

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!

There's No Place Like Home



Congratulations to Kris and Jaycob on achieving home ownership! What a joy it was to gather for this celebration! Check out our [Facebook Live video](#) of the ceremony.

We were blessed to be able to purchase the home back from a previous Habitat homeowner and provide an opportunity for this family. This home seemed a perfect fit since it was one level and there was room to place Jaycob's therapeutic hot tub in the garage.

Kris and Jaycob earned sweat equity in the ReStore, in addition to sprucing up

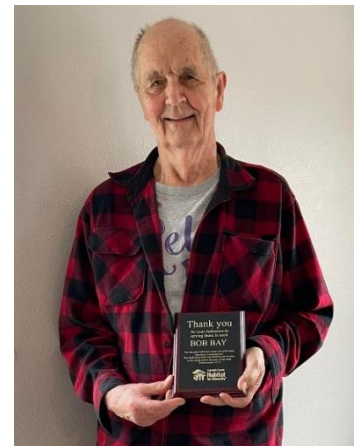
their home to make it ready to move in. Kris expressed her thanks for the help they received from friends and family and was overjoyed by the opportunity to own this home! Many thanks to all our donors for making this possible.



Honoring Bob Bay

This ceremony was especially sweet for us since our longtime volunteer, Bob Bay, was the key presenter for the new homeowner! Bob's hard work and master craftsmanship is evident throughout this home in St. Helens and we are so grateful for his commitment to our mission of building homes, community and hope for low income families.

"Bob the Builder" is an inspiration to all. Motivated by scripture, he has used his considerable gifts to help construct nearly all the projects completed by Columbia County Habitat for Humanity since its inception.



Field of Dreams

In February we purchased property in Scappoose from Community Action Team. We are so excited to begin this project which will provide housing for ten families! There are considerable infrastructure improvements to be tackled before we start taking applications. These costs are outside of our normal build cost so we sincerely appreciate any donations. We frequently hear from folks needing help in this area and are looking forward to working with families to pursue the stability offered by homeownership.

Building Homes, Community and Hope!

Since the wallraising event in February, the St. Helens house has really taken shape! Many thanks to all the new and seasoned construction volunteers who have joined our site supervisor, Dick King.

Thank you to: Malarkey for donating shingles; J&K roofing for installing the roof free of charge; Christ Episcopal Church for bringing lunch one day a week for our volunteer builders; First Lutheran Church for pledging funds for building; and Samuel S. Johnson Foundation for once again sponsoring a bedroom. We are grateful for all of the creative ways our community has found to give a hand up to hard working, low income families.



Meet our New Partner Family!

Selecting a family for our first home in Vernonia is an exciting new milestone for Columbia

County Habitat for Humanity! There are many families in need of decent affordable housing in Vernonia which has made this selection especially difficult. We are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to Cheri and her family. In 2011, Cheri moved her family to Vernonia to raise her three youngest children away from the gangs, drugs and violent community where they had been living. Unfortunately they ended up living in a house without power or water for eight years. Their current rental is a historical home with a broken foundation. Cheri works as a dental assistant in town and her family is not new to working hard for all they have.

“My family is my life! I am beyond elated to know that with this opportunity, all my children will now have a home to make new memories, celebrate holidays, and have peace of mind and reassurance that we will be okay as they pursue their own futures.” Cheri currently lives with her teenager and adult son who is legally blind. The family enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, hiking, cornhole and barbecues and can't wait to begin helping to build their forever home!



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