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## 2024 Annual Report





Mark Rosalynn Star Work Project



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Remembering President Carter Honoring a Life of Service

At the end of 2024, President Jimmy Carter passed away at 100 years old. President Carter's dedication to Habitat for Humanity created a lasting legacy and his efforts shone a spotlight on the global need for affordable housing and brought hope to families around the world. His commitment to humanitarianism, especially through his decades-long partnership with Habitat for Humanity, stands as a powerful testament to his desire to improve lives worldwide.

For over forty years, President and Mrs. Carter dedicated themselves to this cause, most notably through the *Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project*. This annual initiative, born from a 1984 experience at a Habitat construction site, mobilized tens of thousands of volunteers. As a direct result of this effort, their work alongside 104,000 volunteers across 14 countries resulted in the construction, renovation, or repair of 4,390 homes.

Habitat for Humanity's mission, empowering families through homeownership, resonated deeply with President Carter. His legacy extends beyond physical structures; it's a legacy of hope and community. To honor his profound impact, individuals can continue to support local Habitat for Humanity organizations, such as Wichita Habitat for Humanity through volunteering, patronizing ReStore locations, or making direct contributions, ensuring that the work of building safe and affordable homes continues.

Let us come together as a community to honor his life and continue his mission of building homes and hope for those in need.



Three homes were constructed in the Rock the Block #214 neighborhood during the Air Capital Build. Textron Aviation, Spirit AeroSystems, and Leading Technology Composites, Inc. were the lead sponsors of this build.

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## Dear Friends,

As we close out another remarkable year, we are filled with immense gratitude for the incredible support and partnership of our community. Together, we have accomplished so much in 2024, bringing hope, stability, and opportunity to families across Wichita. We are excited to share the highlights of this year's successes and reflect on the profound impact we have made together.

#### **Empowering Families**

This year, we partnered with 17 families, helping them achieve their dreams of homeownership. These families now enjoy the safety, stability, and affordability that comes with a zero-percent interest mortgage with an average monthly payment of just \$650. Beyond a financial transaction, this represents a foundation for brighter futures and thriving communities.

#### Preserving Homes and Preventing Homelessness

Our Home Repair Program made a significant impact, serving 30 partner families with major repairs. From roofing and plumbing to electrical and HVAC improvements, these efforts ensured that families could stay safely in their homes. Many of these homeowners are on fixed incomes, and these repairs not only preserved aging housing stock but also prevented families from slipping into homelessness.

#### Projects Across the Community

While we have continued to focus on urban infill, specifically in Northeast Wichita, we were thrilled to expand affordable housing opportunities into South Central Wichita (SoCe). This year, seven new homes were built as part of Rock the Block SoCe. These homes symbolize a fulfilled promise, providing families with the opportunity to achieve their dreams of safe and stable housing.

#### Dreaming Big with Rock the Block Piatt

This year, we dared to dream big and executed a critical piece of our strategic plan: Rock the Block Piatt. In a bold move, our staff and board agreed to purchase 16 homes—former public housing that had been boarded up for years—from the City of Wichita. This transformative project will focus on gut rehabs to meet the growing need for affordable housing in our community. With a vision set for 2025, we are committed to restoring these homes and revitalizing the neighborhood.





#### A New Home on Opportunity Drive

We also settled into our new building on Opportunity Drive, a location that holds deep significance as it has been the epicenter of our impact since 2014. This new space is already creating exciting opportunities expanding class offerings, fostering new community partnerships, and providing a forward-facing footprint in the community. It is truly a place where affordable housing opportunities thrive and dreams take shape.

#### Honoring a Champion of Our Mission

At our annual Raise the Roof event, we were honored to present the inaugural Millard Fuller Award for Philanthropy to Charles Eby, an extraordinary community champion. Charles' contributions to affordable housing exemplify the spirit of giving and inspire us all.

#### Our Volunteers: The Heart of Our Mission

We are continually amazed by the dedication of our volunteers, whose passion and generosity drive our mission forward. This year, over 2,400 individual volunteers donated more than 31,000 hours of their time. The IRS values these hours at \$1.06 million, but their true worth is immeasurable. Our volunteers are, without a doubt, our greatest asset.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are inspired by the possibilities and committed to continuing our work to create affordable housing opportunities, strengthen communities, and empower families. None of this would be possible without you—our donors, volunteers, and supporters. Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and building alongside us.

Together, we are transforming lives, one home at a time.

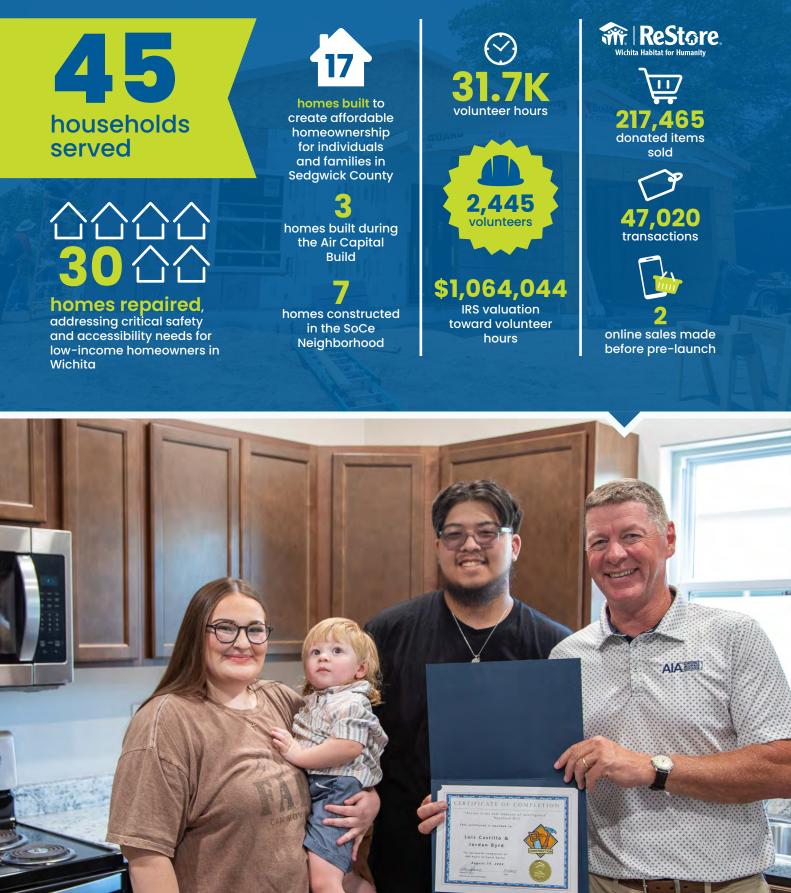


Danielle Johnson Executive Director



Chris Bohm Board Chair

## **Our Impact**



Wichita Habitat for Humanity

## Highlights

#### hfhi affiliate conference

Staff attended Habitat for Humanity International's affiliate conference in Atlanta, Georgia coming together to learn, celebrate and highlight Habitat's work.

### mlk day of service

Our MLK Day of Service build had support from 185 participants to construct frames for two homes.



### air capital build

Three homes began construction in Rock the Block #214.



#### riverfest panel build

We hosted a panel build during Riverfest and BRICKMOB painted a mural on walls of a future home.



#### our move

We finally moved into our new headquarters at 2220 N. Opportunity Drive!



### service for change

Sixteen local businesses pledge to raise funds for Wichita Habitat for Humanity.

#### raise the roof

We hosted our annual Raise the Roof at our new headquarters, opening the doors to opportunity!



### volunteer appreciation

We celebrated and recognized our volunteers and board members.

## Putting Generosity into Meaningful Action

Marking three decades as a cornerstone of the Wichita business community, Profit Builders celebrated its 30th anniversary with a significant act of community support. Instead of a traditional celebration, the company partnered with Wichita Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a deserving family.

Through this partnership, Profit Builders had the opportunity to meet Kiara, a resilient single mother whose journey to homeownership began amidst the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic. "This is a wonderful opportunity to not only celebrate 30 years of success for our business, but to be able to make a lifechanging opportunity for a family right here in Wichita," said Profit Builders president/ CEO Michelle Becker, during the wall raising celebration.

Despite the challenges, Kiara tirelessly worked towards a brighter future for herself and her son, Kai. Before connecting with Wichita Habitat, they lived in a crowded household, lacking the privacy and stability needed for a growing child. Kiara dreamed of a safe and loving home where Kai could truly feel secure and happy. With the support of Wichita Habitat and Profit Builders, Kiara's dream was becoming a reality. She dedicated hours of sweat equity and completing financial literacy courses. Adding to the unique nature of this partnership, Kiara had the opportunity to volunteer alongside the Profit Builders team, working side-by-side with the very people helping to build her future home.

In this vibrant Rock the Block area of the South-Central Neighborhood, Kiara's new house was taking shape, a testament to her dedication and the generosity of Profit Builders.

"I never thought homeownership was possible." Kiara shared, her voice filled with emotion, "Thanks to Wichita Habitat and Profit Builders, I'm now able to purchase an affordable home where my child and I can live comfortably and safely."

This partnership not only built a house but also laid the foundation for a brighter future for Kiara and Kai, a meaningful way for Profit Builders to celebrate their milestone anniversary.

## We Build Strength Stability & Self-Reliance

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People in our community and all over the world partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. With your help, Habitat Homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build a better life.



I'm happier and more at ease now. My children and I have found peace of mind."

RANYA, Habitat homeowner

## Our Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Community is at the center of Wichita Habitat for Humanity's mission. Building a Habitat home requires significant community investment—in time, labor, and financial resources. This work is only achievable because of the generosity and dedication of hundreds of volunteers, donors, corporate partners, and our dedicated board of directors and staff. Together, we changed the lives of 45 local individuals and families last year by helping them achieve safe, decent, and affordable homeownership, repairs, and accessibility modifications.

## Safe, decent, and affordable homeownership can transform lives.

The stability of healthy homeownership creates a long-lasting and life-changing impact on families and communities. From being a primary source of wealth and asset-building for low-income families to influencing positive health and educational outcomes, homeownership matters. A home is an investment that lasts for generations. This foundational stability greatly increases the well being of the communities where Habitat for Humanity works.

Habitat homeowners help build their homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Every person who partners with Wichita Habitat for Humanity to become a homeowner is making a personal and financial investment in their future. This partnership, through the combination of volunteer work, and affordable mortgages, enables these families to build equity, and generational wealth.

## Strong and stable homes are the root of strong communities.

Our Home Repair Program empowers income-eligible homeowners facing critical interior and exterior issues threatening the health, safety, and accessibility of their homes. We address repairs, modifications, and code compliance issues, enabling homeowners—particularly older adults and people with disabilities, who comprise 57% of our program participants—to age in place with dignity and security. This not only preserves valuable affordable housing but also strengthens our community, allowing residents to maintain their support systems and thrive in their own homes.

## Sustainability is a core principle of our work.

Our work lifts up more than just one family at a time. Wichita Habitat for Humanity's programs revitalize neighborhoods, increase property values, encourage volunteerism, remove substandard housing, and provide employment opportunities for subcontractors.

Wichita Habitat for Humanity received the GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency and a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator in 2024. These third party ratings provide further validation to our supporters that you can trust our commitment to using your donations effectively to maximize the impact for the families we serve, as well as the entire community.



"

The repairs have made an unbelievable difference in my life. Knowing my home is in a much better condition has lifted such a huge weight off my shoulders, and it's truly a beautiful place to live now."

LAUREN, repair client

Lauren, a single mother, was living in a home burdened by critical repair needs. Thanks to a Lowe's grant, her home received vital weatherization and structural improvements, including a new roof, siding, guttering, doors, and porch. Now, Lauren's home is safe, beautiful, and energy-efficient, empowering her to preserve this essential stability for her family.

## Homeowner Services

For families, homeownership offers a powerful foundation for building better, healthier, and more financially stable lives. Wichita Habitat for Humanity works to remove barriers to this opportunity, creating sustainable, long-term solutions for those struggling with housing insecurity.

The powerful impact of quality, stable, and affordable homeownership extends to improved educational, health, and economic well-being for families and strengthens communities as a whole. Recognizing these far-reaching benefits, we are committed to enabling as many individuals and families as possible to become successful first-time homeowners and experience this life-changing opportunity.

This year brought great progress within our homeownership programs:

- We accepted 23 individuals and families to be part of Wichita Habitat's Homeownership Program.
- We submitted a Request for Proposal with the City of Wichita's Affordable Housing Fund Program to rehabilitate 16 safe, affordable homes that were once part of the city's public housing stock in northeast Wichita.
- We broke ground on a new seven-home construction site in the South Central Neighborhood.
- We partnered with the K-State Research and Extension Center to provide a curriculum offering simple solutions to help participants eat smart and move more while providing the skills to be able to eat more meals at home.







From building their roots in their very own Air Capital Build home – one of just three constructed – to this incredible moment! Luis proposed to Jordan, solidifying their future together within the walls they helped create.



### 2024 HOMEOWNERSHIP STATISTICS



homes started in 2024



homes completed and sold



more people living in affordable homes 33 adults

35 children



313 attendees in informational sessions



### 36 homeownership

education classes offered



### 684

combined attendance at educational classes

## The Path to Homeownership

**Every year, we look forward to helping individuals and families become homeowners.** This starts before they even apply for our Homeownership program. As a way to empower our community, Wichita Habitat for Humanity offers many free classes and online workshops to equip them with the knowledge and tools they need to build financial stability and prepare for homeownership.

Throughout the homeownership process, Habitat homebuyers continue to take classes as part of their requirements. This ensures they are well-prepared for the responsibilities and joys of homeownership and sets them up for long-term success.

Even after homeowners move in, we continue to help them by sharing opportunities from the community.

While our classes are targeted to the needs of Habitat homeowners, most are also open to the public. Go to <u>wichitahabitat.org/</u> education to learn more.

## Home Repair

We partner with income-eligible homeowners to address critical health, safety, and accessibility issues in their homes. These essential repairs tackle deferred maintenance, damage, and wear, helping residents age in place safely and preserving affordable housing within the community.

Our Home Repair Program aims to prevent displacement and support aging in place by providing essential home repairs like roofs, siding and gutter replacement, minor plumbing fixes, accessibility modifications, such as installing ramps, grab bars and bathroom modifications, and looking at home preservation. In 2024, we completed 30 repairs across Sedgwick County and have plans to complete 30 repairs in the coming year.

# Home Improvement: **Before & After**

Putting God's love into action is at the heart of Wichita Habitat for Humanity. Through its Home Repair Program, homeowners like Don are able to stay safe and comfortable in their homes. By making critical repairs, such as replacing Don's shower with a more accessible model, the program empowers individuals to age in place with dignity, maintaining their independence and quality of life within the familiar surroundings of their own homes.

## "

I can now get in and out of my shower easier without having to worry about falling."

DON, repair client



**2024 HOME REPAIR STATISTICS** 



## 30 homes repaired in 2024



## \$16,094 average project cost



**57%** of repaired homes have a family member with a disability



### 64 average age of homeowner

## Types of home repairs: • Roofs

• HVAC

- Siding • Windows
- Gutters
  - Accessibility
    - Weatherization
- Electrical • Plumbing

Don, a long time supporter of Wichita Habitat, is now able to get in and out of his bathroom and shower.



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## **2,445 volunteers** That's enough to fill more than 45 school buses.

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24,563 construction hours 6,295 non-construction hours

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## Volunteers

The impact of volunteerism at Wichita Habitat for Humanity extends beyond building houses or helping at ReStore to shape vibrant and inclusive communities.

Uniting people from all walks of life, Wichita Habitat for Humanity cultivates a culture of equity and inclusion, where each volunteer's unique perspectives and skills contribute to the collective mission of affordable housing solutions. Moreover, we have seen that volunteering boosts mental well-being through meaningful contribution and physical health through active engagement. This combination of purpose and activity leads to stronger, healthier communities.

Volunteers dedicate their time and skills to various activities, such as:

- Building and repairing homes
- Supporting ReStore Wichita with its sustainability efforts
- · Assisting in administrative projects
- Supporting special events and community partnerships
- Sharing their experience and expertise as board and committee members

### **Exciting Opportunities at Opportunity Drive**

The relocation of our headquarters to Opportunity Drive has unlocked exciting new avenues for youth engagement. These volunteer opportunities offer young individuals an early, hands-on introduction to our organization, allowing them to contribute meaningfully without the constraints of a construction site. This early exposure fosters a connection and understanding of our mission from a young age.

Consequently, when these young volunteers reach the appropriate age, they will already possess a foundational understanding and enthusiasm, making their eventual transition to on-site construction volunteering a natural and anticipated progression, creating a seamless pathway for long-term engagement.



## "

The chance to work hand-in-hand with all members of my community during a build is an incredible experience, and I consistently learn something new from someone. I love seeing Wichita Habitat's dedication to building homes and fostering community spirit grow with each volunteer who comes and participates."

GABBY, volunteer



### Did you know?

Wichita Habitat volunteer hours equates to a massive **\$1.06** million impact!



## The Store That Builds and Repairs Homes

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are non-profit home improvement stores and donation centers that generate funds to support Wichita Habitat for Humanity's mission of affordable solutions throughout Sedgwick housina County.

We sell new and gently-used furniture, appliances, building supplies, home goods, and more at discounted prices. We are dedicated to reusing and repurposing donated goods and diverting items from landfills in order to lessen our impact on the environment.

The ReStore team has been working hard to launch its eStore and anticipates conducting a soft-launch in the first quarter of 2025.



(f) @ @ReStoreWichita

**ReStore** eStore Soft Launch Coming Soon!

SHOPPING just got easier





## "

Whenever I see someone buy something, I always say, 'Thank you. You're helping us put a roof on someone's home.

GENA. **ReStore Wichita warehouse** associate

### **2024 RESTORE STATISTICS**



**\$1,558,818** in sales (recordachieving sales)



47,020 transactions



217.465 donated items sold



## A Year of Unprecedented Growth & Impact

This year marked ReStore Wichita's most successful growth in history. We strategically expanded our housewares department with donated racks, offering more affordable options. A key improvement was switching paint vendors to GREENSHEEN and Silvaris, resolving our white paint stock issues. We also boosted sales by discontinuing laminate flooring and focusing on closeout purchases.

Our eStore, even in internal testing, generated excitement with two online sales before its 2025 soft launch. These efforts drove record sales, making 2024 the second most profitable year in ReStore history. This success directly strengthens Wichita Habitat for Humanity's mission, demonstrating the powerful impact of our dedicated team, generous donors, and loyal customers.



## Advocacy

Wichita Habitat for Humanity engages in advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels to safeguard and enhance policies and resources dedicated to homeownership and the development of thriving communities.

We have been actively engaged in shaping policies at both the state and national levels to further our mission of building safe, affordable homes.

A key highlight of our state-level engagement was our participation in Dome Day 2024. We were proud to have seven dedicated advocates from our organization join with other Habitat affiliates from across Kansas in Topeka. This annual event provided a crucial opportunity for us to directly connect with our state legislators.

During these meetings, our advocates effectively communicated the tangible impact of Wichita Habitat for Humanity's work right here in our local community. We shared stories and data illustrating how affordable homeownership not only transforms the lives of partner families but also strengthens our neighborhoods through increased stability, improved health outcomes, and enhanced educational opportunities for children. By fostering these direct relationships with policymakers, we aimed to build understanding and support for policies that enable us to serve more families in need of decent and affordable housing in Wichita and throughout Kansas. Our presence at Dome Day underscored our commitment to not just building homes, but also building a stronger foundation for our community through proactive advocacy.

### **2024 ADVOCACY STATISTICS**







## Habitat on the Hill 2024: Reaching new heights, together

Habitat on the Hill annually brings together over 400 advocates nationwide to discuss policy and meet with federal legislators to champion housing and homeownership. At the conference, we proudly highlighted the positive impact of homeownership on neighborhood stability.



During our 4th annual Legislative Build, we continued to develop partnerships with legislators, officials, and community members while helping to build a home. Participants helped construct, paint, and clean, all while learning about the importance of affordable housing in Kansas. This unique experience fostered connections and highlighted the need for ongoing support!



## Financial Statements

Habitat family partners continue to engage in professional development opportunities, such as Wichita State University's SPERO program.

## Revenue

Total Revenue	\$6,646,059
Other Income	(112,267)
Home Repair	380,566
Construction	105,454
Grants	
Home Repair	9,469
ReStore	1,571,291
Contributions	1,645,951
Construction/Mortgage-related*	3,045,595

## **Expenses**

\$5,860,552
62,571
1,263,818
462,106
113,316
637,024
217,677
2,820,309
34,376
249,355



### Did you know?

Through Habitat International's tithe program, we have impacted families in Guatemala and Uganda, in addition to the homes we have built locally.

### Allocation:

- 50% to Guatemala
- 25% to Uganda
- 25% to Orphans & Vulnerable Groups

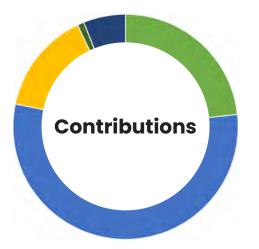
\* Construction/Mortgage-related includes \$320,919.80 of Gift-in-Kind Construction.



41%	Construction/Mortgage-related
+5	% Gift-in-Kind Construction
25%	Contributions
24%	ReStore
7%	Home Repair & Grants
-2%	Other Income



4%	Administrative
<1%	Advocacy
48%	Construction
4%	Fundraising
11%	Home Repair
2%	Homeowner Services
8%	Program
22%	ReStore
1%	Volunteer Services



23%	Individuals
55%	Businesses/Organizations
15%	Foundations/Trusts
1%	Churches
6%	Gifts in Kind



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## Keys to a New Beginning

Nicole, a dedicated mother of three, faced the daunting challenge of providing a stable home for her children after an unexpected loss of their previous residence. Navigating the complexities of the housing market, including limited affordable options and the strain of single parenthood, Nicole felt the weight of uncertainty.

Recognizing the profound impact a stable home would have on her children's well-being, Nicole turned to Wichita Habitat for Humanity. Inspired by the organization's mission to provide safe, affordable housing, she embraced the opportunity to build a brighter future for her family.

Through hard work and dedication, Nicole invested 296 hours of sweat equity, not only contributing to the construction of her own home but also assisting others on their housing journey and at the ReStore. Alongside this, she diligently completed 40 hours of financial literacy courses, demonstrating a commitment to responsible homeownership that serves as a powerful example for her children. "I am just so incredibly grateful for Wichita Habitat," Nicole shared. "This opportunity has given my children and me a chance at a stable and happy future that I wasn't sure was possible."

On December 20, 2024, a momentous occasion arrived: Nicole received the keys to her very own home! This achievement marked the culmination of her hard work and perseverance, ushering in a new chapter filled with stability, joy, and endless possibilities for her, Maverick, Bobby, and Nova.

## The Milestones Ahead

As we look forward to the coming year, we are excited to begin the transformation of 16 homes in northeast Wichita.

We will begin the revitalization of a block of homes that were once part of the public housing stock, and we invite our partners, volunteers, and the wider community to join us in this endeavor as we launch Rock the Block Piatt.

Together, we will work to breathe new life into this neighborhood, one home at a time.

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