Donor Impact Report

Habitat for Humanity® 50 YEARS

FALL 2026

The impact of an open door

Home is the foundation on which we build our lives. But every day more than 1 in 3 people around the world wake up without the security of safe, affordable housing. At Habitat for Humanity, we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to envision their future on their own terms. And it all starts with an open door.

In honor of our 50th anniversary, Habitat has launched the ***Let's Open the Door campaign*** to bring the housing crisis to the top of the world's agenda. Thanks to your support, we are shining a spotlight on the power of housing through hands-on home builds, pop-up exhibits, compelling new research and powerful storytelling. By activating audiences across borders and amplifying a shared voice, this campaign showcases Habitat's strengths and invites others to join us in a global movement for safe, affordable housing for all.

Our message is simple: When we open the door to housing, we all win. Every safe, affordable home sparks wider change and leads to better health, education and well-being, more economic growth and less poverty.



You are opening doors to opportunity. Visit our website at habitat.org/open-door to see your impact.



A note of thanks

The progress you read about in this report is possible because of friends like you. Thank you!

It has been a momentous year at Habitat as we celebrate five decades of progress and renew our commitment to the next 50 years. Grounded in faith, and with your steadfast support, we have taken bold steps toward our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Within the pages of this report are stories showcasing the impact of your donations in action. From building homes to improving housing policies and igniting housing markets, you help make home possible for millions of families and individuals.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping us open the door to brighter futures here in the U.S. and around the world.

Jonathan T.M. Reckford
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity International

‘The biggest blessing ever’

– Kisha, Habitat homeowner

Caregiving is at the heart of everything Kisha does. She is a mother of two, a grandmother of six and has worked in the childcare field for 30 years. She has raised three of her granddaughters, Jordan, Haven and Zion, since they were young.

In the fall of 2021, the house Kisha was renting was sold and the new owners more than doubled the rent. Unable to afford the increase, Kisha had just seven days to find housing for her family. That’s when a social worker encouraged Kisha to apply to become a Habitat homeowner.

Her application was approved, and Kisha began taking Habitat homeownership courses and worked alongside volunteers to help build her home as well as others’.

On Dec. 17, 2024, Kisha and her girls moved into their three-bedroom home, where she pays an affordable mortgage. Kisha says, “It was the best Christmas gift ever.”

The family is thriving in their new home. Kisha says, “I feel as though a huge weight has been lifted. To not have to worry about my rent going up or someone selling the house right from under me. It’s mine.

My oldest granddaughter just graduated high school and will be spreading her beautiful wings. **To be able to tell her that she always has a home to come back to is the biggest blessing ever.”**



Jordan, Zion, Kisha and Haven at a Habitat build site. Kisha and the girls look forward to volunteering with Habitat for many years to come.

Visit habitat.org/support today to help more families like Kisha’s build brighter futures. Thank you

Victory! Historic housing bill becomes law

The most significant bipartisan federal housing legislation in more than a decade has now become law. ***The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act*** will bring homeownership within reach for countless families and individuals across the United States. The bill contains more than 50 provisions that will expand housing supply, modernize critical housing programs and drive innovative solutions to address the housing crisis.



This historic moment would not be possible without years of work from the Habitat network, including you. Habitat worked tirelessly to shape many elements of the bill and conducted ongoing advocacy to ensure its passage. Local Habitat affiliates across the country mobilized their networks in support of the bill. This past February, nearly 500 advocates from Habitat for Humanity held meetings on Capitol Hill with 300 Congressional leaders.

Thank you for your support to get this critical legislation across the finish line.

Our impact together

New research* proves that the Habitat housing model helps increase financial stability.

Habitat homeowners by the numbers...

56% less likely to experience foreclosure.

22 point increases in their credit scores.

$4,400 more in savings over six years.

“Every time I make a mortgage payment, we’re one step closer to having a place nobody can take from us. And that’s a form of wealth you can’t count.”
— Habitat homeowner

**Paths to Stability and Wealth, a multiyear study conducted through a partnership between Habitat for Humanity International and Washington University in St. Louis, covering 43 local U.S. Habitat affiliates across both urban and rural areas.*

50 *for* 50

Readying for the next 50 years of impact

Habitat for Humanity’s strategic plan for fiscal years 2026-2028 will position the organization for the next big step in our journey. Our plan focuses on three key strategies:

1. Build more and better homes.

Habitat is scaling our innovative approach to building, repairing and improving homes, expanding our strategies in energy-efficiency and climate resilience and strengthening our position in disaster resilience and recovery.

2. Transform housing systems.

Habitat is improving access to housing finance while testing and scaling innovative products and services. Our MicroBuild Fund 1 created $230 million in small housing loan opportunities that helped more than 1 million people build or improve their home. For MicroBuild Fund 2, we’ve raised our goal to helping 2.5 million more people.



Jennifer and Ramon, Habitat homeowners, with their children

3. Inspire action for housing.

Habitat’s U.S. network advocated for more than 140 policy changes in fiscal year 2025, including The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. Over the next three years, we will mobilize more than 3 million people on housing issues and help more people understand how housing contributes to health, education, equity and economic outcomes.

From grassroots to global movement



The Power of Volunteers

With a global housing shortage of 269 million units, no one organization can address the growing housing crisis alone. As we mark our 50th year, Habitat is investing in the growth of our global movement of volunteers, advocates, storytellers, fundraisers and organizers to accelerate progress for safe, affordable housing.

Last year, more than 820,000 volunteers supported Habitat's life-changing work. From building and repairing homes to serving on boards to advocating for housing solutions, volunteers are critical to our mission. Every dollar you donate goes farther thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

Earlier this year, more than 1,000 volunteers joined the 40th Carter Work Project to build 24 homes in Atlanta in just five days.

With so many families and individuals in need of housing now, we must accelerate progress – and that means getting more people involved in this work. It truly takes a village. Thank you for helping us move closer to our vision of the world where everyone has a safe, stable place to live.

Volunteer for a Global Village build



Global Village volunteers join new Habitat homeowners and staff at the build site in Cambodia.

My first Global Village build was in Cambodia last year. Habitat homeowner Leakna shared stories of her former home, where flooding and snakes entering at night were common, and where she often struggled to afford rice for her family. Today, Leakna's family has a safe home, running water and hope. Their joy proved that home is more than shelter: It is dignity, opportunity and a foundation for dreams.

—Leslie Willeford, Global Village volunteer

Habitat's Global Village builds bring volunteers, communities and families together to spark wider change leading to better health, well-being and less poverty. Volunteer opportunities are currently available in 13 countries across the globe.

If you would like to join a Global Village build, visit habitat.org/GV or contact your local Habitat office.

Habitat for Humanity® 50 YEARS

322 W. Lamar St.
Americus, GA 31709-3543

habitat.org/support

(800) 422-4828

info@habitat.org

Subscribe for news and updates:
habitat.org/subscribe

EIN Tax Identification Number:
91-1914868

2611A-ARM-DIR