



building blocks of our community

Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity Impact Report





From the Director's Desk

It has been my privilege to meet and work alongside hundreds of local individuals who are change champions in our community. I have witnessed first hand the positive impacts that result from having a community where you feel rooted. Home is where we first learn how to be a part of a community as we invite friends around our dinner table, build relationships with our neighbors, and provide a stable place to raise our children. When families are stable at home, they can dig deeper roots into their community and often become the critical building blocks that allow Tillamook County to thrive.

As our 28th Habitat Homeowner LeeAnne says, "I feel connected to my home town in a way I never have before. I grew up in Tillamook, and as most young people growing up in a small town, you tend to want to leave for bigger adventures. Although I knew I wanted to come back to start my family, it was not until I owned a home that I truly felt rooted in this community. There is a strong sense of belonging and security in knowing we never have to move again and that we are settled in a place we can afford. This provides me with a feeling of rest I didn't realize I needed."

Every day Habitat homeowners work alongside you. They are our neighbors and co-workers, the utility workers who keep our roads maintained, teachers who work tirelessly for our children, construction workers swinging hammers to build the homes we desperately need, veterans who honorably served our Country, and bus drivers who help ensure access to education. My hope is that their testimonies inspires you to grab a hammer, get involved, write a check, advocate for affordable housing, and encourage someone to apply to become a homeowner.

Become another building block for the foundation of our community by donating online at tillamookhabitat.org.

In partnership,

Cami Aufdermauer
Executive Director

Our Cultural Commitments

Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity intentionally filters all our actions through the lens of our cultural commitment to unified values.

Change Champion

We actively seek to remove barriers, ensuring the freedom to thrive.

Ephesians 2:14

Sustainable Stewardship

We intentionally support and protect our people and resources to bear the weight of our good work.

Galatians 6:2-9

Unconditional Commitment

We value each other by extending genuine care and yielding trusting relationships

Romans 12:10





“My new dream is for more families to have a place to live and grow.”

My husband and I have grown as citizens, knowing our home anchors us to the community. Our family experienced firsthand the extreme challenges of the housing crisis in Tillamook County. We saved, budgeted, and applied for a traditional mortgage, but the inflated housing market meant the homes were not affordable for us. When we applied for a home through Habitat and were selected we were so grateful to have access to an affordable mortgage that would allow our family to thrive.

As a Customer Service Coordinator for the TCCA (Tillamook County Creamery

Association), my role is vital in distributing information from one department to another. I am proud to work for a company that generously donates to local non-profits (including Habitat for Humanity) and allows me to volunteer as Vice-President of the Habitat Board of Directors. My new dream is for more families to have a place to live, work and grow.

LeeAnne is employed at the Tillamook County Creamery Association. She also serves as Vice-President of the Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors and sits on Habitat's Family Selection and Culture committees

An Affordable Home

Habitat works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, more financially stable life. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and their families. Habitat builds and rehabs 1-2 affordable homes a year for qualified individuals and families in our community. Mortgages are set at approximately 30% of the homeowner's income. All Habitat homes are long-term permanently affordable — now and into the future.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are Habitat homes given away?

No. Homes are sold to qualified families, who purchase at an affordable mortgage. These moderate to low-income families are unable to obtain conventional home financing. Generally, this includes those whose income is 30-80% of the area's median income.

Will having a Habitat home in a neighborhood reduce property values?

No. Housing studies show affordable housing has no adverse effect on neighborhood property values. In fact, Habitat homes have proven to increase property values and local government tax income.

Do only Christians receive Habitat for Humanity homes?

No. Habitat is an equal opportunity lender and builds homes in partnership with those in need regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, familial status, disability, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, source of income, or other characteristics protected by law. Prospective homeowners must meet three criteria: need, ability to repay the mortgage, and a willingness to partner with Habitat.

Did former U.S. President Jimmy Carter found Habitat for Humanity?

No, the late Millard Fuller and his wife Linda started Habitat in 1976 in Americus, GA. President Carter and his wife Rosalynn (whose home is eight miles from Americus, in Plains, GA), have been longtime Habitat supporters and volunteers who help bring national attention to the organization's home-building work. Each year they lead the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project to help build homes and raise awareness of the need for affordable housing.

Habitat has given our family an opportunity to bond together while we plan for our new home. It has meant more stability, responsibilities and memories for our kids. Through our partnership with Habitat, I have enjoyed working alongside other families. I have been able to use my construction experience to volunteer on other habitat homes. In the process, I have made good friends and have learned new skills that are helpful in my professional life.

Working in construction and now with North Coast Door Company, I get to

be out in the community interacting with people from all over Tillamook County. We make a lot of connections while at work and I am able to help ensure people have a safe and secure property to live in.”

It is hard to imagine our future as homeowners because it's something we have never experienced. It is something I never imagined would happen and it gives me a sense of freedom.

Lotolelei is employed at North Coast Door Company. He will officially become a Habitat Homeowner in 2022.

“It gives me a sense of freedom.”



Get Involved

Habitat for Humanity is merely the conduit for the hundreds of volunteers that work to strengthen our community through the creation of home ownership opportunities for qualified deserving families. Our volunteers contributed thousands of hours working on our construction site, in our ReStore, serving on committees, or working on special projects.

Volunteer

We welcome both skilled and unskilled volunteers on our new home construction sites. Youth ages 16 years and older are permitted to volunteer on our construction sites. We also offer volunteer opportunities in the Habitat ReStore, where you can help with administrative tasks or selling furniture. Volunteers are needed six days a week and can accommodate a wide range of skill levels, physical abilities and ages. To sign up, email our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@tillamookhabitat.org.

Donate

Donate funding to help sponsor home construction, or donate items to the ReStore. All donations help further our mission, no matter how small!

Committees

Don't want to swing a hammer or sell a sofa? Tillamook County Habitat has many volunteer opportunities including serving on committees or the board of directors, acting as a family mentor, helping with special events, and more. There are many ways to help advance the mission of Habitat for Humanity here in Tillamook County.

Learn more or donate at TillamookHabitat.org





While building with Habitat my sense of self-esteem and worth grew as I saw how many people supported me on my journey to home ownership. It has helped me be a better person - one that wants to put a smile on everyone's face and remind them that they matter.

My Habitat Journey has helped prepare me to make an impact in our community. I am a support

system for our teachers and the principal and I get to connect with children from the community. Sometimes people are having a rough day, and a smile from someone else can put a smile on their face."

I have lived in my home now for over 16 years and I am so glad that we have a place to call our own.

Teresa is employed at Tillamook Adventist School.

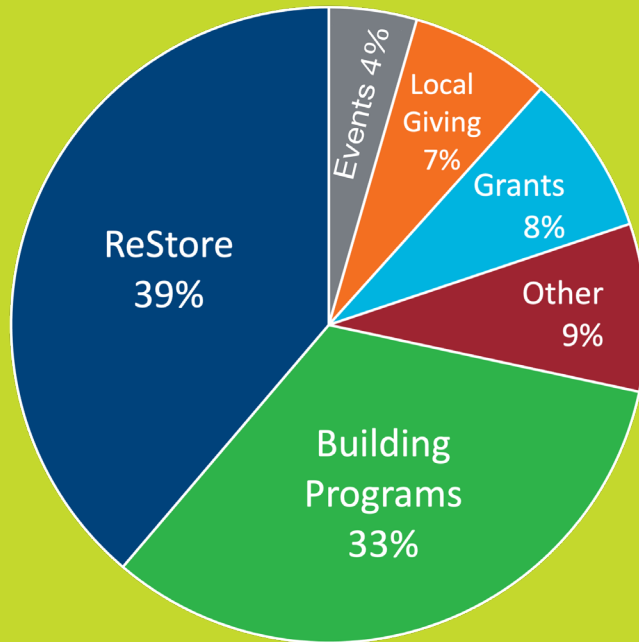
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How is Habitat Funded?

Tillamook County Habitat receives funding through a variety of sources including: mortgage payments from Habitat for Humanity homeowners, individual donations, corporate contributions, gifts from faith communities, private and governmental grants, special events, and ReStore proceeds.

2021-22 Revenue

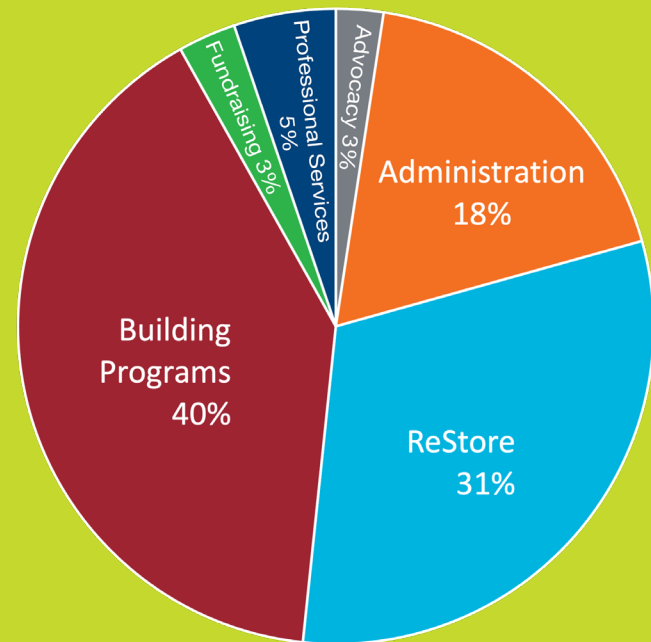
Total: \$841,472



\$326,301	\$68,978	\$60,394
\$276,401	\$71,753	\$37,645

2021-22 Expenses

Total: \$794,149



\$319,349	\$145,004	\$23,394
\$246,086	\$41,169	\$19,147

Volunteering is where it all began. I was first introduced to Habitat while working for the City of Bay City in my utility worker role. We had a job to do on the street where Habitat was building multiple homes. I remember being curious about what was going on. When I found out more about the mission of Habitat, I knew I wanted to help and spent the next couple years volunteering on the build site.

One of the habitat staff encouraged me to apply for a home but I thought I made too much money so I kept brushing it off. I am so thankful they were persistent in encouraging me towards my goal of home ownership. We finally applied and were selected.

My family and I have lived in our Habitat home in Bay City for almost six years. It has allowed me to live where I work. My wife and I were able to show our children the importance of volunteering. I remember someone asking them what they were doing when they

were returning yet another bag of pop cans, to which they said, "We are helping build our home!"

This opportunity has truly changed our lives. I don't have to worry about our rent going up, or a landlord deciding to sell our home. It's an absolute blessing, for myself, my family, and my community.

There is a misconception that this is a free home. It's not. We pay an affordable mortgage based on our income. It is a hand up not a hand out and once you apply then you have to continue to apply yourself!

Habitat has allowed us to build our own home, with our family, for our family. It would not have been possible financially without the help of Habitat and all the volunteers. We are extremely blessed to have a house to call our home that we built with all of our friends, new and old.

Scott is employed by the City of Bay City. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter and a Habitat volunteer.



Scott Motsinger

Utility Worker
City of Bay City

#27 Habitat Family

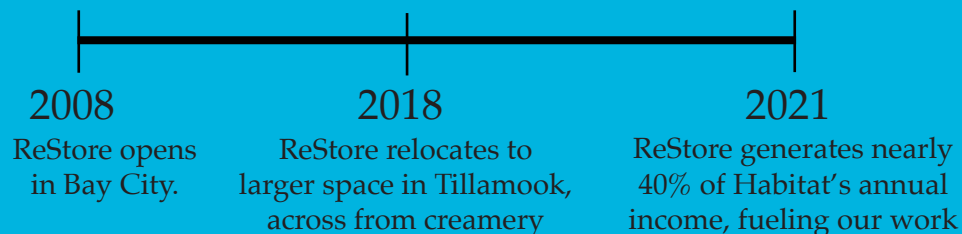
"It's an absolute blessing."



Habitat for Humanity ReStore

The ReStore specializes in providing the community with discounted building materials, recycled and new, and it serves as Habitat for Humanity of Tillamook County's biggest fundraising source. The stock in the ReStore includes doors, windows, ceramic tile, paint, trim, electrical items, plumbing, hardware, siding, roofing, cabinets and much more. We also have new and used appliances, rugs, carpet and household furniture, all items needing a new home. We accept donations of plants and landscaping materials

A Brief Timeline



Facts & Figures

\$50,128: Total revenue in first year of operations

\$320,638: Total revenue in Fiscal Year 2021

640%: Increase in total annual revenue since opening

\$163,223: Total revenue in 2018, before relocating

196%: Increase in total annual revenue since relocating

\$1,948,963: Total lifetime revenue generated by the ReStore

“My Habitat journey prepared me to impact my community.”

To this day I still feel so blessed to have been chosen as the 23rd Habitat Partner Family. Whenever there is an opportunity to give back to the community that gave so much to my family, I do, without hesitation.

I am currently volunteering on multiple committees that make lasting impacts in students' lives everyday. The Tillamook High School gives an opportunity for students and staff to give back to our community. This is seen in our annual service learning projects, the can food drive, the blood drive for Red Cross and Charity Drive.

My Habitat journey helped prepare me to impact my community by changing my outlook on what it means to give back. My number one goal each school year is to build lasting relationships with the students I work with.

Misty is employed at Tillamook High School. She serves as the OSEA Building Representative, Worksite Organizer, and Government Relations Officer on the State OSEA Government Relations Committee. Additionally, she is a Scholarship Committee Member.



Advocacy

At Habitat for Humanity, we know that a family should never have to spend more than 30% of their income on a home. But consider that even before the coronavirus pandemic, more than 17 million U.S. households were paying half or more of their income on a place to live. Now, as the significant economic impacts of COVID-19 continue to unfold, the number of families struggling to make ends meet is only growing.

That is unacceptable.

We know the complexities that surround the cost of home. We also know the struggle, stress and pain of far too many families in our communities. Families who have suffered from redlining, racial inequality and the housing disparities that follow. Families who have worked hard and still come up short, not because of their own efforts but because of systemic issues and an inequitable economy. And we know that those with the fewest resources are always the ones who are forced to make the hardest choices.

Everyone deserves to build the foundation for a stable, healthy future for themselves and their families — no matter who they are, where they live or how much they earn.



Learn more at [Habitat.org/CostOfHome](https://www.habitat.org/CostOfHome)

It is the ultimate gift to be back in my home today thanks to Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity and their Ramps & Rails home repair program. I had a knee replacement that did not go as planned and I could not come home from the hospital unless I had a ramp. With the help of Habitat and the local Rotary Club volunteers, they were able to build a ramp. This allowed me to come home and continue raising my grandson who has been with me for the past 16 years. If it were not for Habitat's help I would not be

where I am today, safe, secure, and happy in my own home.

There is not a day goes by that I am not thankful for my ramp. Before I would never have been able to get down off my porch and now I'm able to safely leave my home with confidence. I've always been someone who enjoys life and adventure. I spent years as the owner and operator of a white water rafting business. I am looking forward to the next great adventure!

Joy is a retired business owner, full-time grandma and prayer warrior.

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Joy Roeder

Full-Time Grandma
Retired Business Owner

#25 Ramps & Rails Family

Ramps and Rails Program

The Ramps and Rails Program brings people together to provide in-home safety modification that supports seniors, people experiencing disabilities and veterans. Our work includes handicap accessibility modifications (wheelchair ramps, grab-bars, and handrails) and minor home repairs when needed for in-home safety.

Eligibility Criteria

Ramps and Rails applicants must own the home where the repairs will be made and occupy it as their primary residence. The applicant (or a member of their household) must have a need that makes the requested repairs necessary. Household income must fall below 80% of the Area Median Family Income, and the applicant must demonstrate willingness and ability to pay back a 0% interest rate loan to Habitat that is subsidized based on household income.

Become a Sponsor

Support our Ramps & Rails program to ensure that seniors, people experiencing disabilities, and veterans can live safely in their homes. Sponsorship levels include the \$1,500 Ramp Sponsor, \$500 Rails Sponsor or \$100 Hardware Sponsor.

Facts & Figures

2016: Year the program was established locally

43: Projects completed since the program started

\$161,211: Total cost of projects since 2016





“I have a sense of comfort knowing our children have a roof over their heads.”

My journey with Habitat has helped prepare me to make an impact on our community, while having a sense of comfort knowing our children have a roof over their heads. It's a safe haven to help nurture the future. This journey has made us stronger and having a place to be together has developed our bonds with each other.

As a stay-at-home dad, I know that I am raising the future generation. Whatever impact I make now will impact society later. I feel

that my job offers comfort to our children and a sense of well-being as I provide for their basic needs. I have had the privilege of caring for our children at home for their entire lives while my wife LeeAnne works outside of the home. My job description (as she likes to say) is a Stay-at-Home Superhero.

Julius is employed by his daughter, Alexis, and son, Julian, as a stay-at-home dad. He also is a musician.

Our Global Impact: The Global Mission Fund Tithe

Every year 10% of all unrestricted funds are used to build homes internationally. This tithe is designated to a Global Mission Fund through Habitat International, where 100% of the money is sent to help build homes for families living in priority countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Nepal, Haiti, Ethiopia, and Bangladesh.

We tithe to the Global Mission Fund so our contribution will be used where it is most needed. As our tithe has been increasing over the years, we have been blessed with increased ReStore sales and increased giving from individual donors. Our story as a housing ministry has also become more powerful.



Facts and Figures

1998: Year TCHFH began tithing

\$130,744: Total tithed since 1998

33: Number of families housed globally

\$4,500: Average international cost for a housing solution



“Serving people is what makes the world go ‘round.’”

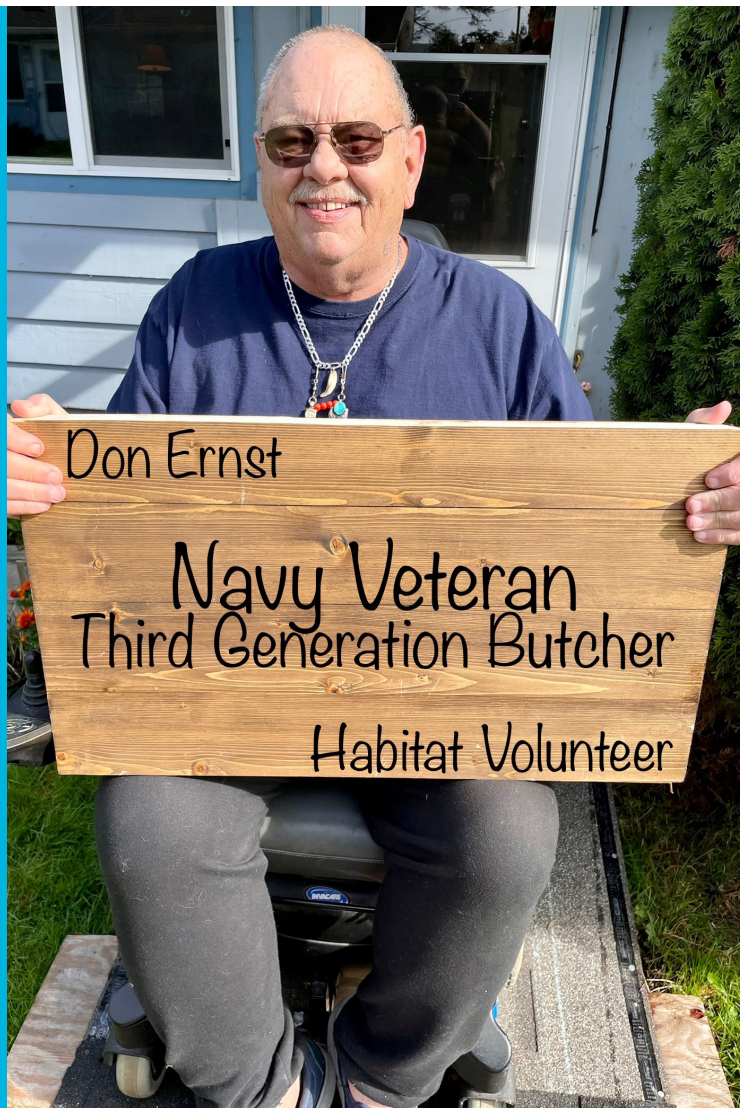
March 2005, we moved into the home that my children and I partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build; of which we purchased. Our home is the thirteenth house that Habitat has built. We have met many people on this journey while participating in clearing land, hammering roof decking, stringing wiring, mud and taping, etc; Italian dinners, organizing volunteers for the Fair entry booths, naming booths for Habitat at the fair and Music and Wine festival in Rockaway, celebrated with new home owners, etc.

Driving bus has been a people oriented position that I have enjoyed very much. With school bus, I get to serve children, parents and teachers. With the county, I get to serve primarily adults. Both have been a wonderful experience.

Serving people is what makes our world go ‘round. I’m blessed to be a part of this great community.

Gwen works as a school bus driver. She also serves as a guest services volunteer at Tillamook Church of the Nazarene and a Worship Team Member.





I first got involved with Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity when I applied to be the ReStore manager. I didn't get the job, but I started volunteering anyway. It was a good fit, because I was looking for a way to work a little bit here and there, and volunteering gave me that flexibility.

I consider myself a people person, so I really enjoy interacting with the shoppers at the ReStore. I feel like we are supporting the people that are looking for something different, something more affordable. You don't have to spend a lot of money at the ReStore to get a great piece of furniture, and it's almost always one of a kind.

In addition to being a volunteer, I am a Navy veteran.

I served 7 tours overseas between 1968 and 1972, four in Vietnam and three in Korea. I did my time and my service — the real heroes are the ones who didn't make it home — then I came back to help my father start a meat plant.

My dad got sick and never saw his butcher shop completed, but I ended up managing a butcher shop at Food Basket here in Tillamook. I also worked as a head custodian at Neah-Kah-Nie High School, where I got the honor of mentoring young students.

Don is a US Navy veteran, third-generation butcher, retired school employee and former mayor of Garibaldi.

“We are supporting the people.”



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