



Habitat
for Humanity®
of Wisconsin River Area

Celebrate The Good

2023 Annual Report

A Letter from the President

As Thanksgiving is in the past we reflect on our own blessings and I think of this quote from Willy Nelson:

“When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.”

What a simple yet profound statement that requires reflection and understanding. We all, including you, have been blessed to be able to support and encourage the local Habitat mission. We are very excited to be looking forward to our 40th anniversary next year and we will be reflecting on how we have evolved over time to help our local families.



On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are very thankful for your continued support in our ReStores, Repairs and builds. Being blessed, you have thought about how to impact others with your time and talents which in turn does change lives! As we are working on our 87th home in Lake Delton, we ask for your continued support whether it's financial or through volunteerism. Consider your contribution to our mission as an investment in another family's future and think how that could turn their lives around! I would challenge you to share with others why you choose Habitat as a nonprofit you support along with our vision which is to live in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. As John Haywood said, “Many hands make light work”.

Thank you for your time and support. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

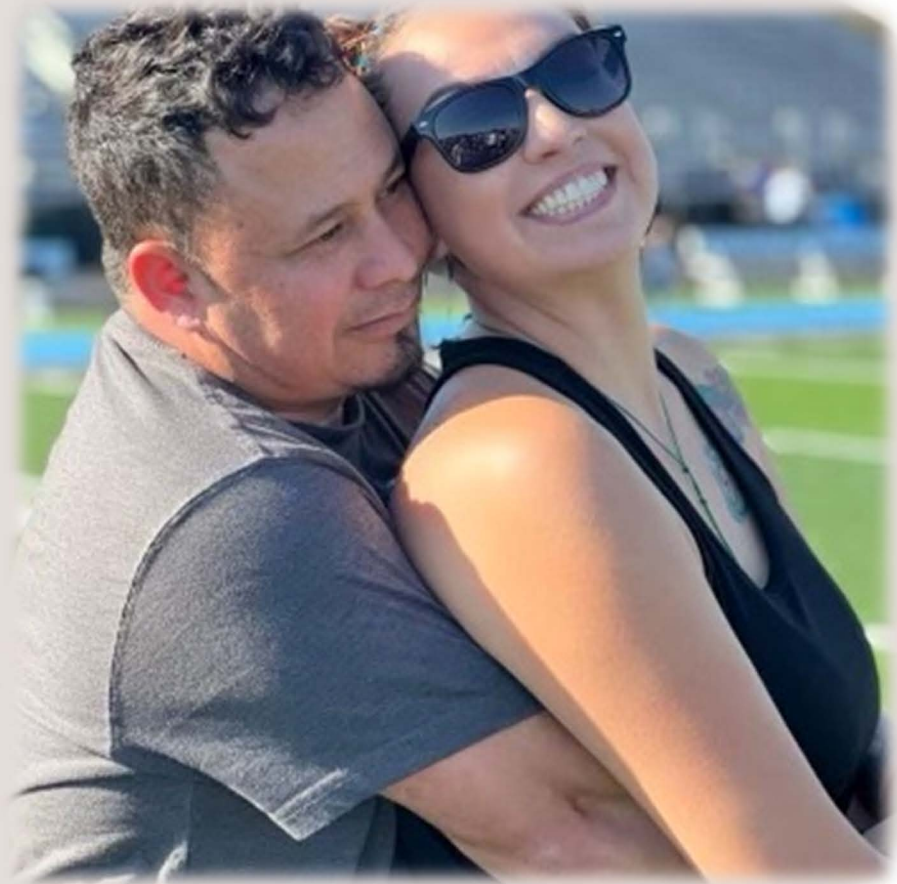
Robin Crow

Board President

Hope in Action

*What we enjoy most
is the opportunity
to be included
in building
our family's home.*

~ JJ & Melissa Sandoval



The Experience of a Lifetime



The Sandoval family partnered with Habitat to build their home in Lake Delton this year. With the help of family and friends, they've completed over 520 hours of sweat equity. But their journey isn't over yet.

Our family is excited to be closer to schools and work. But we also appreciate the chance to learn new skills and how to build a home from start to finish.



My advice to future Habitat homeowners is... Don't count the hours.

Yes, it's important to the program. However take it as a learning opportunity and the experience of a lifetime.

It won't happen again, so learn as much as you can.

The more you help, the more you learn.



Self-Reliance Begins at Home

Our new **Home Energy Savers** program provides free energy assessments and installation of materials that help reduce energy waste. Simple upgrades can relieve utility costs and promote energy conscious living.



From tree plantings to free movies, from recycling to deconstructs, from products repurposed to LED bulb giveaways, every day was Earth Day at the ReStore!

Did you know?

Wisconsin's energy assistance program doesn't include deadly heat as a qualifying need.

That's why Habitat works with area agencies every year to furnish and install **free** window AC units to those who are most vulnerable: the elderly, the disabled, and the terminally ill.

And thanks to **Home Depot** in Lake Delton, we're continuing this program in 2024.





*Our mission is not only to build new homes,
but also to preserve our existing housing stock.*



Each year we serve more than 100 people in need of critical home repairs across five counties. For retired US Army Corporal Keith, the impact of this project is life-changing. With the help of volunteers from American Legion Post 208 and donations from **good people like you**, Habitat was able to replace the roof, install new energy-efficient windows and add a ramp to make sure this Vietnam veteran can continue to enjoy his home for many years to come.

National Day of Service & Remembrance

*Remembering those we've lost
and those who rose up in response.*





ReStore®

Looking back on 2023, we find so much change, so many new friends, and so much fun! We also hit a major milestone in the fact that our ReStores in Portage and Baraboo have officially donated over ***\$1 MILLION DOLLARS*** to build homes over the last decade! Please shop, donate, and volunteer.

Development Director John Peruzzi juggling in the Circus Parade in Baraboo!



**New
management at
the ReStores!**

***Please
congratulate
James & Alyssa!***



and returning!
New Faces



and 10 Year Celebrations



\$196,230



Everyone deserves a decent place to live.

Do you know what this number represents? The tithe funds that YOU helped raise to create safer housing, clean drinking water, and to build hope for children in Haiti and West Africa since 1984.

This coming year we invite you to celebrate some remarkable milestones with us. Your gift today helps ensure a better future by building homes, community and hope.



Giving thanks
to you and yours
this holiday season.



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To give of your time is to build
COMMUNITY



Make this season Twice as Nice!

*Your gift will have **DOUBLE** the impact this year
thanks to a matching gift from Werndli Charitable Trust!*



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Thank you! Your donation directly 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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with a monthly pledge of
\$ _____.
Please invoice me.

I want to build hope
with a one-time donation of
\$ _____.
My donation is enclosed.

My gift is in honor of _____ . Please send a card of acknowledgement



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