



THANK YOU so much for your support of Columbia County Habitat for Humanity! We wanted to share with you how your support has been demonstrating God's love through real examples of helping people!

Leo and Brittani Home Dedication

Handing keys to a new home owner is always exciting, but it's especially rewarding when they are as energetic and motivated as this family has been. Leo and Brittani have completed many hours of financial and home ownership education as well as contributing to the physical work on their house over the last nine months. At the dedication as the kids played in their new bedrooms, Leo shared, "I grew up in apartments always having other people on the other side of the wall. I am so proud to be able to provide a home for my family and a yard for my kids to play."



Construction Manager, Mike Stone, presents the keys to Leo at the home dedication



The community involvement in this construction has been inspirational. Special donations and discounts were abundant throughout the building process. From the original excavation to the final driveway placement with ME Moore, HVAC installation from Fred Adams, shingles from Malarkey Roofing, sheetrock from US Gypsum, tiles from Daltile and so many more. The family was inspired by the commitment of our construction volunteers. Long-time volunteer Bob Bay was honored for the 420 hours he donated on this house alone. Leo, Brittani and their three children are overwhelmed with the generosity of the community. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Building on Faith

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity has always had the support of Christian volunteers motivated by their faith. For the first time ever, a group of area churches have stepped forward in faith to sponsor our next project. Pastor Justin Bruner from Christian Church in St. Helens explained, "As Christians, one of our central callings is to love the people around us. This partnership between Habitat for Humanity and these churches in St. Helens is a real-life expression of that love and our Christian mission."

Special thanks to First United Methodist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth Presbyterian Church and Christian Church of St Helens for their commitment to helping families attain affordable home ownership. These churches have committed to raising money to help fund the project, provide volunteers and lunches several time a month. Saturday, October 12th, 4:30-6:30 First Lutheran in St. Helens will host the group's Chili Cook-off fundraiser. Bring your appetite and help support affordable housing.



Pastors: *Jared Maddox, David Hutchinson, Jaimie Sanders, Justin Bruner, Randy Sinn*

Christmas in July

Thank you to everyone that voted for us in the InRoads Credit Union Facebook competition. The posting promised to spread the love by celebrating "a little Christmas in July" and earned us a \$500 donation.

Coincidentally our ReStore was also promoting a "Christmas in July" sale so the gift was especially fitting. "We're excited to be supporting Columbia County Habitat for Humanity as part of our IN Love with Non-profits campaign. Their work is so important in our community and we're glad we can contribute something to further their mission." Brooke Van Vleet, President/CEO InRoads Credit Union.



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