



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!

Home Dedication

Dre and her children were thrilled to receive the keys to their new home. Dre's journey towards home ownership has been especially inspiring due to the number of obstacles which were presented along the way. It seemed as if each roadblock that appeared was just another demonstration of strength, courage and ingenuity for the family. We are truly impressed with the determined persistence she displays and we predict good things in her future!

Grocery Outlet of St. Helens owners, Ricky and Kate, welcomed the family to their new home by filling the fridge and cabinets. 'Chelle from Green Door Creations sewed custom curtains for the entire home and the First Lutheran Quilting group presented quilts for the children. The family was overwhelmed with gratitude for this opportunity. *"Habitat has opened a door that I never thought would open for me and my kids. After getting so many doors slammed in my face, or just walking through the wrong ones. You lose hope! Habitat has brought so much hope, love and light back into our lives. We will be forever grateful and hope that one day we can show someone a fraction of the hope they brought my family."*



We owe a very sincere thank you to all the donors and volunteers who have contributed to the success of this home build. This double lot was originally a single family home

cornering three separate streets. It had long ago fallen into disrepair and was attracting criminal activity.

This project represents the culmination of Habitat's work to

rehabilitate this property and providing affordable home ownership opportunities to three local families. We are privileged to work with these families and everyone involved who has made a real difference in our community through this worthy goal.



Advocacy efforts in Washington, DC

We are so proud of Ginny, a St. Helens Habitat homeowner who was chosen to advocate on behalf of Habitat for Humanity in Washington DC in February.



Ginny was able to meet with the staff of Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and personally met with Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici to advocate for affordable housing opportunities. The CEO of Habitat for Humanity International, Jonathan Reckford, introduced Ginny to an assembly of Habitat staff and supporters from around the nation.

Ginny's presentation drew tears from attendees and she received the only standing ovation of the day!



Habitat at the State Capitol

In March Habitat for Humanity of Oregon organized Habitat affiliate groups to meet with their local legislators to promote the need for affordable housing and discuss Habitat's efforts. We were pleased to meet with



Senator Suzanne Weber and Representative Brian Stout in Salem to share the importance of the Oregon IDA Initiative in offering low income Oregonians the chance to purchase their own home. This valuable resource offers matched state funds to participants' savings toward home purchase to help with closing costs and down payments. Learn more at: oregonidainitiative.org

A quick ramp makes a lasting impression

Amidst our snowy and icy weather this winter, Sandra had to cope with a amputation making it an ordeal to enter and exit the RV she calls home. With limited means, Sandra had few options to manage this new



challenge. Fortunately, our talented construction volunteers were able to construct a solid switchback ramp. As part of their



mission outreach to the community, Christ Episcopal Church donated funds to cover the cost of materials for this project. We are grateful for our crew: Dick, Mark H, Mark K, Steve and Jim who worked hard in the freezing cold to make Sandra's life a little easier.

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