

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!

First Vernonia Habitat Home

It has long been a goal to build a home in Vernonia. With the help of some low-cost land from Community Action Team, we are well on our way! We have received a warm welcome in this close-knit community and are excited to join forces with local businesses, churches and other organizations as well as individuals who are ready to help volunteer building. No previous experience necessary!

The home located at 908 6th Avenue in Vernonia will be built to the partner family selected. The application process is well underway. As is the case in all parts of Columbia county, we are seeing great need. Habitat is frequently referred to as “a hand up, not a hand out” and the selected family will be expected to contribute at least 400 hours towards the construction of their home. We are excited to rally the community together to build hope and self-reliance during this upcoming project.



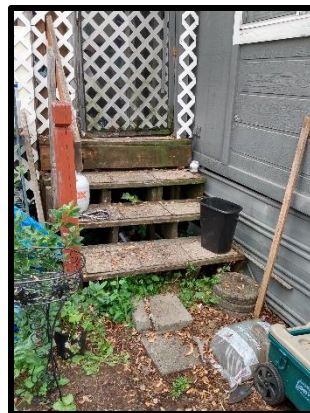
Angela (Family Services) and Peggy (Board Member) at the Vernonia Jamboree

Summer Projects

While waiting for our building permit for our St. Helens home build, our volunteer construction crew found local projects that made a huge impact. A couple in Deer Island was struggling to navigate some very steep steps to their home. Bob, Dick, Mark and Harland built a set of low-rise stairs.

In August, we learned of a ramp project that had been stalled for months. The elderly woman was unable to return home from a rehab facility until her access ramp was completed. Our experienced volunteers did a beautiful

job designing this ramp to fit the space and finished it in record time. Many thanks to Legacy Clinic for their care and concern for their client and the funding to buy needed materials to finish the job. Small projects like these can have a huge impact for those struggling to access their homes.





Building Homes, Community and Hope

Our next build site borders our last townhome project in St. Helens. With the recent concrete pour now in place, this project will soon be bustling with building activity. This will eventually be a 3-bedroom home for a local family. We are nearing the end of our family selection process and looking forward to having our new partner family involved in the framing.

Once again, our construction manager, Mike Stone of Stone Builders, Inc. in Scappoose, is due our heartfelt thanks for volunteering countless hours coordinating our new home construction! Thanks also to the City of St. Helens for their help getting this project launched!

We are looking forward to a continued partnership with local churches and individual donors who make these projects possible. Thank you!



New Homeownership Center

Pardon our dust! We are thrilled to begin construction on our long-standing dream of setting up a resource center for low-income homeowners and those seeking the stability of owning a home. While we have been working with families applying for mortgages, down payment assistance and the Oregon IDA matched savings program in our very small office tucked inside the ReStore warehouse, the space doesn't allow for much privacy, any social distancing and is difficult to access for those with mobility issues. Our new office will be accessible to all, which is especially important to residents applying for access ramps to be built at their home.

This move will also place our mission front and center in the minds of our customers to better understand the connection our ReStore serves to provide for our mission of affordable housing. We are excited to work with Ian Carey of Harvest Construction in Scappoose to build a space where we can serve our community. Thank you to volunteers Bob Cohen, Dick King and Fred Adams for lending your considerable experience to our project. This project is made possible by a very generous anonymous donor. Thank you!



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