# Habitat for Humanity 2021 Impact Report

of Lenawee County



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Dear Friends,

Like all of you, we have faced new challenges in the past year. Yet, 2021 will be remembered as a year of great growth for our organization.

- We completed one rehab and our Faith Build. Our Faith Build marked an exciting return to new construction! Safety protocol and material availability lengthened these home builds, but our team persevered with limited resources. Two families now have their forever homes!
- We expanded the ReStore, adding 7,000 square feet of retail space. This nearly doubled the size of the store and increased our capacity to serve the community.
- We relocated the Affiliate and Construction offices to the warehouse next to the ReStore. We are now all under one roof, and the Construction Department has room for storage and indoor space to work during bad weather.

Looking forward to the next year, we have two big projects:

- · We are beginning a Veterans Build
- We will be expanding our Community Repairs Program to serve more residents in Lenawee County.

None of the past year's accomplishments nor the next year's goals would be possible without the wonderful Habitat Lenawee Team and the support of our Volunteers and Community Partners. Thank you for believing in our Mission.

With your help and the help of many others, we continue to thrive and flourish.

Wendy Knox

**Executive Director** 

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Welcome HOME to our Faith Build partner family – the Newells!

The concept of a Habitat Faith Build home is to partner with local faith communities for the project. This was challenging for this build because many of the faith partners were not meeting in person for worship, and Habitat Lenawee could not host volunteers onsite.

This build was fully funded through the generous support of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and our other faith partners. Through delays and challenges-- and many prayers-- the build continued to progress and finally finished in June 2021.





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After a very long and unpredictable journey, we finally get to call our Habitat home OUR home! My children and I are overwhelmingly grateful for this opportunity through Habitat of Humanity. Even amid delays. I can say with confidence that this has been a process of seeing God's faithfulness, learning to trust in Him and His perfect timing solely, and knowing that this is the home God has for my children and me. It's wild to say I'm officially a homeowner but even wilder when I recognize how involved God has been, even at times it felt like He wasn't. Thank you to the Habitat team, the volunteers, the donors, and all of our friends and family who have supported us. We are so excited to officially call it ours!

-Emily Newell



Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build is a national initiative to provide housing solutions and volunteer and employment opportunities to U.S. veterans, military service members, and their families.

Locally we are building a new home for a Veteran family on Spring Street in Adrian. This project began in October 2021 and will continue through the winter and spring. Veteran organizations, community groups, and individuals are all welcome to volunteer. For more information on volunteering, contact De'Angelo Boone, Volunteer Manager, at nri@habitat-lenawee.org, or call Habitat Lenawee at 517-265-6157.

Artists renderings by Black Raven Architects



### **ROCK THE BLOCK**

September 10-11, 2021 National Day of Service

Volunteers completed exterior home repairs and cleanup activities such as staining, house/porch painting, gutter cleaning, yard clean-up, and landscaping projects. This year, we held the event in Onsted!

Rock the Block 2021 was supported by Monroe/Lenawee United Way and Michigan Community Service Commission.



### **REPAIRS PROGRAM**

# \$47,000+

#### of repairs completed in our community

Includes Federal Home Loan Bank program and loans through Habitat in 2021



Thank you so much for helping us with the grant and loan to affordably replace our roof. Because of this help we received from Habitat we have been able to do further repairs on our home and upgrade windows and improve insulation. -M

My experience with Habitat for Humanity has been one I am so appreciative for. In a time where I was experiencing a great need for help and guidance, I was led to this awesome organization that does so much to help people in my community. I am very grateful and blessed to have received the help that I did at the time that I so desperately needed it. -G



#### **STAFF TEAM**

Wendy Knox Executive Director

Carrie Hartley
Development Directo

Sharon Pickens Finance Manager

**De'Angelo Boone** Volunteer & Community Outreach Manager

**Jennifer Bush** Home Repair Program Manage

Alanna Cook Homeowner Services Manage

Madeline Schiller Administrative Assistant **Doug Straub**Construction Manager

Caleb Nieto
Construction Site Manager

Jackson Marsh Construction Site Supervisor

Anthony Sacco ReStore Director

**Tammy Lakatos** *ReStore Assistant Manager* 

**Christopher Benthall** ReStore Associate

Arthur Snyder ReStore Associate



Habitat for Humanity is built on the foundation of bringing people together. In February 2021, we came together as a Habitat Family, with all staff at the same location for the first time in our history. Our ReStore, Affiliate Staff, and Construction Department are now truly one team, serving the Lenawee Community together.

The ReStore has nearly doubled in size, and we have a new home for our office and construction department. We are grateful for the support of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and our community that made this growth possible. See us in our newly-expanded space at 1025 E US-223, Adrian!

# **UPCYCLE CHALLENGE**

Habitat Lenawee held the 1st Annual ReStore UpCycle Challenge in April 2021, celebrating Earth Day and our expanded ReStore! Thirty-four participants purchased an item from the Lenawee ReStore and repurposed or restored it. Items were then auctioned online, and we held a vote for Best in Show at the Store.

Our Best in Show winners were as follows:

- Best in Show: Jana Penrod created a child's play kitchen from a dresser
- 2nd Place: K & R Designs refinished a china hutch
- 3rd Place: Dave Horner, "Slice of Life" oak table, created from cut wood pieces

Make plans now to join the UpCycle Challenge in 2022!





# FARM TO TABLE DINNER

On August 28 at Adrian College, over 250 guests came together for our 2nd Annual Farm to Table Dinner and raised over \$50,000 to support our mission! The event featured local flavors in food and entertainment, including menu items from Hartley Beef, Tillotson's sweet corn, Pentamere Winery, Cotton Brewing Company, and more local partners.

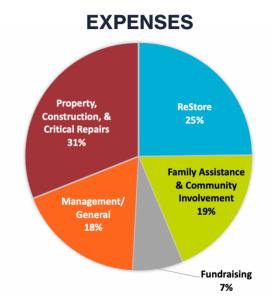
Many thanks to the Sage Foundation for your generous sponsorship and believing so strongly in Habitat's work in our community. Thank you also to Sodexo at Adrian College for your partnership for a great event. We hope you can join us again next year!











Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee's revenue for Fiscal Year 2020 was approximately \$1.15 million.

This number reflects the effects of COVID-19. This includes the impact of fewer volunteers, a reduction in home construction and sales, a pause in ReStore sales, and fewer opportunities to fundraise.

Habitat is proud to receive a broad base of support from our community.

