

2015



















ANNUAL REPORT



CHANGING LIVES



Thanks to the support from countless Habitat friends and to God's hand through this ministry — in 2015 we completed 116 homes and home repair projects locally and abroad. In the process, we helped change the lives not only of those who live in these homes, but of those who helped build them as well.

VISION

A WORLD WHERE
EVERYONE HAS A
DECENT PLACE TO LIVE.

CHANGING LIVES. Framed at every point along the way, our five-year Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, now in its third year, is reinvigorating the Washington Park neighborhood. Through repair, rehabilitation and community development efforts, we are serving more families and reinvigorating blocks at a time. This block by block approach is giving residents a sense of pride that has long been missing. But most importantly, we hear more families saying how their partnership with Habitat is transforming their lives and giving them renewed hope.

2015 marked a year in which we celebrated two awards of distinction; An Affiliate of Distinction Award recognized nationally by Habitat for Humanity International and one of the City of Milwaukee Mayor's Design Awards.

MISSION

SEEKING TO PUT GOD'S LOVE INTO ACTION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER TO BUILD HOMES, COMMUNITIES AND HOPE. As you read through this annual report, we hope that you will see yourself. After all, these accomplishments by any measure are due to your support, whether you are a volunteer, donor, or part of a faith coalition — you are part of the fabric that is making this neighborhood strong.

We are confident that our strategic focus is the best means for sustainable change. As we move forward we will build on the solid foundation laid in Washington Park and look for a new focus area in need of revitalization. In addition, we will seek to serve more families globally through expanded partnerships with Habitat National Organizations in El Salvador and Kyrgyzstan. While the needs for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization can feel overwhelming, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of a world where every person has a decent place to live.

We want to thank all Milwaukee Habitat board, staff and friends for providing the helping hands that change lives and inspire hope.

Sincerely,

Brian Sonderman

Executive Director

George Loxton

President, Board of Directors

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION



Milwaukee Habitat underwent a strategic planning process in 2013 that resulted in the adoption of Neighborhood Revitalization, a new place-based strategy to address community development in a more holistic way. Through Neighborhood Revitalization, Milwaukee serves more families by adding rehab, home repairs, and community development services to our long-standing new construction program.

Following an analysis of eight neighborhoods, Milwaukee Habitat decided to focus on Washington Park on Milwaukee's west side due to its high level of need; opportunities for infill development and home repairs; and strong partnerships among residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Importantly, the neighborhood has a Sustainable Community Plan that includes input from residents and other stakeholders setting goals and action steps for neighborhood transformation. The Washington Park neighborhood has over 10,000 residents, of which 47% are employed and 43% are homeowners.

IMPACT



NEW AND REHABBED HOMES BUILT IN WASHINGTON PARK SINCE 2013



INCREASE IN HOME VALUE ON THE BLOCKS WHERE WE HAVE BUILT AND REHABBED HOMES



REDUCTION IN VIOLENT CRIME ON THE BLOCKS WHERE WE HAVE BUILT SINCE 2013

WE ARE POSITIVELY IMPACTING CHILDREN'S LIVES. A study by Sandra J. Newman and C. Scott Holupka in February 2014 showed that children of low-income homeowners have high school graduation rates 20% higher than those of low-income renters; are 62% more likely to acquire post-secondary education; and over time, are more likely to earn higher wages and to become homeowners themselves.



TOM
BARRETT

By rehabbing city-owned foreclosures, we eliminated the homes' financial burden on the City. Mayor Tom Barrett states that there are \$2,951 in costs and lost revenue per year per foreclosed home.



ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY
CHRISTOPHER
LADWIG

"Habitat is a necessary piece of any neighborhood safety and development strategy, and its work in Washington Park demonstrates that Habitat not only builds homes for families but it also builds safe and thriving neighborhoods."



HABITAT HOMEOWNER
GENE
RHODES

"I'm most excited to see what positive influence I can have in the neighborhood."

- Moved in June 2015





992
FAMILIES SERVED

THROUGH NEW CONSTRUCTION, REHAB, AND HOME REPAIR SINCE 1984



\$656,000 PROPERTY TAXES

BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMEOWNERS







HABITAT HOMEOWNER
TIANNA
WOODS

"The day Milwaukee Habitat called to tell me that I was going to become a homeowner was one of the happiest days of my life."

- Moved in March 2015

BUILDING COMMUNITIES





HABITAT VOLUNTEER - RESTORE DECONSTRUCTION SERVICES

FRED BENTZ

Fred joined Milwaukee Habitat's volunteer program as a ReStore Deconstruction Services crew member. Since 2012, ReStore's Deconstruction Services have been salvaging usable materials from demolition and remodeling projects, which are then sold in Milwaukee Habitat's ReStores. Fred has participated in the most deconstruction projects of any volunteer at Milwaukee Habitat and has also recruited his son and daughter, who volunteered for an entire summer. Each week Fred, and more than 12 other Deconstruction volunteers, raise funds for families in need, while diverting thousands of pounds of reusable materials from local landfills. Fred is also a committed volunteer with Hunger Task Force and regularly donates blood. Thanks to Fred and more than 6,000 Milwaukee Habitat volunteers, families locally and abroad are realizing their dream of owning a safe, decent, affordable home.

Mabitat for Humanity®

ReStore

THE STORE THAT BUILDS HOMES & HOPE



\$1.5 MILLION OF DONATED PRODUC

3 MILLION

POUNDS OF REUSABLE

MATERIAL DIVERTED FROM
LOCAL LANDFILLS

\$343,000 SALVAGED

PRODUCT VALUE FOR 2015 DECONSTRUCTIONS

48
COMMERCIAL
DECONSTRUCTIONS

RESIDENTIAL DECONSTRUCTIONS

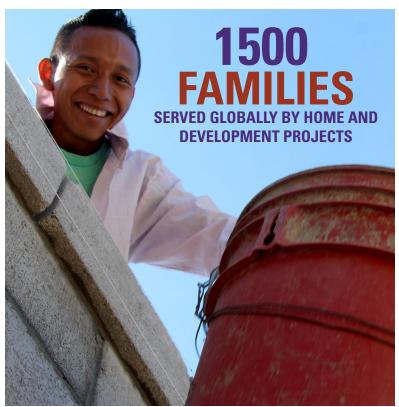
BUILDING GLOBALLY



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Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity utilizes 10% of its unrestricted funds to build homes and hope globally in areas where families are in desperate need of affordable housing. We focus our efforts in two countries: El Salvador and Kyrgyzstan.





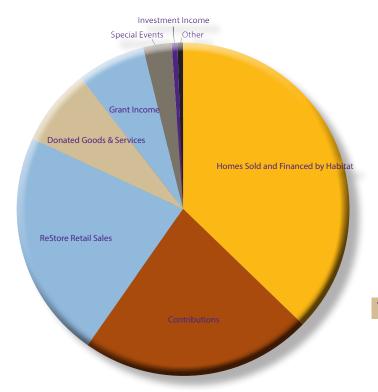






HABITAT FAMILY
FERNANDA
(EL SALVADOR)

"My house was made of tin, plastic and bamboo, and when it rained water came inside. When we played, we got dirty and it was very cold. Now thanks to God and Habitat for Humanity, I live in a nice clean house...and when it rains, we don't get dirty anymore because we have a floor."



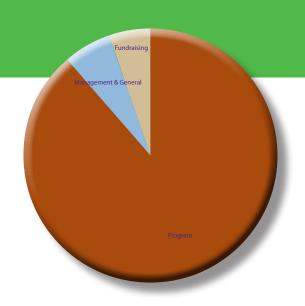
REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,573,073
GRANT INCOME	\$ 454,250
DONATED GOODS & SERVICES	\$ 519,864
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 202,164
HOMES SOLD & FINANCED BY HABITAT	\$ 2,581,247
RESTORE RETAIL SALES	\$ 1,532,742
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 42,672
OTHER	\$ 19,442
TOTAL	\$ 6,925,454

93 MORTGAGES PAID OFF BY HABITAT HOMEOWNERS SINCE 1984

EXPENSES

PROGRAM	\$ 5,708,814
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$ 387,233
FUNDRAISING	\$ 336,461
TOTAL	\$ 6,432,508





HABITAT HOMEOWNER

J.C. BELL

J.C. remarked that the program was hard work, but appreciated the education that comes along with being a Habitat Homeowner. "The [financial education] classes taught me how to prepare myself for retirement and be able to live comfortably."

- Moved in June 2015

\$75,830
AVERAGE
MORTGAGE AMOUNT FOR
A 2015 HOMEOWNER

THANK YOU



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