

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.

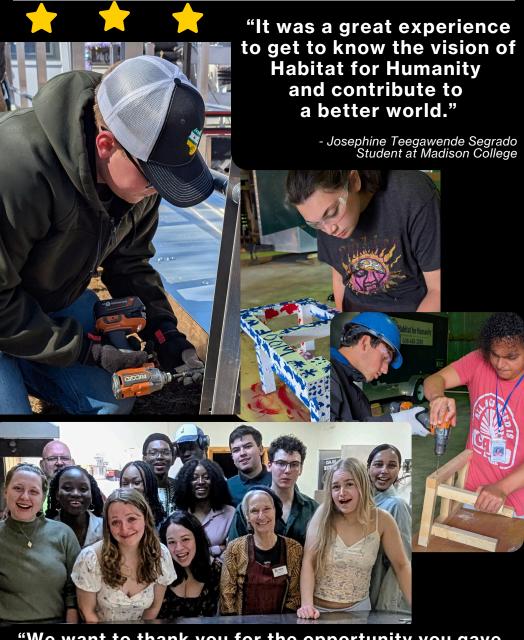
PAY IT FORWARD

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



"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 Inclusa 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.







NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

A Brush with Kindness brings the community together



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.









SHOP

VOLUNTEER

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.





Use your phone's camera to scan this code & donate in seconds.

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or send your gift to: Habitat for Humanity PO Box 38 Baraboo, WI 53913

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