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This rating puts our nonprofit in the top 0.1% of charities nationally in terms of financial transparency.

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## Habitat for Humanity's Vision:

A world where everyone has a decent place to live



Someone once said, "Love is the one thing that comes in a limitless supply. You never run out and you never have too much."

At West Tuality Habitat for Humanity, we are privileged to see love in action every single day: people reaching out to swing a hammer; donations of all sorts supporting our ReStore thrift shop;

donors and volunteers working tirelessly to help families achieve strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter; families working to help one another build their own homes.

Each action of love for one another creates a little ripple in the world: an outward spiral of kindness and goodwill and, like ripples, love multiplies endlessly. It goes out into the world, taking on a life of its' own, and we can never predict whose lives will be touched.

Thanks to the amazing support of community members, donors, and volunteers like you, West Tuality Habitat has been able to grow the number of households we've served in the last two years by more than double. There has never been a greater need: today, two in five families cite access to housing as one of their primary concerns.

In this report, you will find a sampling of stories from people whose lives have been touched by our work. We've changed some names to preserve the privacy of those we serve. You will see the impact our work has had upon these families, their children, their neighbors, and our community.

Thank you for your support, your kindness and goodwill. Through Habitat, you make a difference, every day.

Virginia Ohler, Executive Director

## Habitat for Humanity's Mission:

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

*"Waking up for the first time in our new home was amazing. Everything was clean and new. Nothing was broken. There was no mold. Everyone had their own bed and room for their things. I can hardly believe it!"*



Habitat Partner Families often make huge life changes during the homeowner program. Several have gone back to school, taken language classes, improved their job skills or opened a business. Others have worked hard on their marriage or parenting skills. All families have a mentor, receive financial education classes, and coaching on preparing for the responsibilities of a mortgage, owning their own home, and maintaining it themselves.

## New Affordable Home Construction:

### Home Dedications | Countryman Estates Rapid Homestead Program



### 3 Home Dedications and the Completion of Kidd Court:

Habitat's biggest project to date has been Kidd Court, 7 homes of various sizes that began in 2016. Home dedications on the final 3 homes were celebrated with the Ramirez, Briggs, and Ford families! Congratulations to these families, and thank you to all the Habitat volunteers, donors, and staff that made it a reality!

### Groundbreaking at Countryman Estates:

While Kidd Court was being finished, we were preparing for an even larger project, Countryman Estates, with 8 new homes. This time we will build 4 homes at a time instead of 1 by 1. The Groundbreaking Celebration was attended by many local officials and dignitaries, including Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici.

### Rapid Homestead Program:

Our repair crews have completed many repairs on manufactured homes in our area, but this is our first experience installing new ones. Three rural lots in Cornelius & Cherry Grove were ideal for this type of home. Preliminary work is nearly complete and the first home should be delivered before the new year!

## Critical Home Repair:

### Aging in Place | two stories of safety & accessibility

Agnes was confined to a wheelchair. She didn't have a ramp to leave her home. Lonely and depressed due to isolation, she turned to West Tuality Habitat for help. Our critical home repair volunteers built her a sturdy ramp. Now, when our team is working in her neighborhood, Agnes always wheels out to say hello.



*"Truly your organization is a shining star for our community. I'm so proud to have you as one of the members of the community that's striving to keep our homeowners age in place, in safety . . . I am just thrilled at how much you've grown and how many new things you've put into place."*

Elena Uhing  
Forest Grove City Councilor

Patricia had a water seal failure that she was unaware of. The ongoing moisture rotted her bathroom flooring which eventually caved in, leaving a large hole in the floor. A minor leak had become a serious repair and a dangerous situation for Patricia. Habitat volunteers fixed the water seal, removed the rotted flooring, replaced it, and installed new vinyl flooring in her bathroom. "It's like new again!"

## Community Transformation:

### A New Home is Key to Doubling a Family



Sonya and her son were sharing a cramped townhouse with some family members. The rent was set to go up yet again. She appreciated what she had and help from her family, but didn't want to depend on them for her basic needs. She and her husband didn't have much privacy or access to a backyard.

She applied to Habitat's Homeownership Program and after about a year of sweat equity, her house was finished and she moved in. Soon after, Sonya adopted two more boys out of foster care, doubling the size of her family. They even had room for a dog in their new backyard. This would have been unimaginable in her previous living situation. The opportunity to work toward her own home opened up possibilities to change the lives of more people than simply herself.

Habitat for Humanity calls this kind of expanding impact "community transformation." It comes from the truth that "Home is Key."

## Volunteers:

### Lifetime Achievement Awards | Groups Return



#### Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Kerry VanderZanden has provided 30 years of architectural services to West Tuality Habitat for Humanity. He has designed every home we have built in the last 30 years, 27 homes in total. His easy going nature, attention to detail, and unique skillset has made him a valuable asset to our local Habitat family.

Brian and Susan Cooper accepted a Lifetime Achievement Award for the late Glenn Cooper, Brian's father, and founding member of West Tuality Habitat for Humanity. Glenn was instrumental in the founding of the affiliate and was a long time construction volunteer. Cooper's Corner, a 5 home project in Forest Grove, is named in his honor.

#### Volunteer Groups & Individuals:

Volunteer groups of all sizes returned after pandemic restrictions were lifted. For example, the month of June boasted 10 group volunteering events! Volunteers came from schools, universities, communities of faith, financial & tech companies, and realtor groups, or were individuals acting on their own.

#### Volunteer Hours = Impact

Volunteers are the true heart and hands of Habitat's work. This fiscal year included a whopping 13,112 hours donated by volunteers!



Expansion | Sales Highs! | Partnerships

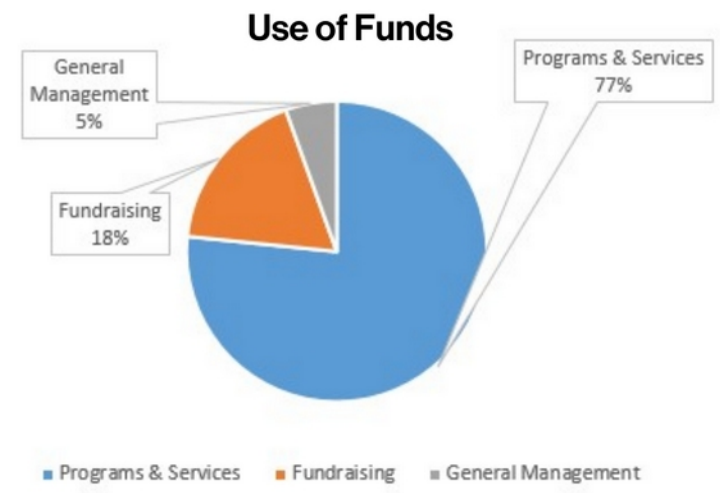
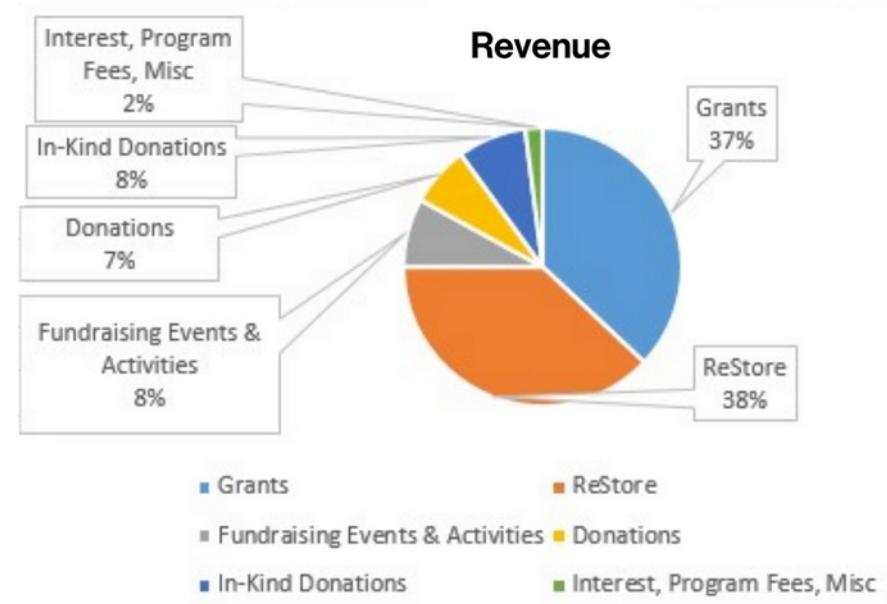


The Forest Grove ReStore has added more than 6,000 square feet of additional sales space this last year. A covered area now extends across much of the back of the building and includes a garage that was salvaged from the future site of Countryman Estates. These additions sparked sales highs in May, July, and August!

Every item sold at the ReStore supplies funding for Habitat's mission and services. When sales are good, this means we can give more people a "hand up" in our community.

The ReStore loves to recycle! More than one million pounds of goods each year are kept out of landfills. The ReStore is a participant in the Metro Paint Recycling Program, the Oregon E-cycles program for electronic recycling, and the Oregon Bottle Drop program.

### Revenue & Use of Funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023



## Working Together - Our Impact in 2022 to 2023

- 18,700** Square feet of roofing shingles installed
- 6,000** Gallons of paint recycled at the ReStore
- 1,560** Square feet of siding replaced
- 1,200** 2X 4's used in each new home construction
- 570** Linear feet of ADA ramps installed
- 250** Hours of sweat equity that each Partner Family puts into their new home
- 200** Habitat Volunteers actively working in our community in the last year
- 169** Repairs completed for seniors, disabled, veterans, and low income households
- 45** Tons of scrap metal recycled and sold
- 22** Homes in early planning stages of construction
- 3** New home dedications celebrated
- 1** YOU helped make all this possible. Thank You!

