



Habitat for Humanity® of Wisconsin River Area



Celebrating A Season of Service

Annual Report 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this message finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying the beauty of the holiday season.

We've just come through another inspiring Habitat Gala—filled with gratitude for friends like you—and we're now looking forward with renewed hope and excitement.

Thanks to your incredible support, we're preparing to break ground on our 88th home next spring, continuing our mission to ensure every family in our community has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.

The world has changed in profound ways since the pandemic, yet our commitment remains stronger than ever. With your help, we're not only building new homes but also providing critical repairs so seniors and families can age in place with dignity and security. Every gift and every volunteer hour truly transforms lives.

In this season of giving, we'd be deeply grateful if you'd consider a year-end gift or joining us as a volunteer in the months ahead. Your partnership means the world to us—and to the families we serve.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for standing with us as we work to make home possible for more neighbors in need.

With warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season,

Robin Crow
Board President

Volunteers joined us this fall in Prairie du Sac to pre-build walls and a storage shed for our next Habitat home.

We're excited to plan the next steps!



OUR 88TH HOME BUILD BEGINS SOON!

The Habitat Homeownership Program

offers working families the opportunity to build their own home alongside volunteers in their community.

Each future homeowner puts more than 250 hours of “sweat equity” into building their home, *including 50+ hours of Homebuyer Education.*

This fosters a sense of pride and connection to their community. It’s an opportunity to learn new skills.

It creates stability...

helping families to put down roots while building a strong foundation for their children’s future.



PAY IT FORWARD

When the home is complete, we provide them with an affordable mortgage payment based on their income.

We call those payments the “Fund for Humanity” and they are re-invested in building the next Habitat home.

We couldn’t do it without you! Your donation helps us buy the materials that ‘raise the walls’ for a family in need of safe, affordable housing.

Youth Volunteers Help Disabled Veterans



“It was a great experience to get to know the vision of Habitat for Humanity and contribute to a better world.”

*- Josephine Teegawende Segrado
Student at Madison College*



“We want to thank you for the opportunity you gave us to serve our community. The participants are so grateful for the skills they have learned: community service, teambuilding, and everything related to home building and repair. It was amazing!”

What's New? Our Ramp Deployment Program



Accessibility is a critical part of making sure **EVERYONE** has a decent place to live.



Thanks to a 2025 grant from the Includa Foundation, Habitat is now offering **FREE** installation of temporary ramps for residents that need a safe way to access their home while recovering from a health issue.



We're certified Aging in Place specialists, and we work alongside care providers to make sure our neighbors in need can recover at home with dignity.



Deck rebuild for a 26-year Navy veteran.



Habitat Repairs invites volunteers to help address critical issues in existing homes that are threatening the health, safety and accessibility of elderly and disabled residents. This not only helps to preserve existing housing stock but also builds connections within our community.

Ramp for US Army veteran with 4 years overseas service.

Building a new space for the Good Neighbor clinic in Sauk City.



New roof for a former US Marine.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

A Brush with Kindness brings the community together

PORTAGE DAILY REGISTER



Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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EARTH DAY

Habitat service project coming to Portage

Volunteers will do cleanup, repairs at hundreds of sites under new program

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been helping neighbors and people getting out of their homes to see each other. Because that is what helps build communities, which is one of the reasons we are here," said John Perout, director of development for Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area.

Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area's new program, A Brush With Kindness, will be offered to residents and businesses located on the north side of Portage this year on Earth Day, April 22.

The neighborhood revitalization project is designed not only to make the city's First Ward look nicer, Perout said, but to bring the community together by encouraging residents to meet each other and for neighbors to get outside and help each other.

The goal is for the program to expand and be offered in the city for years to come. Perout said, but in its first year, volunteers will complete projects such as garage painting, power washing, window cleaning, flower and garden bed filling, minor deck and ramp repair, clearing of debris in yards and lawns, roof and trash hauling, and picking up donations that will be taken to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore building in Portage.

Perout also noted that each of the flower beds and boxes that get filled will get a return visit and be planted with flowers for Mother's Day.

In addition to the projects making the city look nicer, The Werndli Charitable Fund will be paying Habitat for Humanity \$25 for every volunteer hour completed for the project, up to \$25,000, making it a true community event, Perout said.

While the group won't be taking on any major modifications or projects that require permits on Earth Day, Perout said, the upcoming day of service will allow Habitat for

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Volunteers brought a fresh look to neighborhoods as Habitat set out to offer free services such as exterior painting, lawncare and simple repairs to doors, windows and stairs. Werndli Charitable Fund pledged \$25 for every volunteer hour given, making this a fantastic Earth Day event!



Habitat was proud to receive the Portage Chamber of Commerce "Nonprofit of the Year" award!





Habitat ReStore

The store that **helps build homes.**

Habitat ReStores are so much more than fundraisers. Every day we take in donations of new and gently used tools, building materials, home furnishings and appliances. In this way we help local residents make affordable home improvements.

Each year we divert more than 600 tons of reusable materials from landfills. We recycle too.

We also provide home goods for area homeless families transitioning out of shelters.



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YOUR GIFT MATTERS!

Every donation supports safe, affordable homes right here in our community.

It's a step towards stability and a brighter future for families.



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donate in seconds.*



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