



**Habitat for Humanity<sup>®</sup>**

of Wisconsin River Area

*Building Together 2020*

# Letter from the President

We are celebrating 35 years of serving families in the Sauk, Columbia, and Iowa County area and we are a busy bunch! You might think that the pandemic has slowed our efforts, but, in fact, we have carefully and safely moved forward during 2020.

With staff and a small, committed group of volunteers, we have completed a home in Portage (our 80th) and have begun a home in Wycocena so that indoor work can continue through the winter. Our ReStores reopened in June and are again meeting the needs of customers in a safe shopping experience. Efforts to assist seniors and Veterans with home repairs are moving along and will be aided by a VISTA worker who has joined our ranks. Volunteers staff our Home Buyer's Club which offers free one-on-one coaching to help prospective homeowners set financial goals and repair their credit. Thanks to the efforts of our Executive Director, we have been awarded a number of grants that have patched us through this rough financial year. And we are truly blessed with dedicated and passionate staff who believe in the mission of making affordable and decent housing available for more and more folks in our communities.

But, in addition, we'd be remiss if we did not extend our thanks to you as our faithful supporters. We are grateful for your prayer, volunteer, and financial support throughout these difficult months, and we continue to covet your support so that we can keep the legacy going.

Your partner in this effort,  
Marcia Brown, Board President



**245 children** living in  
safe, decent shelter

**80  
homes**  
built

**704,585**  
volunteer hours

**2,916 tons** repurposed by our  
ReStores instead of going to landfills

**5,740**  
families  
served

**\$12,000 per year** =  
average energy savings per household

**43** homes repaired since 2019

**490**  
**veterans**  
served

**11,160 donors** give generously to  
our local Habitat each year

**YEARS**

**Celebrating the Past.  
Building the Future.**

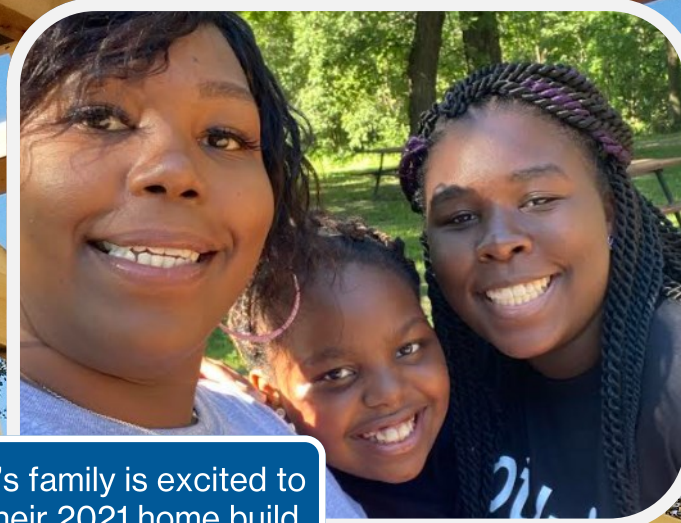
# Habitat Builds

Portage • Wyocena

In March we started our 80th home in partnership with Jade.



Newlyweds Mike & Akira are building their home in Wyocena.



Tenesha's family is excited to begin their 2021 home build.

## Volunteer of the Year Lani Chitko

Each year, Lani volunteers more than 300 hours helping to build safe, stable shelter for local families.



## Partner of the Year: First Supply

First Supply and its partners ensure that every Habitat homeowner in Wisconsin has a quality, energy efficient furnace to keep families warm in winter.

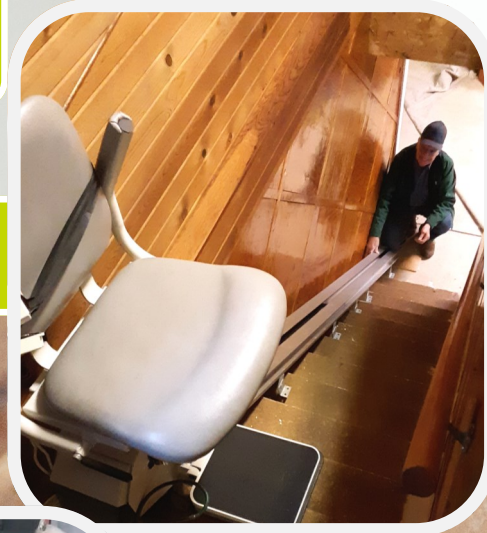
# Habitat Home Repairs

33 projects

13 veterans served • 16 seniors • 20 disabled persons



Francis is a 99-year-old WWII veteran. Last summer he fell, so Habitat volunteers came together to build a ramp for easier access.



John needed a chairlift after a foot amputation.



**Before**

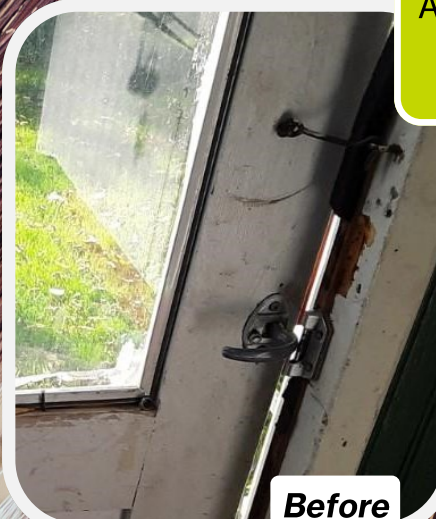


**After**

Lila's front steps were sinking, causing a safety hazard. Habitat rebuilt the steps and handrail.



Habitat helped Barb finish painting her house.



**Before**

Anna's door couldn't close fully, causing safety concerns and energy loss. A new door gave her peace of mind.



**After**

# You Can Make An Impact

## Shop

Every purchase or donation you make at our ReStores in Portage and Baraboo helps us build and repair homes.

*NEW!* Shop online for great deals at [fhfrestorewisconsinriver.org](http://fhfrestorewisconsinriver.org); you can also arrange for curb side pick-up.



## Give The Perfect Gift

This year, bless your loved ones with a meaningful gift that will make a difference in someone's life.

For each tax-deductible donation you make, you'll receive a special card letting your loved one know about the gift made in their name. Choose your design at [fhfhwisconsinriver.org/christmas](http://fhfhwisconsinriver.org/christmas).



## Donate

Fill out the enclosed card and make a pledge to support affordable housing in your community.

Whether one time or weekly, your donations make a direct impact for families struggling to afford the most basic of human needs: safe shelter.

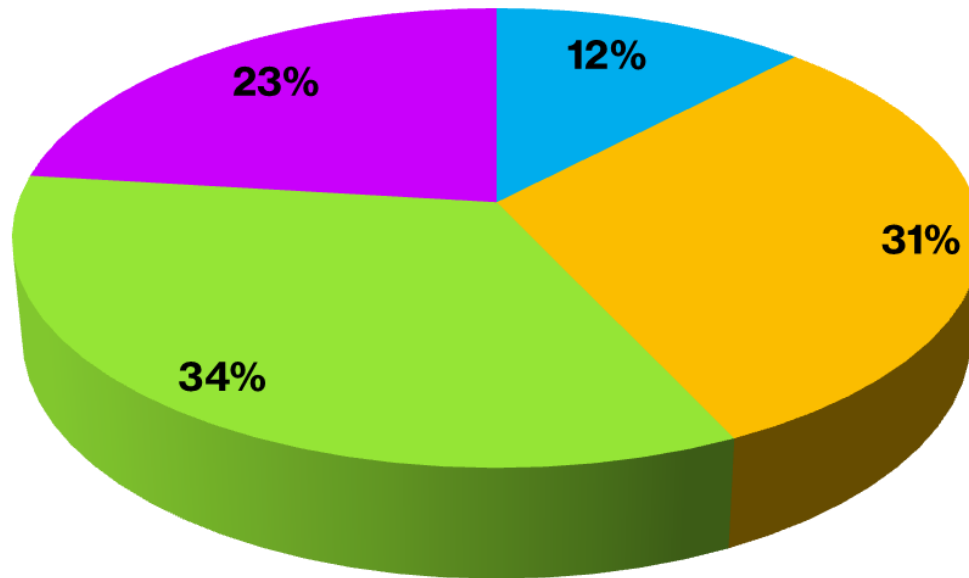


## Planned Giving

With a legacy gift you can help us do what we do for generations to come. These kinds of planned gifts are simple to arrange and often return benefits back to you. Planned distributions, gifts of property or stock, trusts and bequests can help to leave a lasting statement about who you are and what you care about.



# Where Our Funding Comes From



Local Donations

Grants

Mortgage Repayments

Our ReStores

# Where Your Support Goes



## Habitat Tithe Program

Since 1985, our local affiliate has tithed a portion of our funds to help eradicate poverty housing throughout the world.

To date, we've provided **\$185,000** to places such as the Ivory Coast, Haiti and Honduras to help build safe shelter, recover from disasters, provide access to clean drinking water, and support housing solutions for orphans and vulnerable groups.



**Give online at [hfhwisconsinriver.org](https://hfhwisconsinriver.org)**



**1 in 6 families** spend half their paycheck on housing. It leaves them facing impossible choices about healthcare, reliable transportation, nutritious food and childcare.

Your **weekly gift** of \$5 will give hope this holiday season.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I want to give \$5 a week. Please bill my card.

\_\_\_ I am giving a one-time donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is \_\_\_ in memory/ \_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_ I want to offer a **legacy of hope** to sustain families.

*Please send me information about planned giving options that I can share with my financial advisor.*

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