



Racine Habitat for Humanity has much to celebrate and reflect on. 2023 was amomentus year! In 2023, we hosted three new events: Tour Tuesday, Community Build Week, and the Building Hope Gala. Tour Tuesday was a behind-the-scenes tour into the operations of Racine Habitat. Community Build was a new construction event raising over \$30,000 and engaged 80 new volunteers. And the Inaugural Building Hope Gala sold out, raising over \$100,000!

The end of 2023 saw the launch of a new program for 2024 - The Individual Development Account Program (or IDA Program). The Racine Habitat IDA is a 2:1 savings match to help first-time homebuyers save for the downpayment on their house. We plan to serve seven more families in partnership with Johnson Bank, Housing Resources, and the United Way Equity and Innovation Fund!

After 16 years of leasing space at the Kranz building, the Racine Habitat ReStore purchased its new home, thanks to a \$1 million grant from the CNH Industrial Foundation! This grant is the largest in our organization's history, unlocking growth potential for the ReStore and, with it, the ability to serve more families with affordable homeownership each year. Thank you, friends, for making 2023 one of the most exciting years yet!

**Grant Buenger Executive Director** 



For Thomas and Stephanie Carey, homeownership is a life-changing opportunity for them personally and for the lives of children in need of foster care. In August, the Carey's purchased a larger house, which was fully re-habbed by Racine Habitat and Gateway Technical College's Construction students to make extra room for these special kids. Thanks to our generous partners and volunteers, there will be a safe-haven to call "home" for many kids in the years to come!

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Secured new Restore location in West Racine (Opening Summer 2024).
- 4 Houses built & sold to Partner Families.
- IDA Program launched in November.
- \$106,000 raised at the Building Hope Gala.
- 800 unique build site and ReStore volunteers.
- 34% year-over-year growth in individual donor contributions.



"VOLUNTEERING WITH RACINE HABITAT INSPIRED ME TO TAKE INVENTORY OF WHAT'S TRULY IMPORTANT TO ME."

MARTHA
WOMEN BUILD 2023



### A LOOK AT THE FINANCIALS





## MEET CAROLINA

As a single mother to a 2 year old daughter, stability is the ultimate goal. Carolina works two jobs, while also serving as a model Racine Habitat partner family. In the coming months she will be the first of her five siblings to own a house- setting her family up for a strong, self-reliant future.

When asked what her new home means to her, Carolina said, "Having something of my own is so empowering. I know it's mine."

# 2023 AT THE Restore

- \$502,000 in total sales (record!)
- **355 donation pick ups**
- 2 new staff positions added
- 1 new store purchased (opening Fall 2024)





## DID YOU KNOW?



Since 1987 we've built 111 homes



80% of each home is volunteer built

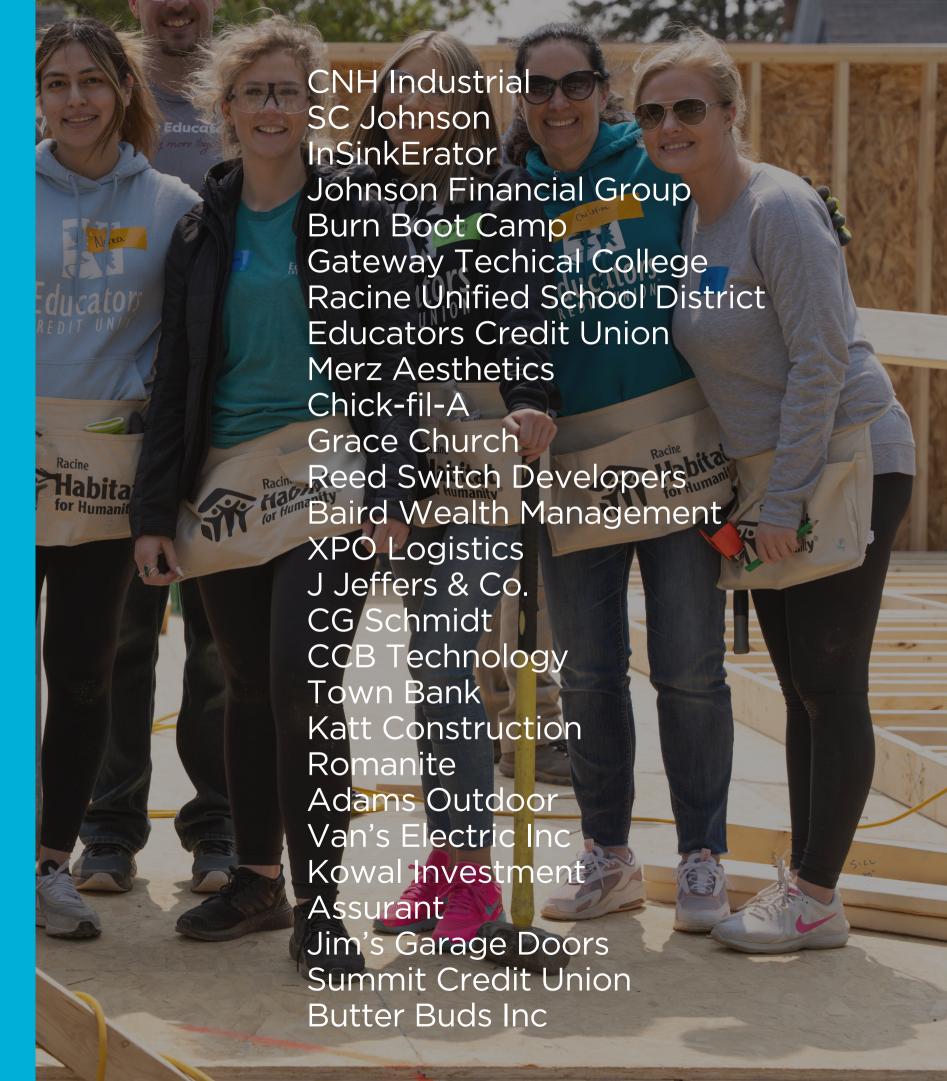


In 2023 we introduced solar power to our new homes



Our partner families purchase their Habitat home using a 0% interest mortgage







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

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