



Genesee County
Habitat
for Humanity®



constructing **HOPE**

2016 IMPACT REPORT

● building stronger communities





vision

A world where everyone has
a decent place to live.

mission

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

FROM THE

executive director

This past year Genesee County Habitat for Humanity celebrated with many partners experiencing homeownership for the first time and with renewed spirit in homes they have owned that were improved through repairs. We are grateful for our continuing mission made possible by all of you, our valued supporters who help us accomplish this beneficial work.

Habitat builds houses but we also build a better community right here in Genesee County by changing lives, revitalizing neighborhoods and creating hope. When you read Johnna's story you will learn how owning a Habitat home changed her family's future.

Thank you for another year of progress toward eliminating substandard housing. Together we can continue to build a better future for all. ■



MARGARET KATO
Executive Director

FROM THE

board president

The mission and vision of the Habitat for Humanity organization fills a great need for affordable housing in all communities. In the United States there are only 3 million affordable housing units available to the more than 11 million low-income household in need. This is especially true in the Genesee County area, where 1 in 5 households throughout the county is “cost burdened” by housing. During my tenure as a Board member and now as Board President, I have seen our organization expand and grow to not only provide affordable and sustainable housing, a human right, but to also ensure all homeowners have access to safe, lead-free drinking water.

We have pioneered several projects that have set our affiliate apart giving us renewed energy and enthusiasm. Beyond providing homes, we have given some of our partners opportunities to expand their entrepreneurial ventures with our work/live program. They are able to work and live in a divided space that is both their home and a business where they can improve their earning potential. Also, because of fundraising and grant writing efforts, we have been able to hire more staff which has afforded us the opportunity to not only focus on one house at a time, but entire neighborhood projects that solidify a strong sense of community. We have started the BRAND (Building Resident Action by Neighborhood Design) project, wherein, entire neighborhoods can apply for grants of around \$10,000 to create visible and lasting positive change in their area. Finally, our ReStore has grown exponentially in the past few years, allowing us to reduce landfill waste. Our paint and Urbanwood enterprises have helped increase sales in all areas, supporting the work we do to build homes, community and hope in Genesee County.

Obviously, I am proud of and invested in the Habitat for Humanity program. We have been awarded the Affiliate of Distinction Award for 2015-2017 and now again for 2017-2019 and have had a long period of evolution and success. However, we still push for more innovation. We will continue our attempts to be solvers and forward thinkers, and we will not stop until all in Genesee County have a decent place to live. ■



ANDREA ANANICH
Board President

by the numbers

2015-2016



Genesee County
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Homeownership

200+ 

Over 180 homes built,
rehabilitated or repaired
since 1990



6 homes constructed or
fully rehabilitated in 2016



3 work/live
developments



200+

Families have been helped
through Genesee County
Habitat for Humanity

Critical Home Repair Program

 **98**
Families helped

 **24**
Roofs Repaired

 **5**
Homes Painted

 **11**
Homes Sided

 **255**
Windows Replaced

 **11**
Furnaces Installed

 **9**
Water Heaters Installed

 **4**
Wheelchair Ramps

 **5**
Handicap Accessible Showers

Neighborhood Revitalization

335+ 

Flint residents engaged through neighborhood clean-ups, repairs, neighborhood meetings, workshops and pavilion builds

32,640 lbs.



Garbage and debris were removed from Flint neighborhoods

Volunteers

1,600 

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity hosted nearly 1,600 volunteers in 2016

Three years ago, single mother of nine-year-old Jayden and five year-old Isaac, Johnna was living in a small mobile home in need of major repairs. The monthly rent, heat and water bills were so expensive that every month Johnna worried how she would pay them.

She was frustrated that she was paying so much for something she didn't own and often found herself picking up extra shifts at work to cover her rent and utilities. In addition, the neighborhood was noisy and didn't provide an environment she wanted her kids to live in. Jayden and Issac struggled in school.

After learning about Habitat for Humanity from a friend, Johnna applied for the program and, after providing all of the necessary paperwork, was accepted as a Habitat Homeowner Partner.

"It seemed like a dream and I knew my kids and I would soon have a beautiful home, for my family to celebrate holidays. There was a lot of paperwork, and the sweat equity hours took a long time to complete, but I was dedicated to looking for something better for myself and my family."

Johnna completed 250 hours of sweat equity by supporting Habitat events, working at homes of other Habitat Homeowner partners and working on her own drywall and cabinetry. Johnna also attended Habitat's budgeting and home maintenance workshops to prepare for homeownership.

"Working with Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has transformed our lives and has provided a safe, warm, affordable environment for my children to learn and grow."

Johnna's kids, Jayden and Issac, are now eleven and seven and are flourishing in school and at home. Their family has become closer in their new home and Johnna is able to spend more time at home with her children because the affordability of her mortgage and utilities doesn't require her to work extra shifts.

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Prior to purchasing her home through Genesee County Habitat for Humanity's no interest affordable homeownership program, Johnna was attending school for respiratory therapy. However, the rent and utilities at the mobile home were so expensive that she had to pick up more shifts at work and could no longer attend school. Now that she is in her own home and has become more financially stable, Johnna has plans to restart school in the fall of 2018.

"I deeply appreciate all of the supporters and volunteers that provided resources for this dream to become a reality. I will always have a special place in my heart for all the wonderful people whom have made it possible for my family to succeed." ■



homeowner update

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MSHDA to Provide \$1M for Critical Home Repair Program

In 2017 Genesee County Habitat for Humanity was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) in support of the Critical Home Repair Program. With funds provided by MSHDA, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity will perform full-code rehabilitation on at least 30 properties in the City of Flint.

The Critical Home Repair Program helps low-to-moderate income homeowners alleviate health and safety issues or code violations around their home. Homeowners pay for repairs through an affordable repayment plan. Repayment funds are recycled and used to assist future low-to-moderate income homeowners in need of home repairs. Eligible repairs can include roofs, structural damage, porch repair, electric, plumbing, HVAC, handicap accessibility, siding, exterior paint, weatherization and energy efficiency. ■

Response to the Flint Water Crisis

As a leader in the community, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has responded to the water crisis by working alongside partner organizations, including federal and state agencies, nonprofit partners and corporate sponsors, to install water filtration systems with reverse osmosis technology and replace fixtures impacted by corrosive water.

Reverse Osmosis Filters

In March 2016, the Dow Chemical Company partnered with Genesee County Habitat for Humanity and the United Way of Genesee County to support ongoing water relief efforts in Flint. Through this partnership, Dow provided and installed free water filtration systems with reverse osmosis technology to all 150 Habitat for Humanity homes in Flint. In April 2016, more than 20 Dow Corps volunteers traveled to Flint to install the systems.



Water Assurance Program

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity recently partnered with the United Way of Genesee County, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and 3M



to develop the Water Assurance Program. The Water Assurance Program will help Flint residents still dealing with the impacts of the Flint Water Crisis, including elevated lead levels in their homes and corrosion to home fixtures, by installing shower filters and heads, kitchen and bath faucets, as well as under the sink water filters in more than 300 homes. Properties eligible for the Program must be homeowner occupied and the household income must be below 80% of the area median income. ■

Through the Flint BRAND (Building Resident Action by Neighborhood Design) Program, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity is helping grassroots groups in the City of Flint reactivate vacant and blighted areas. With funds from the Flint BRAND Program, grassroots groups such as neighborhood associations, block-clubs, and crime watches are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 in support to help implement projects that create a visible, positive, and lasting change in the physical landscape of their community. As part of Flint BRAND, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity staff work hand-in-hand with community groups throughout the design, application, and implementation phases of a group's project to ensure that each project is a success. Habitat staff will also work with applicants to help leverage additional resources to support the successful implementation and long-term sustainability of each project.

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Upcoming Events to Support Genesee County Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Olympics May 5, 2017

Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy / Flint, MI

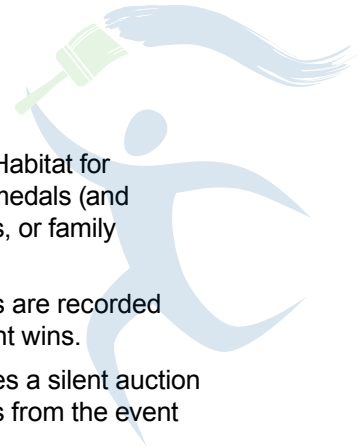
9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The Habitat Olympics invites teams of five to support Genesee County Habitat for Humanity while competing in construction-themed Olympic Games for medals (and bragging rights.) Grab four of your co-workers, church friends, neighbors, or family members and join us for the Habitat Olympics!

Teams sign up for a 90-minute time slot (e.g., 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.). Scores are recorded throughout the day and the team with most points at the end of the event wins.

In addition to construction-themed games, the Habitat Olympics includes a silent auction and snacks. Team registration is \$250 (or \$50 per person). All proceeds from the event support affordable housing in Genesee County.

For more information contact: Ashley Everhart, Development Director at aeverhart@geneseehabitat.org, or 810-766-9089, ext. 203



Women Build May 10-13, 2017

Grand Blanc, MI

Habitat for Humanity International's Women Build Week empowers women throughout the U.S. and International affiliates to build — and advocate for — affordable houses in their communities.

For more information contact: Greg Hull, Volunteer Coordinator at ghull@geneseehabitat.org, or 810-766-9089, ext. 210

Bastille Day Race July 15, 2017

15K Run, 5K Run and 5K Walk

Downtown Fenton

7:45 a.m. 15K • 8:00 a.m. 5K Run/5K Walk

A great race to support a great cause! The Bastille Day 15K and 5K events take place in Downtown Fenton, where the courses are hilly and challenging. After the race, enjoy our French bread from The Laundry, fresh fruit, water, keg root beer and live music. The ArtWalk in Fenton will also be taking place that day. Fun for the whole family!

To register or sign-up to volunteer: www.h4h.enmotive.com

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Join us in the #ClubHouse

This year, make a commitment to support Genesee County Habitat for Humanity by signing up for our giving club.

How it works

Pledge \$1-\$100 to support new home and fully renovated home construction in Genesee County. Each time a house is dedicated, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity will contact you to remind you of your pledge. Genesee County Habitat for Humanity currently builds or fully renovates 6-8 homes per year. Pledges made to participate in the #Clubhouse does not include homes completed through our Critical Home Repair Program.

Why Join the Clubhouse?

When you join the Clubhouse by making a

commitment to donate each time a home is dedicated, you will join a group of people committed to making homeownership a reality for families in our community. Together, we will unlock the strength, stability and self-reliance that a home can provide to Habitat Homeowner Partners right here in Genesee County, because everyone deserves decent shelter.

There are four different “floors” in the clubhouse and each floor has its own benefits. Take a look at the table below and find what floor fits you.

Interested in joining the Club? Contact Ashley Everhart, Development Director at aeverhart@geneseehabitat.org or 810-766-9089, ext. 203. ■

CLUB LEVEL	AMOUNT PER HOUSE	BENEFITS
Clubhouse Builder	\$100+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Restore Coupon ■ Annual Breakfast or Lunch ■ HabiHour ■ Build Day ■ Annual Raffle for Habitat Constructed Gift ■ Free registration into Bastille Day Race ■ Annual Gift (Habitat swag) ■ Recognition on plaque in Habitat ReStore (After 2 years)
Clubhouse Wall Framer	\$50-99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Restore Coupon ■ Annual Breakfast or Lunch ■ Build Day ■ HabiHour ■ Annual Gift (Habitat swag)
Clubhouse Foundation Layer	\$26-49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Restore Coupon ■ Annual Breakfast or Lunch ■ Build Day ■ Annual Gift (Habitat swag)
Clubhouse Groundbreaker	\$1-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Restore Coupon ■ Annual Gift (Habitat swag)



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