

*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!*

Love in Action

Thank you to the folks at Plymouth Presbyterian for jumping in to help an overwhelmed single mother focused on caring for an elderly parent and chronically-ill child. Donating days of yard work to restore this beautifully landscaped yard is truly an act of love. The homeowner was grateful for the emotional support and comradery as they worked together on this project. Christ Episcopal Church is also stepping up to donate money to buy materials for a ramp which will allow the grandmother the freedom to visit her garden. Additionally, the homeowner is enrolled in our matched savings program which will help with the cost to fix electrical and plumbing issues in the home.



Scappoose Project



Our largest project ever is on the horizon! We are planning for this vacant lot in town to soon be called "home" for ten eventual families in our upcoming townhome development. There are many public improvements that need to be made before building can begin, such as replacing two large waterlines. The engineering and infrastructure expenses involved on this scale can be a daunting venture for a local nonprofit like ours, so we had set about investigating avenues for funding to help cover the costs to move forward.

It seemed a longshot when we first applied for the federal Community Project with so many other state organizations vying for attention, so it was thrilling to learn that US Representative Suzanne Bonamici had chosen this Scappoose affordable homeownership development as one of the projects to champion in Washington DC. This funding pairs well with money we received from the State of Oregon's Economic Equity Investment program. Along with support from City of Scappoose, what once seemed an insurmountable barrier to starting the project is made possible. We are thankful for City, State and Federal governments working together to create opportunities for hard-working families.

New St Helens Lot

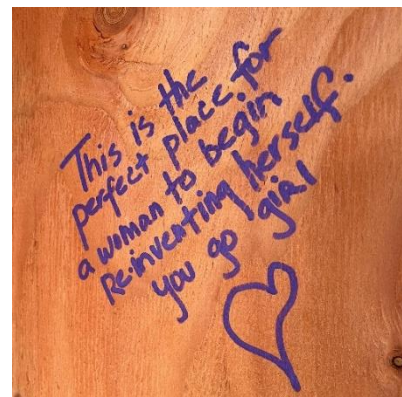
In May of 2021 we made an unsuccessful offer on a lot owned by the City of St. Helens. Imagine our delight and surprise when the new owner, John McGhie, approached us and offered to donate the property! We are so impressed by his desire to help a local family struggling with housing. The St. Helens planning commission granted a variance to create a reasonable building envelope among the many utility lines crisscrossing the property. We are looking forward to starting construction this Spring on a two-bedroom home.

The View from Vernonia Home

Wow! What an amazing home this will be. As we near the end of the summer, we are happy to have the home protected with a new roof, windows and siding. Our new Project Coordinator, Anna Dahlman is partnering with some of our long time volunteers to improve our organization. We are blessed to have skilled volunteers and generous contractors that are donating their time to change lives.

Ice Cream Social

Last month we were honored to say THANK YOU to the people that make all of these projects possible. Many volunteers and donors met at Anderson Park in Vernonia for ice cream sundaes, toured the Habitat home under construction and wrote words of encouragement to the family on the walls. We love this tradition of surrounding the family with love.



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