

2019 of report





Dear neighbor,

1 in 3 local households are burdened by housing costs and families right here in our community are paying half or more of their income on a place to live. At Habitat for Humanity, we know the problem is getting worse. This year alone, nearly 300 people have come to us in search of quality, affordable housing. More than 600 people have asked to be notified each time we have a home for sale.

Habitat builds homes in partnership with first-time homebuyers, and we sell them at affordable prices. With your support, Habitat also reinvests in neighborhoods and strengthens the fabric of our region. In the pages that follow, we recognize both the impact of Habitat's work and the incredible generosity that fuels it.

Our work is not easy and homeownership isn't a quick fix for families or communities. It takes sustained effort over time to undo decades of systemic discrimination and disinvestment. Our work is also expensive. Even when you account for Habitat's simple designs, efficient construction and the partial use of volunteer labor, each house costs an average of \$240,000 to build. The average sales price of a Habitat home is \$131,000. That means we have an average gap of \$109,000 to fill for each home, and we aim to build between 8 and 12 homes *every* year.

We recognize that Habitat can't build our way out of the housing crisis, but we'll never stop trying. Earlier this year, Habitat for Humanity launched Cost of Home, a five-year U.S. advocacy campaign to build policy change at every level of government. Our goal is to improve housing affordability by promoting policies that will increase the supply of affordable housing, promote access to credit and economic justice, support responsible land use and improve the quality of life for our neighbors. We're also learning to engage volunteers in new and impactful ways on the build site and beyond, including through our new Team Build program for companies, churches and community groups.

The truth is that we don't actually build affordable homes. We *make them affordable* by leveraging all of the grants and donations that we can and then passing those savings on to future homebuyers. Your generosity is the key to Habitat's impact in our community.

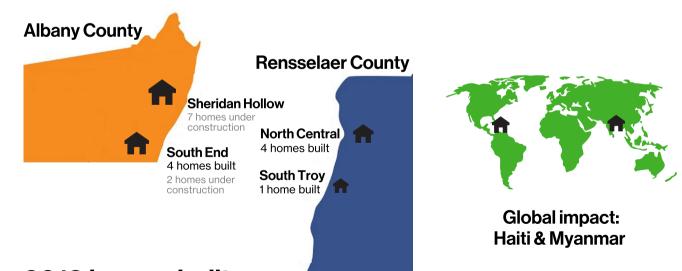
With gratitude,

Christine Schudde Executive Director Brian Barker Board President

Top: Volunteers from NYS Homes & Community Renewal; Second: Habitat homeowners La Kpaw and Pwe Htoo with their daughter; Third: New homes in North Central Troy; Bottom: Habitat homeowner Jahsiah with her mom "When I found out I was approved, I couldn't believe it. It's one of my happiest moments in life. I took my wife to the build site that same day. Even today, I can still remember the happiness in her eyes."

Silver Line

PRADEEP, HABITAT HOMEOWNER (PICTURED WITH HIS WIFE, HIMA)



2019 homes built

In 2019, Habitat built and sold nine homes in the cites of Albany and Troy, with another nine homes under construction. We also supported Habitat for Humanity's work in Haiti and Myanmar (Burma) through our tithing practice. Our neighborly love knows no borders, and we are committed our vision of a *world* where everyone has a decent place to live.

Impact made possible through...

Habitat builds homes, and so much more. We also seek to build stronger neighborhoods in coalition with residents and organizations in our community. We show up and we listen. While our focus will always be on affordable homeownership, we know that it's just about the roofs over our heads; it's about reinvesting in our neighborhoods as vibrant places to live, work and play. As part of our commitment to sustainability, we build our homes according to National Green Building Standards and promote responsible reuse through our Habitat ReStore.



homes under construction



dollars returned to the taxable property base

1,167,000

community meetings attended

tons of waste diverted from landfills by the Habitat ReStore



"Being a first-time homeowner is a feeling that makes life's daily grind worth facing. I know my daughter might not always listen to me, but I do know she is always watching. I just wanted to build a home that we both can always call ours, and that I can eventually pass down to her."

FASHIONETT, HABITAT HOMEOWNER



... your generosity.

As anyone who has ever been on a Habitat job site knows, using unskilled, unpaid labor is not the most efficient way to put up a house. But it's surely the most loving way, which is why we've always put volunteers at the center of our work. Habitat uses a combination of our paid staff, local subcontractors and volunteers to build each home alongside Habitat homebuyers.







Your generosity is what propels our mission forward. On average, we have a \$109K funding gap for each house we build. That gap is why no one else is building and selling homes in our focus neighborhoods. Habitat donors and funders are the reason local families have the opportunity to build a stronger future for themselves. The math just doesn't work without your support.



Top: Habitat homeowner Alana with her son, Second: Volunteers from Bank of America, Third: A new home in Albany's South End, Bottom: Habitat volunteers at our 2019 Women Build day





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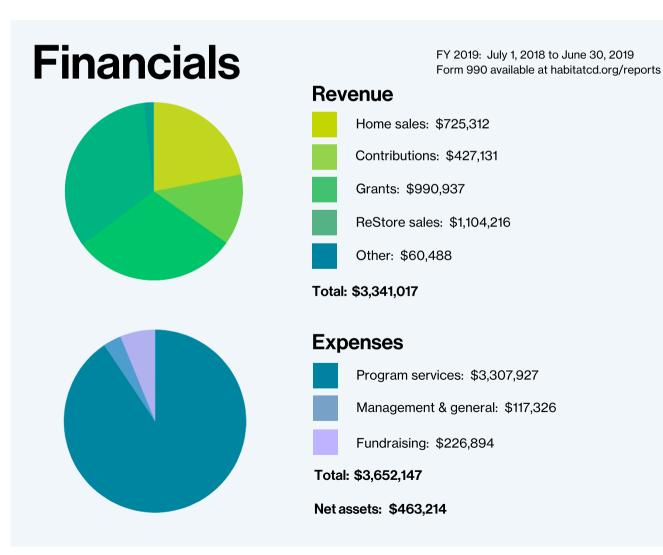
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Thank you also to members of our community who have donated through the State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA), Habitat's Cars for Homes program and through social media fundraisers.



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We agree with GuideStar, Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance that "overhead ratio" is a poor measure of an organization's performance. We are committed to continued efficiency, but we also ask you to value other factors of our performance: transparency, governance, leadership, and results. Learn more about the "overhead myth" and recommendations for evaluating nonprofit impact at <u>habitatcd.org/reports</u>.



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