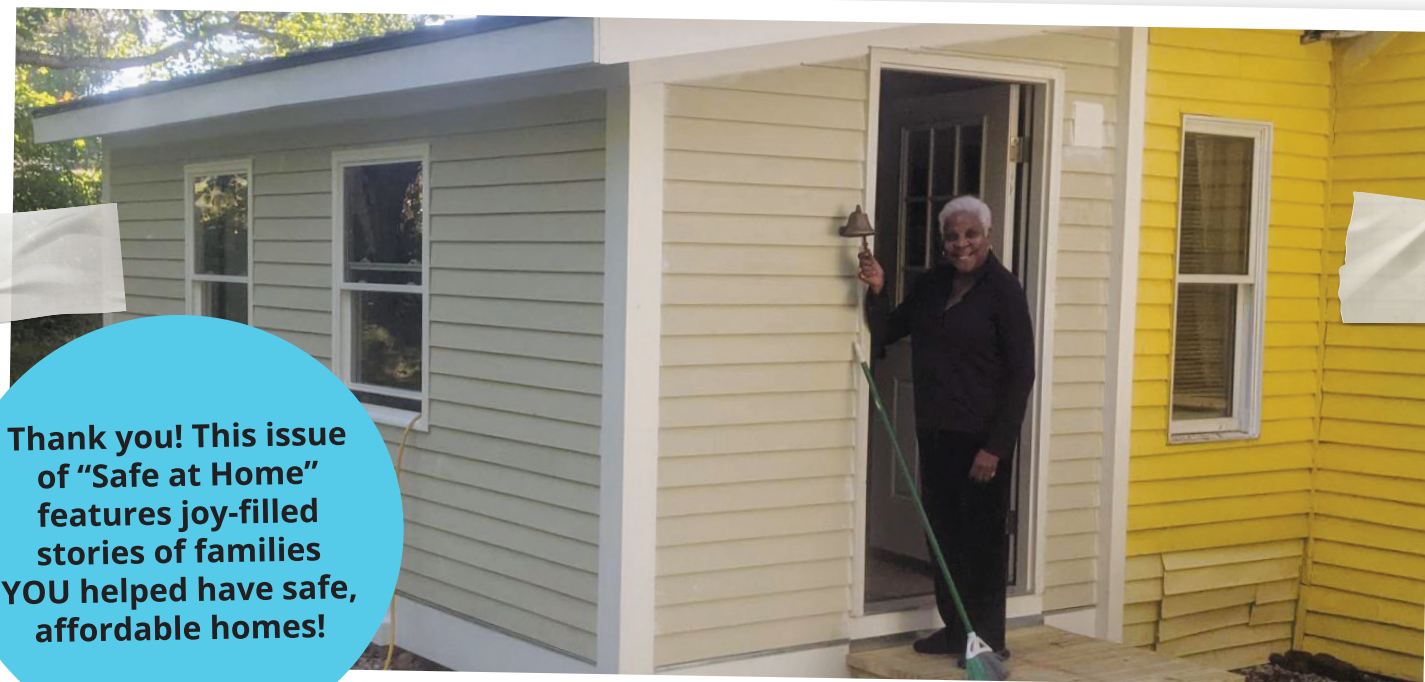


Safe at Home

Stories of how YOU provided safe, affordable homes for families!



Thank you! This issue of "Safe at Home" features joy-filled stories of families YOU helped have safe, affordable homes!

You Gave Mary the Home Repairs She Needed!

Mary's home needed critical repairs she couldn't afford. You were there to make sure she got the repairs she needed!

Mary was watching as her home was falling down around her.

Her roof was pulling down her back porch. And that was making the whole house dangerous.

In Mary's words, "The back porch was caving in, and the metal roof

wasn't helping. I couldn't use it for anything. I couldn't close the windows and the door was uneven. I couldn't lock it! And then I had critters getting in."

Mary is so important to her community. She works as a caregiver and also serves on her town's

council. But Mary didn't have money for the repairs.

When Mary learned about Habitat's critical repairs program, she applied.

You made it possible for Mary's porch to be rebuilt so it is safe and functional!

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I can't wait for you to read this newsletter!

You see, it's full of stories of AMAZING people who now have safe, affordable homes. Because of you.



Tara Hill
Executive Director

As a Habitat of Greater Portland supporter, you have shown incredible kindness and care for your neighbors. And our community is stronger and safer because you stepped in to help.

Thank you.

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care for your neighbors**

The people featured in this newsletter are hard-working people. They have shown amazing spirit. And when they needed help making their homes safe, you were there.

I hope your heart is filled with joy at these stories.

Thank you for making safe, affordable housing possible for these dear people!

Tara M. Hill

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Executive Director

"Why Not You?"

You helped a hard-working mom have a safe home for her two boys

Your gift provided a mom and her two boys with the safe home they were longing for!

As a single mom, Liz had one deep desire – to provide a safe place for her two boys to live.

Liz worked hard. She had a steady job...but things just kept getting more expensive. And owning a home was just out of reach.

Meanwhile, the apartment Liz was renting became unsafe. Leaking pipes. Mold. Cockroaches. And a landlord who ignored her pleas to fix these dangerous issues.

Liz worried about her boys. It got to the point where she had to move her family into a hotel.

This is where you stepped in to help this hard-working mom!

Liz's work colleague encouraged her to apply for a Habitat home. And to her surprise and delight, Liz was chosen!



You helped Liz and her two sons have a safe, healthy place to live!

As Liz shared, "I was telling one of my friends...I can't believe they chose me. And she replied, 'why not you? You deserve this just as much as anyone.'"

Right now, Liz and her boys are working alongside the volunteers who are building their new home. A home without leaks. Without mold. Without pests. A safe home they can afford.

Thank you for sharing this gift of "home" with Liz and her boys. They feel blessed by your kindness!

Home Has a Deeper Meaning, Thanks to YOU!

You helped make the dream of homeownership possible for a young family!

Analisa and her husband Bruce were fast outgrowing the in-law apartment where they lived. But with the rising cost of housing options, they didn't have any other choice.

Thank YOU for your gift and for showing Analisa and Bruce that Habitat was created to help people like them!

Analisa didn't think Habitat was for people like her. She and her family were not living in horrible circumstances. They were not destitute. But their home wasn't working for them.

You know that this is exactly why Habitat exists. Thank you for helping to make Analisa and Bruce's dream of homeownership possible!

"We were living in an in-law apartment with Bruce's parents. And our rent was...we could not have gone out and gotten anything for that price. Very small."

A friend encouraged Analisa to apply for a Habitat house. And finally, the family saw their dream of homeownership was possible!

When the family moved into their new home it truly felt like a home.

There was a yard where the kids could safely play. And wonderful neighbors who became dear friends.

"It's interesting... until owning a home I didn't understand the difference of it being our home. It just feels very different. And that word 'home' has a whole deeper meaning that I didn't realize before. We love being here."

Thank you for making the dream of "home" possible for this young family!



You helped a family have a home that worked for them with a yard where the kids can play!

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"Remember the price of lumber went up? You couldn't get contractors. I am so grateful that I had Habitat for Humanity."

Today, Mary loves to have people gather on her new, safe porch. She invests in the people around her the way you invested in her.

**"I am so grateful that I had
Habitat for Humanity!"**

**Thank you for showing Mary how much you care!
You made sure she had a safe place to live, and she is
so thankful for you!**

Give the Gift of a Safe, Warm Home This Winter!

Your \$49 gift provides a day of safe, warm, affordable housing for a family!

There's a woman named Katherine who needs your help.

Right now, her home is unsafe.

You see, Katherine has a gap in the back of her home. There's an 8-foot section where the plywood stops, and it is covered over in Tyvek paper. Just a thin layer of paper keeping the weather at bay! Heat is escaping and animals are getting in.

Katherine can't take on the cost of the repair. And she's not able to do the repair herself.

Right now, your gift of \$49 will provide a day of safe, warm, affordable housing for someone like Katherine.

Plus, your gift will help provide critical home repairs for people in your community who are living in unsafe homes.

Winter is the worst time to be living in a home that has damage like this. Katherine sees her heating bills going up and she knows the heat is escaping through the gap.

Please help someone like Katherine get the repairs she needs!

I hope you'll choose to help a neighbor like Katherine today. Please send back the enclosed response card with your generous gift!



*Here's how you
can help!*

Help a neighbor who needs safe, warm, affordable housing!

☒ **Yes, Tara! Please use my gift to provide safe, warm, affordable housing for a family!**

My gift will also support all the good work of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland. Enclosed is my gift:

___ \$49 to provide one day of safe, warm, affordable housing for a family!

___ **\$98 to provide two days of safe, warm, affordable housing for a family!**

___ \$147 to provide three days of safe, warm, affordable housing for a family!

\$_____ to provide as many days of safe, warm, affordable housing as possible!

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