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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat Supporter,

Welcome to the twenty-seventh 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.

The month of February has been transformational in terms of community partnerships for the Habitat organization. Between, local CEOs, the Valspar Championship, and many top organizations, partners have rallied together to provide more opportunities and growth for our homeowner families.

Thanks to the support from our community and hardworking homeowner partners, our affiliate presented a check for over \$1.6 Million to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, representing the taxes paid by Habitat homeowners. This number proves the impact that the Habitat program makes not only on these families, but on the community as a whole. When an individual becomes a homeowner, they become a source of stability for generations to come. With the support of all of you, we can make a significant increase in this number by building more homes in years to come.



Our impact as of today:

1,074

families served

873

homes built

201

a brush with
kindness projects

800

homes funded
overseas

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.

2024 CEO Build

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties' third annual CEO Build is officially in the books, having hosted a kick-off reception, multiple build days with build participants, and a wrap up reception during the Valspar Championship week.

2024 CEO BUILD
leaders working together
building homes, communities, and hope.

The 2024 CEO Build is Habitat's most successful CEO Build yet, with over 60 CEOs on this year's roster bringing in over \$200,000 to support the building of this year's CEO Build partner, Tangela Butler.

Wrap-Up

Habitat Hosts CEO Build Wrap-Up Reception at The Valspar Championship

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties hosted its 2024 CEO Build Wrap-Up Reception on March 20th, 2024 at The Valspar Championship hosted by NFL Hall of Famer, Rondé Barber, and Tournament Director, Tracy West.



Tangela was able to officially sign her closing documents at the event with the help of Jeff Fishman, President of Investors Title & Settlement Services.



Community Partnerships

Habitat & PGA TOUR Wives Partner for Special Build Day Ahead of Valspar Championship



On March 20th, 22 women from the PGA TOUR Wives Association who are visiting for the Valspar Championship and eight students and staff from Clearwater Parks & Recreation joined us on a build site in Tarpon Springs for a great day of painting and partnership! The group worked alongside future homeowners Clarisse Taylor and Crystal Goss who will be moving into their forever homes next month.

The PGA TOUR Wives Association features wives of professional golfers on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour. Their focus is giving back to golfing communities and child-related charities through volunteerism. The PGA Wives presented both Habitat and Clearwater Parks & Rec with a generous check for each of the organizations.



The Valspar Championship and Copperhead Charities raise funds annually that benefit over 80 local charities throughout the Tampa Bay region. Thanks to their generosity, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties has built nine homes for families in our community.

60+ CEOs and business leaders joined together to raise more than \$200,000 to build a safe and affordable home for a deserving family at the third annual CEO Build.



Thank You to Our 2024 CEO Build Participants

Lee Arnold
Executive Chairman of Colliers Florida

Marc Banning
CEO of Banning Lumber

Rondé Barber (CEO Build Committee)
NFL Hall of Famer, General Chairman
of Copperhead Charities

Bridgette Bello
CEO & Publisher of Tampa Bay Business
& Wealth Magazine

David Bennett
CEO of Pinellas REALTOR® Organization
& Central Pasco REALTOR® Organization

Bill Brand (CEO Build Committee)
Board Member of Habitat for Humanity International;
Former CEO of Rue21

Timothy N. Brundage MD
CEO & Physician Advisor of Brundage Group

Bob Childress
CEO of Solace Insurance

Jason Clement
Founding Partner & CEO of Sports Facilities Companies

Stephanie Connors
President & CEO of BayCare Health System

John Couris (CEO Build Committee)
President & CEO of Tampa General Hospital

Susan Crockett
President & CEO of Ruth Eckerd Hall

Bill Cronin
President & CEO of Pasco EDC

Robert "Bob" Donaldson
CEO of Maxi-Blast of Florida

Elodie Dorso
President & CEO of Evara Health

Ed Droste
Chairman of Provident Management Corporation

Deborah Duffey
President of Dermazone Solutions

John Duffy
Owner of City Wide Facility Solutions

Lisa Faller
President of FKQ Advertising & Marketing

Thomas Feindt
Chief Executive Officer of Grow Financial

Ray Ferrara
Executive Chairman of ProVise Management Group

Scott Fink
VW of Wesley Chapel, Subaru of Wesley Chapel,
& Fink Five Foundation

Jeffrey Fishman
President of Investors Title & Settlement Services

Vincent Forese
President & CEO of Link-Systems International

Wendy Gattis
CEO of DITEK Corporation

Robert Glaser
President & CEO of Smith & Associates Real Estate

Bill Goede
Tampa Bay President of Bank of America

Steve Griggs
CEO of Vinik Sports Group

Mindy Grossman (CEO Build Committee)
Partner & Chair of Consello Group,
Former CEO of WW & HSNi

Russ Hallenbeck
CEO of Tibbetts Lumber Company

Keri Higgins-Bigelow
Founder & CEO of livingHR

Bill Kent
President of George F. Young, Inc.

Neil Kiefer
CEO of HMC Hospitality Group, Inc.

Jim Kirkpatrick
Florida Market President of Republic Bank

Scott Kramer
President & CEO of Spartan Contracting Corporation

Ken LaRoe
Founder, CEO, & Chairman of Climate First Bank

Sharon Leite (CEO Build Committee)
Former CEO of Ideal Image & Vitamin Shoppe

Brett McGill (CEO Build Committee)
President & CEO of MarineMax

Jim McVay
President & CEO of Reliaquest Bowl

Brooke Mirenda
President & CEO of Sunshine State Economic
Development Corporation

Kyle Mishler
Owner of KAM Roofing Services

Robin Moch
Partner at M. E. Wilson Company

John Moore
President of Bayfront Health St. Petersburg

Andy Park
Managing Partner of Park & Eleazer Construction

Amanda Payne
President & CEO of Amplify Clearwater

Mitch Permuy
Chairman & CEO of Power Design

Steve Raney
Chairman & CEO of Raymond James Bank

Alyssa Rhoads
Executive Director of CEO Council of
Tampa Bay

Bill Roberti
Managing Director of Alvarez & Marsal

Karyn Roeling
President & CEO of Seibert Insurance

Elliott Ross
President of The Ross Realty Group

Ryan Ross (CEO Build Committee)
President of Neiman Marcus

Melissa Seixas
Florida State President of Duke Energy

Jyric Sims
President of HCA Healthcare
West Florida Division

John Strong
Chairman & CEO, Bankers Financial Corporation

Mike Sutton
President & CEO of Habitat Pinellas and West
Pasco

Dr. Kanika Tomalin
President & CEO of Foundation for a Healthy
St. Petersburg

John Tomlin
CEO of Tomlin St Cyr Real Estate Services

Brian Van Slyke
Regional President of Kolter Urban LLC

Randy Ware
Founder & CEO of WestCMR

Helen Wesley
President & CEO of TECO Peoples Gas

Tracy West
President of Copperhead Charities
and Valspar Championship Tournament Director

Carlos Yepes
President & Founder of Belleair Development Group

Tom Zernick
CEO of Bay First National Bank

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of Tampa Bay
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Staff Celebrations

Habitat President & CEO, Mike Sutton, Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

On Friday, March 15th, Habitat Pinellas & West Pasco staff honored our president and CEO, Mike Sutton, for his 10 years of leading our organization with a surprise party at Big Storm Brewery.

When Mike arrived in 2014, our affiliate had just built its 280th home. This summer, we will celebrate our 900th home built in our community. Mike and the Habitat Board of Directors also agreed on a 5 year contract extension that will see Mike continue to lead our affiliate into the future.

Thank you, Mike, for 10 years of serving Habitat and our community!



Faith Build 2024

The Poole Family Bible Placement

On Monday, March 18th, Habitat's 2023-24 Faith Build partner, the Poole Family, placed a Bible into the foundation of their future home. It was a special morning with family, friends, and supporters.

Thank you to our Faith Build Sponsors for making this build possible.



ReStore Closure Announcement

Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco has made the difficult decision to close its ReStore operations effective March 16, 2024. The closure will provide the affiliate the ability to be singularly focused on the homeownership program, to address the need for affordable homeownership in our community.

Thank you to our loyal customers and supporters who have shopped at the store that builds homes, communities, and hope over the years.

To learn more, please [click here](#).



Habitat Accolades

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Habitat Recognized as a 2024 Best Places to Work Honoree

TAMPA BAY BUSINESS JOURNAL



2024 BEST PLACES TO WORK

For the second Consecutive year, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties is recognized by the Tampa Bay Business Journal as a 2024 Best Places to Work Hooree in the Large Category (50-99 employees) and will be celebrated at an event in May 2024.



Energy Star

2024 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties is proud to announce that it has received the 2024 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Tampa Bay Times

Habitat Named a 2024 Top Workplaces Winner

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties has been named a 2024 Tampa Bay Times Top Workplaces Winner! The Times surveys employees of top-rated organizations and businesses from around the Tampa Bay region to better understand work cultures and employee experiences.



In addition to the Top Workplaces award, Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco was recognized with the 2024 Meaningfulness Award.



Candid

Platinum Seal of Transparency 2024

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties has earned a Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency on GuideStar! Candid is a nonprofit that provides the most comprehensive data and insights about the social sector. Platinum is the highest level a nonprofit can earn, which means you can feel good about what your donation is going towards!

Employee Engagement

Habitat International

Twelve Habitat Staff Members Attend National Conference in Atlanta



In early March, twelve members of the Habitat Pinellas & West Pasco team flew to Atlanta to attend the National Habitat Affiliate Conference. Staff attended many info sessions and heard from different inspirational speakers and were able to bring back a lot of new information that will continue to help advance the Habitat mission.

We Build. We Influence. Together.

Employee Appreciation

Habitat Celebrates National Employee Appreciation Day With Outdoor Fun

As a token of appreciation to the Habitat Staff, we celebrated National Employee Appreciation with an outdoor staff event. On late Friday afternoon, staff gathered in our admin parking lot for food, and icecream truck, and some friendly cornhole and jenga tournaments. Thank you to our staff for all of your hard work and dedication!



Adopt-A-Road

Staff Participates in Volunteer Clean-Up

As a part of Habitat's social committee vents and partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful, our affiliate recently adopted a road for which we are responsible for keeping clean and picking up litter. To kick-off this Adopt-a-Road partnership, 13 staff members gathered for a clean-up where in which over 170 pounds of trash was collected.



Valspar Championship



Over 250 Habitat Volunteers Recruited for the Valspar Championship

This past week, Habitat was once again extremely active with the Valspar Championship. A Pillar Charity of the Tournament since 2015, our organization has received significant support and exposure from the tournament over the years. A transformational partnership for us, this year was one of the busiest yet! We mobilized more than 250 volunteers to support the tournament this year, specifically at the Sunday 5K and the Saturday night concert.



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Veterans Build

The Rimpson Family

in partnership with



Owning a home is a long time American dream. We want to ensure that those that have served are not forgotten and are given the same opportunities that their sacrifices allowed us to have.

learn more at habitatpwp.org/veterans-build



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Women Build 2024

The Habitat Women Build brings together female leaders from across the region to build a home for a local single mother.

We invite female leaders seeking a life-changing opportunity to support the homeownership dreams of a deserving family to join the 2024 Women Build launching this Fall!

Get Involved

Scan the QR Code, visit habitatpwp.org/womensbuild, or contact Katie Rockman at krockman@habitatpwp.org for more information.



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. Also, the recent closure of our ReStores has allowed for a restructuring of the organization, creating opportunities for staff to transition to new roles within the affiliate after the closure.

Promotions



William Washington
Field Supervisor 2



Jose Tosado
Warehouse Operations
Coordinator



Paul Newell
Warehouse Operations
Coordinator



Brian Amison
Construction Crew
Leader



Victor Hernandez
Construction Crew
Leader



Arnie Gonsalves
Construction Runner



Latoya Brown
Program Recruitment &
Engagement Coordinator



Ashley Swift
Homeowner Program
Coordinator



Keila Martin
Mortgage Servicing Manager

New Hires



Brandy Jett
Accountant



Jordan Fink
Director of Policy and Legal Affairs



Upcoming Events

The Houston Family Home Dedication
March 29th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
4330 45th Ave N., St. Pete, FL 33714

Double Dedication: Taylor & Goss-McDonald Families
April 8th | 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
715 North Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL

The Butler Family Home Dedication (CEO Build)
March 29th | 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
4349 45th Ave. N. , St. Pete, FL 33714

Pasco Office Ribbon Cutting & Open House
May 1st | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
7237 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL

The Harris Family Home Dedication
April 1st | 9:00 AM - 1:00 AM
4310 45th Avenue N, St. Petersburg, FL 33714

900th Home Dedication: The Jones Family
June 21st | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
1231 Gooden Crossing, Largo FL

how to get involved



Apply



Donate



Volunteer



Shop



Advocate



Celebrate the **900th** home built in our community with a \$900 donation!



donate today at
habitatpwp.org/900thhome



visit us

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13355 49th St N, Suite B Clearwater, FL 33762

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

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Pasco County Office - Ribbon Cutting 5/1!
7237 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654

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

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