Building homes, communities and hope

Built with Love 2019
Executive Director’s Message

In 2019 we continued to focus on resiliency. And not just the resiliency of homes but of families, communities, and our organization. We know that preparing for the future—whatever it may be—must include a focus on our own organizational expansion, so that we can continue to serve those in need even in times of uncertainty.

As we look back, there were many partners that propelled Houston Habitat for Humanity toward growth. But our most valued partners are always the families that join with us to become homeowners. Our hardworking families are the faces you see everywhere in Houston: Intergenerational families, refugee families, single mothers, single dads, veterans and seniors taking care of loved ones that were all eager to have a home of their own.

For many, the need for stable housing is just one component of survival; many also face employment challenges as well. In response, we started our innovative construction on-the-job training program. This unique offering focuses on teaching residential construction skills to create more skilled construction labor in our city. Our trainees fill a much-needed void of residential construction workers in our city.

We remain committed to repairing flood damaged homes from Hurricane Harvey. We have moved past the hectic daily turmoil of homeowners in flood ravaged homes without a decent place to live. We have solutions in place and a system to get through each repair and stabilize homes.

We know now there is a sense of urgency for affordable homes in Houston. And being able to bounce back from disaster or a pandemic means having a stable home before the storm hits. If we can place more individuals and families into secure places to live then Houstonians will be better ready for the challenges ahead.

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2019 Houston Habitat by the numbers

FAMILIES
- 225 families partnered with us
- 567 families signed up to learn more about homeownership
- 53 families were accepted into the homeownership program

HOMES
- 195 homes were repaired
- 16 new homes were built

HOMES
- 678 mortgages were serviced
- 28 homeowners paid off their mortgage

MORTGAGE
- 1.9 million dollars in mortgage payments were received

MORTGAGE
- 982 donors gave more than $6 million dollars

982 donors were new
donors

403 items were sold in the ReStores

407,462 items were sold in the ReStores contributing $1,005,748 toward Houston Habitat’s mission.

3,349 people volunteered
- 15,435 hours

The top 5 volunteers of 2019
- Gustavo Cei
- Carl Boerger
- Alan Watkins
- Paul Zymowski
- James Clark
Celebrating Our Homeowners

Mario immigrated to create the American dream for his wife and daughters.

Thang came to the U.S. for a better place to raise a family.

Tamara is a 911 operator that was committed to owning a home.

Deborah worked hard to build wealth for her children’s future.

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Women Build

Each year we are proud to empower women volunteers through construction as they give back to low-income families.

With love and sponsorship funds from Lowes, the 2019 Women Build brought women from AIG, elected officials and more. Most of the homebuyers Houston Habitat serves are women looking to create a stable future for their children. Women helping other women is just one of the things that makes this annual event so special.

Marvelette Hunter, Mayor’s Chief of Staff, kicks-off the event.
2019 was the year that Houston Habitat for Humanity relaunched the Veterans Build program. The initiative now focuses on five areas: Building, Volunteering, Employment, Education, and Honoring our Heroes.

The program’s centerpiece, a veteran home build, kicked off the new program just before Veterans Day. Steven Hall, Director of Veteran Affairs for the City of Houston, opened the event. He spoke about the need for affordable veteran housing and how volunteerism creates community among veterans.

We could not have reimagined this program without the help of our Veteran’s Build sponsors, Boardwalk Pipeline, Briggs, BP America, JP Morgan, and Phillips 66. Texas Roadhouse fed all of the volunteers and enjoyed a build day too. Home Depot finished off the home with beautiful stainless-steel appliances.

The Veterans Build was also an excellent opportunity to connect with veterans from The Mission Continues, NASA, Dow Chemical, and the University of Houston, Student Veterans of America. Service members from the National Guard helped to put the finishing touches on the home.

We look forward to creating more opportunities for veteran homeownership and veteran volunteers next year!

More than 100 sweat equity hours were banked by veteran volunteers to reduce the sweat equity of 2 veteran homebuyers.

6 Veteran Groups helped build the 2019 Veteran Home

11% of Houston Habitat’s workforce are Veterans
In 2017 a group of Settegast residents partnered with Houston Habitat and the New Progressive Civic Club to create a community planning committee that would focus on improvements for Settegast. The group worked to develop goals for the partnership. One of these goals was to build a community garden that would address the lack of grocery stores in the area, create a space to gather, build an opportunity to teach gardening and provide an activity for the many seniors in the area.

With design services provided by Lanson B. Jones Landscape Architects and sponsorship dollars from Reliant Energy and Wells Fargo, construction on the garden began in September of 2019. By mid-October we were ready to celebrate and plant the vegetables. Rice University provided seeds and plants and came out to lend a hand.

The first planting included kale, mustard greens, lettuces, fig bushes, onions, broccoli and more.

As the garden continues to grow, Settegast residents work to build a base of volunteers to tend the garden.
The Recovery Continues

Houston Habitat repaired and restored 195 homes in 2019 improving the lives of families.

While 2019 marked two years since Hurricane Harvey, it also meant those still in need of repair to their flood-ravaged homes had used every family favor for a place to stay or were living in unhealthy conditions with mold or an unstable house.
The 2019 Building a Dream luncheon was our best yet! It kicked off the night before with a cocktail reception at our event co-chair’s home, Gaynell Floyd Drexler. There we introduced our speaker, Majora Carter, to the many organizations working for affordable housing in Houston. The conversation was stimulating, and it was great for our network to come together.

Chevron kindly supported the event as our presenting sponsor allowing us to host more than 320 guests. We proudly honored the great work of Reverend Harvey Clemons, Jr., a great friend of Houston Habitat’s founder Carl Umland. Harvey founded Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation that does transformative work to revitalize and preserve this historic community.

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We also recognized the longtime partnership of Wells Fargo, who has been working alongside Houston Habitat since 1999. Over the years, Wells Fargo employees have helped build more than 20 homes and performed more than 10,000 volunteer work hours. Majora Carter inspired everyone with her work to improve communities in New York. Everyone departed the luncheon with her words on their minds: “Nobody should have to move out of their neighborhood to live in a better one.”

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REVENUE AND EXPENSES

LOW-COST HOUSING INCOME

Home sales $2,931,850
Mortgage discount amortization and interest 1,187,257
Rental income 254,224
In-kind contributions of materials 26,999
Other fees 73,321
Total low-cost housing income $4,473,651

CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER

Contributions 620,941
In-kind contributions of inventory 162,019
Special events 127,700
Cost of direct donor benefits (44,923)
Net investment return 1,266,802
Other income 14,196
Total contributions and other 9,117,835

RESTORE REVENUES

ReStore sales of inventory 3,670,312
ReStore cost of goods sold (3,033,968)
Total ReStore revenues, net 636,344

EXPENSES

Low-cost housing program 12,175,093
ReStore program 1,480,668
Management and general 871,458
Fundraising 753,559
Total expenses 15,280,778

TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND SUPPORT $14,227,830

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents $14,595,277
Cash held in escrow for taxes and insurance 590,085
Contributions receivable 590,085
Current portion of mortgage loans receivable, net 1,462,842
ReStore inventory 3,630,568
Total current assets 17,577,020

Homes available for sale 1,918,380
Home construction in progress 3,518,860
Lots and land held for development 3,876,022
Long-term portion of mortgage loans receivable, net 10,591,661
Property, plant and equipment, net 1,266,666
Investments designated for endowment 6,622,268
Total assets $45,270,977

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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Accounts payable $71,093
Accrued expenses 424,799
Tithe payable to Habitat for Humanity International 57,000
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Total current liabilities 682,892

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