



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!

Double the Home Dedications!

What a blessing to finish TWO homes on our first ever multi-family build despite the troubles that 2020 brought! Although this year's celebrations lacked the hugs, cakes and large gathering of friends and family, they were no less moving as Dick King presented each new homeowner with the keys to their new home. As this project also represented our very first Faith Build endeavor, the Bibles that were gifted to the new owners contained personalized prayers from each of our church partners: Christ Episcopal Church, Christian Church of St. Helens, First Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, and Plymouth Presbyterian Church.



Dick King presents keys to Ginny and her family



Gentry with her son's new handmade quilt

Scappoose Grocery Outlet donated \$300 in gift cards to each homeowner to fill their new kitchen cabinets and handmade quilts were presented from the First Lutheran quilting group. During a private tour prior to the home dedications Senator Betsy Johnson, a long-time supporter, praised the quality of the homes. She added, "It's the heart of the volunteers, the donations, and the community support, that make these wonderful homes available for our friends and neighbors."

Gentry expressed her very heartfelt gratitude. "Thank you to everyone who participated in building this house and everyone who donated their time, supplies and money for giving us the opportunity to have our very first home." Her very active 4-year old boy is especially looking forward to having a yard to play in at home.

Ginny explained how this project has pulled her family together in a way she did not expect. She also expressed her gratitude to have the opportunity to provide a forever home for her kids.

Special thanks to Mike Stone who volunteers as our Construction Manager. The donation of his time, equipment and a lifetime of experience building high-quality homes is a significant gift to these families. We are continually amazed at how so many talented people come together to make home ownership opportunities available to our community's "essential workers."



Ginny and family

Community Ramp

Just when we were expecting to slow down for the holidays, we received a call for help. Tom found himself in an expensive after-surgery care facility unable to return home in a wheelchair since he needed go out for regular dialysis appointments.

The scope of this ramp was daunting requiring architectural plans, a building permit and professional assistance with a sloped concrete pad meeting a sloped driveway. Members of Plymouth Presbyterian took this on as a project, raising money and donating labor. In true Habitat form, this large project was a community effort. Special thanks are owed to: Warren Community Fellowship, AKAAN Architecture, Windermere Foundation, Hardcore Construction, and Ron Peterson for his expertise in concrete. Bob Bay put forth a heroic effort to launch this project in the cold and rain. Bob the Builder says, "My favorite scripture, Deuteronomy 15:11, never fails to get my rear end out of the house." Tom's family is grateful for the generosity of so many that helped them navigate this hurdle.



Pictured left to right: Bob Bay, Ray Jacobs, Ken Anderson, Roger Liefeld and Nick Liewer.

Deuteronomy 15:11 *For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy in the land.*



Pictured left to right: Bob Bay, Irene and Bill Jauron, Dick King, Mark Kreutzer and Matt Freitag.

Perfect timing

Last month we received a generous donation of a portable access ramp at the same time one of our dedicated construction volunteers, Bill Jauron developed a need for this type of assistance. Bill Jauron and Bob Bay (affectionately referred to as BillyBob) were the dynamic duo that led our construction efforts, donating countless hours over the years to build Habitat homes and ramps for Columbia county residents. The pair met originally as construction volunteers on "Brian's house" a project for a local burn victim. Even after being diagnosed with ALS, Bill continued to be actively involved in construction. We were blessed to install this access ramp for Bill when he most needed the help and we are grateful for his service over so many years.

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