years of building community strength

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2018 Annual Report July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018















mission statement

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

vision statement

A world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live.



30 years of building a better community

















community impact since 1988:



197 children have been placed into safe and decent households **151** adults have become Habitat homeowners 92 Habitat homes have been sold **23** homeowners paid off their mortgages **\$6 million** added to the property tax base **\$2.7 million** paid in property taxes by Habitat homeowners 4.2 million pounds of materials diverted from local landfills by the Racine ReStore **\$2.2 million** in cumulative ReStore sales \$198,000 sent to serve 68 international families

board of directors

Racine Habitat for Humanity was formed 30 years ago when representatives from roughly 25 congregations decided to focus their ministry on affordable housing. Some of the people involved in the beginning knew how to build and others were taught as they went along. Many of the board members have volunteered for the entire 30 years.

Theo Abrahamson

- Construction Committee
- Day Work Crew

Larry Berger

- Finance Committee Chair
- ReStore Accounting

David Devine

- Construction Committee
- Electrician

Nora Grosse

- Board Treasurer
- Finance Committee

Ana Haas

Family Selection Committee

Jed Haas

- · Family Selection Committee Chair
- Construction Committee

Patricia Miller

Family Selection Committee

Jan Roland

- Board President
- Construction Committee Chair
- Site Selection

Suzette Scaife

Mentoring Committee

Gary Stowers

- Board Secretary
- Finance Committee

Low income families help build their own homes alongside habitat volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.





Brian's Story

Brian is Mary and John's oldest son. He shared a bedroom with his three younger brothers in their cramped south-side rental home. Like all Habitat families, the Davis family's dream was to own their own home, but their credit was far less than perfect and there was no extra money for a down payment on a house. Brian's medical bills from Children's Hospital created a hardship and went into collections when they went unpaid. The collections damaged John and Mary's credit, preventing them from getting a bank loan. They were devastated and had no hope of reaching their dream. That's when they found Racine Habitat for Humanity and left that rental property behind. They partnered with Habitat, got financial counseling and were able to purchase a house with an affordable mortgage and make their dream of home ownership come true. The Davis family moved into their new Habitat house during the summer, long before the cold winds started to blow through their new neighborhood. But they didn't need to worry about drafts, overcrowding or moldy window frames anymore because their new Habitat house was sealed up and had plenty of room for everyone.

Cynthia's Story

"We lived in a two bedroom apartment. We were too crowded and we couldn't stay there forever. As my children got older, we needed more space and that's when we moved in with my parents. Living with my parents wasn't easy, either. Although it was a blessing to be together and have more space, we were still living in a crowded situation and yearning to live in our own home.

The joy in our hearts is overflowing. I am so grateful to Racine Habitat for making my dream come true. It was so exciting to sign the papers to become a homeowner and move into this beautiful new house that is our own."

At the house blessing, new Habitat homeowner Cassandra said:

"The question was asked, "What will you build?" What Habitat built in me is courage, character, confidence and even skills to maintain my new home. To all who hammered, drilled, nailed... your hard work will not be in vain. Prayers will always be with you for strength to endure. Thanks for your time and sacrifice to volunteer your gifts and talents."

Rosa's Story

"Mateo and I were headed for divorce when Habitat for Humanity saved our marriage. Like many couples, money was at the root of our problems. We lived in an apartment with our two daughters. Maria was an infant and slept in a closet with no heat and Isabella slept in the second bedroom. Outlets in the kitchen didn't work and pressure and temperature of the hot water weren't reliable. Every time we turned on the hot water, we risked being scalded or getting no water at all.

Our income was small, but we wanted our hard earned money to go towards a house of our own. We thought that would never happen. Mateo made some bad choices when he was growing up and he's still paying for those choices. He didn't have a high school diploma and spent some time in jail, but he made a small wage at a trucking company. I was a stay-at-home mom with a toddler and an infant and babysat for my sister's kids. Having an escrow account to pay for property taxes, homeowners insurance and a small emergency fund taught us to save money. When our mortgage is paid off, we will be able to save money for retirement. That would not be possible without our Habitat house. Thank you to everyone who made our lives so happy!"

2018 community impact



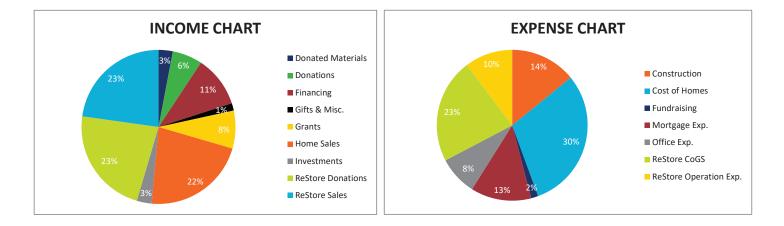
\$280,644 spent on local construction contracts and materials



254 volunteers worked alongside families



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Income

Donated Materials	\$39,000
Donations	\$82,000
Financing	\$140,000
Gifts & Misc.	\$20,000
Grants	\$104,000
Home Sales	\$285,000
Investments	\$41,000
ReStore Donations	\$295,000
ReStore Sales	\$297,000
Total	\$1,303,000

Expenditures

Construction	\$186,000
Cost of Homes	\$398,000
Fundraising	\$20,000
Mortgage Exp.	\$171,000
Office Exp.	\$110,000
ReStore CoGS	\$295,000
ReStore Operation Exp.	\$135,000
Total	\$1,315,000

2018 volunteers



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corporate volunteer groups participated on a build site

the ReStore

donate. shop. volunteer.

All ReStore proceeds are put back into house construction

ReStore contributes to the construction of one house per year

In 2018, average daily sales were \$1,600; total sales were \$294,000



partnerships & sponsors

