited to announce four new additions to the Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Board of Directors. These four individuals began their first term as a board member on July 1, 2023.

- **Carolina Conner - Luxury Real Estate Advisor, Engel & Volkers**
- **Jose Gomez - Associate, Harvard Jolly Architecture**
- **Iris Gonzalez - Founder/Principal, Links-G Consulting**
- **Alicia Tennell - Digital Strategy & Fintech Analyst, Americas Franklin Templeton**



Carolina Conner



Jose Gomez



Iris Gonzalez



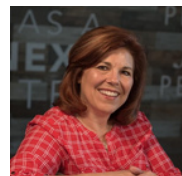
Alicia Tennell

Our organization is also forever thankful to four individuals who are leaving the board:

[Alfredo Anthony](#) and [Patti Templeton](#), who have both served on our Board of Directors for seven years, as well as [Jarrett Dixon](#), who has served two years, and [Rebecca Watson](#) who has served four. All have been instrumental in Habitat's growth and ability to serve families in our community over the years.



Alfredo Anthony



Patti Templeton



Jarrett Dixon



Rebecca Watson

*Thank you for your service
to our organization!*

People's Choice Best of the Best

Habitat Wins Best New Home Builder

Habitat has been recognized by the Tampa Bay Times as the "Best of the Best" - New Home Builder in the Tampa Bay Region! Thank you to everyone who voted for us and for all of the support we receive in the community.

[Click here to view the full list of winners.](#)



Media Spotlight

Charley Belcher Visits New Port Richey ReStore



On Friday, August 4th FOX 13 News - Tampa Bay reporter Charley Belcher spent the morning at our Habitat ReStore in New Port Richey! Charley shined the spotlight on the important role the ReStores play in our mission to build more homes, communities, and hope. He even pointed out a few of his favorite furniture items that were available to purchase that day!

Habitat Celebrations

Staff Highlights

Promotions & 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 congratulating two employees on their recent promotions and welcoming six new hires to the team.



Promotions



Rick Vail
Chief Construction Officer



Lupe Jimenez
Senior Field Superintendent

New Hires



Jordan Gibson
Vice President of Construction



Jaxmin Ramirez
Human Resources Coordinator



Veronica Anderson
Development Manager



Adly Sawires
Accounts Payable
Specialist



Cesar Leon
Senior Construction
Superintendent



Victor Hernandez
ReStore Associate 1



Siouxzen Coppola
Office & Mortgage
Servicing Assistant



Upcoming Events

The Jernigan Family Home Dedication
September 19th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
2235 13th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL

The Worrills Family Home Dedication
September 26th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
2157 Queensboro Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL

The Diaz Family Home Dedication
September 20th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
1578 Gooden Crossing, Largo, FL

The Searles Family Home Dedication
September 29th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
9123 Maynard Ave., New Port Richey, FL

Cup of Joe with the CEO
September 20th, 2023 | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Oasis Coffee Spot
9213 Little Rd, New Port Richey, FL

The Hall Family Home Dedication
September 29th | 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
7923 Leota Lane, New Port Richey, FL

how to get involved

	Apply
	Donate
	Volunteer
	Shop
	Advocate



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