



Habitat
for Humanity®
of the Mid-Willamette Valley

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Our Mission:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Letter from the Executive Director

This year marks our 30th anniversary. Wow! How times have changed. We wouldn't be where we are today without the support and commitment of volunteers from those early days.

While we can't celebrate with you the way we hoped, there is much to celebrate! The 95th Habitat home was sold last month to Ray and Alicia and construction on two more homes is starting. Generations of children have grown up in safe, decent, and affordable homes. Some of these children now have their own families and have become homeowners. Some Habitat homeowners have retired and don't have the worry of paying for housing on a fixed income as they age in place.

Building Momentum. This phrase comes to mind as I think of the future. The need for affordable homeownership has accelerated and we will serve more families through new home construction. We are committed to long term recovery in the Santiam Canyon. We will soon be launching a repair program to serve even more families, stay tuned for more details.

Recently, a community leader and friend said to me, "Everyone I know who is involved with Habitat for Humanity is passionate. They believe deeply in the mission." I couldn't agree more. Thank you for joining in this mission. Together we will keep building!



Jerry Ambris
Executive Director



ReStore

Have you seen our BUS around town? If you see it, tag us in a picture on Facebook! It'll be driving across town until June 2022.

For more updates, sales, and info follow us on Facebook (@ReStoreMWV).

Learn more about the ReStore on our website.



Help us keep building,
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Interested in Volunteering?

We're open for volunteers - in the ReStore, at the construction site, and for special projects. Check out www.SalemHabitat.org/Volunteer for more info.

Family Stories

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley is proud to introduce Isaac and Amelia as 2021 Habitat homebuyers. They are an intergenerational family of eight with five children, Isaiah, Lucy, Ratika, Luisah, and Petunia. Isaac's mom, Petunia, also lives with them. Amelia works part-time at the Portland Oregon Temple - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Isaac works for the Salem Keizer School District.

The family enjoys being together outdoors, attending service at their local church, and spending time with extended family. They are proud of their Marshallese heritage and especially enjoy May Day activities celebrating Independence Day for the Marshall Islands.

Currently, they live in severely overcrowded conditions in a two bedroom apartment. The children have no safe outdoor space to play. When they become homeowners they will enjoy a safer neighborhood and will be closer to friends and family.

Isaac and Amelia are looking forward to owning an affordable home that is large enough for their family. They know homeownership will increase stability and be a legacy for their children. The family is excited to work alongside volunteers and get to know their new neighbors. Meanwhile, the kids are looking forward to their own bedrooms, making new friends, and discovering parks to play at!



Meet the second 2021 Habitat homebuyers, Andy and Caroline! They have three children, Malachi, George, and Sammy. Andy and Caroline both serve as missionaries for South Salem's Youth with a Mission (YWAM) campus, where they also currently live. Their family enjoys playing soccer together and with the local Capitol Timber soccer club. They also enjoy exploring forests and camping.

Andy and Caroline met and began their lives together in Salem. During their 17 year service as missionaries, they have lived in many different places including Amman, Jordan. When circumstances meant they had to leave Jordan, the family moved to Salem.

The proximity to OHSU Doernbecher Children's hospital was an important factor for their return, as Sammy needs special medical care. Owning an affordable home means the family will have the stability and safety they need, especially as the boys grow.

The family looks forward to participating in the diverse community of the Samaritan Lane neighborhood and being able to open their home and use it as an extension of their family. Andy and Caroline believe that families play a fundamental role in creating a strong and thriving community.





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Celebrate 30 years of homes, communities, and hope!

95 homes built to date

37

families have paid off their
affordable mortgage

160

international homes built through
Global Village

456

people served in the
Mid-Willamette Valley

289

children growing up in
Habitat homes

10,500

tons of waste diverted by the
ReStore since opening in 2007

2020 Builds were recently completed and look at the transformation!



From this...

to that!

