

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!

Making a Difference for Disabled Seniors

Generous gifts from Home Depot, TCC Verizon, Christ Episcopal Church and several individual donors, have enabled our volunteers to complete a number of projects this summer.

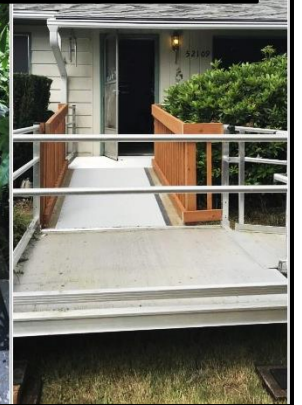
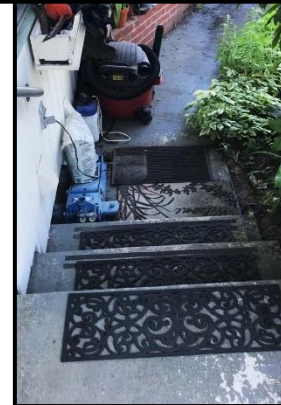
A broken hip kept a low-income veteran hospitalized for three months since he was unable to navigate the stairs by the front door of his Scappoose home. Fortunately, our Habitat volunteer builders were able to customize a donated metal ramp with an extension to keep the landscaping and stairs intact. Our amazing volunteers made quick work of this job and the veteran was thrilled to finally be home at last!

Shortly afterwards we learned of a senior in Warren with multiple injuries from a fall. Her children finally brought her home from the hospital and carried her up and down the stairs, but they desperately needed a better solution. Dick King led Habitat's enthusiastic construction volunteers to build a very sturdy ramp. The family is so grateful to our skilled volunteers and the donors who made this project possible.

While waiting for subcontractors to finish work on the St. Helens house, Habitat volunteers were also able

to reconstruct a concrete approach that had been a hazard for paramedics trying to help a stroke victim.

Each of these projects represent so much in terms of independence and self-reliance. The generosity of those who donate time or money make these projects come to life. **THANK YOU!**



St. Helens Home Project

For this single mother of two preteen children, having a place of their own will be a life-changing. We hope the stability of homeownership will allow them to thrive in the years to come.

This St. Helens home has made significant progress this summer! The exterior is now completely painted and the electrical and plumbing have

both been roughed in. All the windows and exterior trim are in place and the HVAC system has been installed. The wall insulation and underfloor are in as well and sheetrock up and ready for interior painting.

Thank you to everyone who has put forth extraordinary effort to make this dream come true. It is so rewarding to see it all come together!



Beating the Summer Heat

With record-setting heat waves in Columbia County, staying cool is more important than ever. The three portable air conditioners that were donated to our ReStore this year were passed on to help those in need. Dave Marble, ReStore Manager, explained, "The Fire Department installed our donated air conditioners. Many thanks to them for being concerned about our seniors and their health." Nina Kerr-Bryant, Community Paramedic for Columbia River Fire and Rescue commented, "What a difference they'll make for people who have very few resources and who otherwise might really suffer!"

Next up: Vernonia!

Cheri's family, selected for Vernonia, has already completed 90 hours of their sweat equity working in our ReStore over the summer! Cheri and her

children also helped out at the local Vernonia Friendship Jamboree where we met several local folks interested in helping with construction. The festivities brought in some great donations for the new project. The donations included funds from Koa's Lemonade stand and also a live auction of chainsaw art from Kimberly Normand at the logging show. Community members are reaching out and ready to get involved!



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