

WHY HABITAT WORKS



ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2010-2011

A letter from
the Executive
Director



WHY HABITAT WORKS

Dear Friends,

At Habitat everything we do is a partnership, celebrated by both the givers and receivers. Both our successes and our Christian calling to stretch ourselves to the next level come from:

- **Mission and vision.** From our home owner education and college prep programs to new neighborhood plans and ReStore's 40 percent profit increase, we're staying focused and accomplishing our goals here and as far away as El Salvador, where we've supported our sister affiliate in San Vicente.
- **Common need.** We've built faster than ever before and still have a two-year waitlist for hard working families. Our home owners continue to need a place to live, our volunteers need to belong, and all of us want to share a meaningful purpose.
- **Volunteers.** Deans overcame their fear of heights to roof alongside students, families scrimped and saved, and professional builders added a seventh day to their work weeks. Each of our 1,800-plus volunteers is committed to the work we do.
- **Home owners and partners.** Together we have built a better Bloomington by housing 112 families, whose strength and stability will only grow with their tenure in their homes.
- **YOU.** Thank you for giving your time, talent, and treasure this year. We will continue to need your generous investments to thrive!

In partnership,
Kerry Thomson



360 people
can call Bloomington
home because of
Habitat.

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Our home owners share a common need for simple, decent, affordable housing.

"In addition to the overcrowded situation where they share their two-bedroom home with three daughters, there are problems with the foundation and a sinking floor in some areas. Also, the practically nonexistent insulation and paper-thin walls lead to exorbitantly high heating and cooling costs."

—Notes from committee members visiting an applicant's substandard home

Volunteers participate in the "Fast Frame" weekend in June 2011, framing and roofing three homes in just two days.

Houses built with volunteer labor make mortgage payments affordable for low-income partners.

Habitat home owners pay **0% interest**, no-profit mortgages.

"We appreciate responsibility....We're really excited to have a mortgage!"

—Tara Knapp, future Habitat home owner

"People help us build our home, and we help others build theirs. It's a perpetual cycle, and it's **honorable** and **empowering**."

—Wix Balir, Habitat home owner



Future Habitat homeowners Tora and Clarence Knapp with their children, Bailey and Teresa.

Since 1988 our mission has been to eliminate poverty housing by building affordable homes.

"The fact that I've been able to buy a house and have it paid off is a miracle. I don't have any other word for that."

—Kathleen Enright, who in 2010 became our affiliate's first home owner to pay off her mortgage

We've built **112 homes** and have a **0% foreclosure rate**.



Habitat homeowner Paula Lawson (second from left) works with community volunteers to raise the wall of her house, which was sponsored by Solution Tree and Team Zachary.

Monroe County has the highest rate of poverty in Indiana. The demand for affordable housing is enormous.

Typically, there is a **2-year wait** before partner families can move into a home.

“Our supporters can really see the impact they are having: more than 110 families thriving in decent, affordable homes; a true neighborhood in Cedar Chase with children playing on cul-de-sacs and adults sharing dishes and perennials; teachers whose classes are filled with more than 225 children who never have to switch schools again. Monroe County is a better place to call home now.”

—Beth Ellis, President of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County



Women Build team leader Angela Parker (right) helps Abby Rogers roof in May 2011. This year Women Build built two homes in just eight days.



100% of ReStore proceeds fund at least one home per year.

ReStore earned enough profit this year to fully sponsor two Habitat homes.

Habitat Restore converts gently used goods into affordable housing.

“I donate and shop at ReStore because I like to support Habitat for Humanity as well as to find gently used items that I sometimes can’t find anywhere else.”

—Cynthia Dye, ReStore supporter

It's a hand up,
not a hand out.

"The money management class was the best. We learned that we could live on less. We also found that volunteering on the job site was very informative and empowering. It's great to be able to fix things around our home if they break."

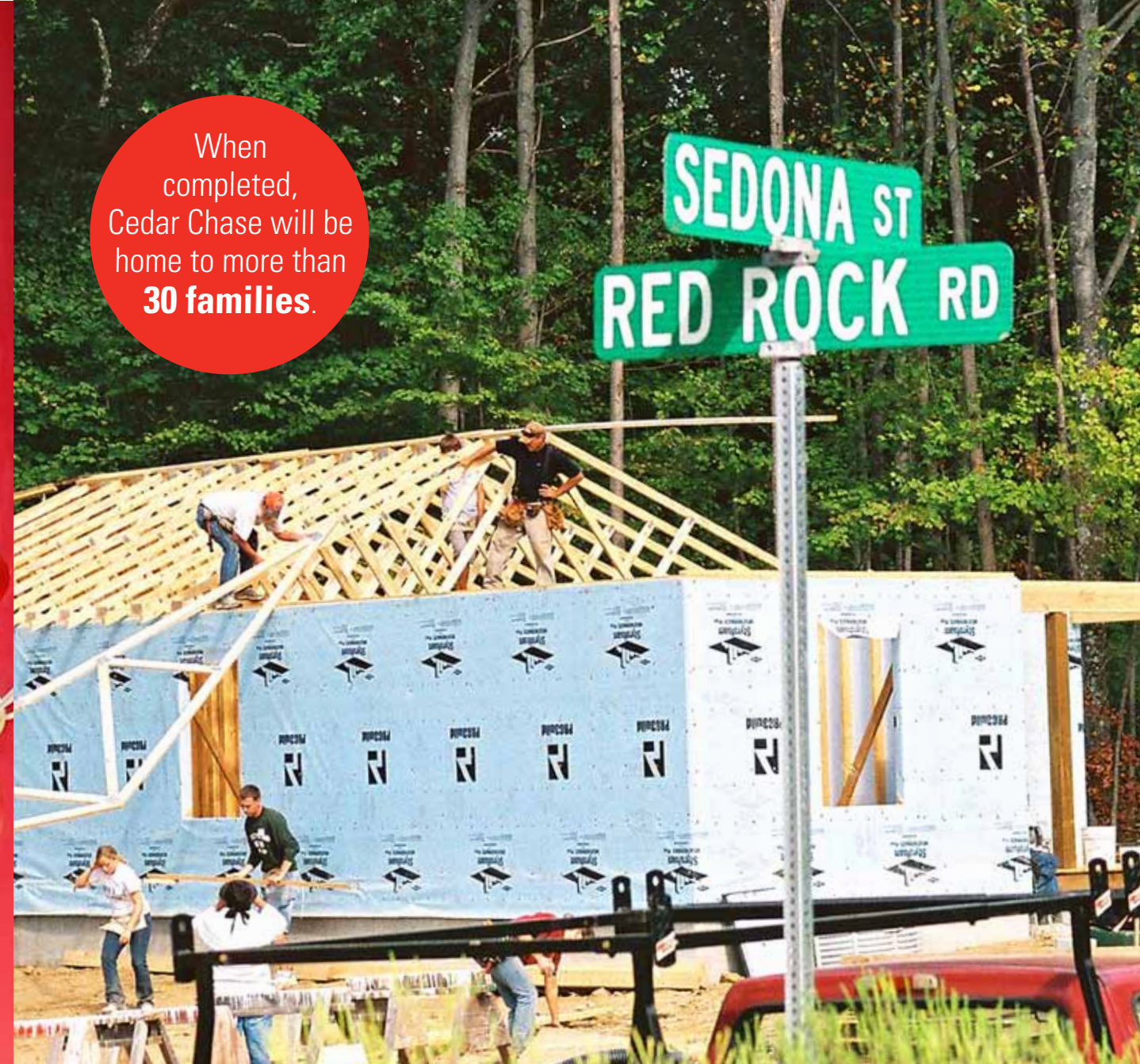
—Monica Osorio, Habitat home owner

Adult
members of partner
families work
**250 sweat
equity hours**
to qualify.



Women Build home owner Faith Wright and her son Amari cut the ribbon on the front door to their new home.

When
completed,
Cedar Chase will be
home to more than
30 families.



Volunteers frame the 10th home sponsored by Bloomington High School North in Cedar Chase, Habitat's first neighborhood.

There are
two major
neighborhood
initiatives in
Cedar Chase
and along the
B-Line Trail.

"With your help more than 20 families will call this new neighborhood home. We're still envisioning what these homes along the B-Line Trail will look like: what "green" building features they will have and how we can construct another true neighborhood that anyone would love to call home, regardless of income."

—Kerry Thomson, Executive Director

Habitat proudly supports our sister affiliate in El Salvador with contributions and volunteers.

"...The power of relationships sustains both the organization and the people involved. Lifelong friends are made as owners and volunteers sweat together, laugh and cry together, carry buckets together, and eat together. Habitat builds houses to end poverty housing; however, it is the way these houses are built that truly makes a difference."

—Sandi Cole, local and global Habitat volunteer

We've helped build more than **100 homes** in El Salvador.



Monroe County Habitat volunteers team up with volunteers from around the world in November 2010 to build affordable homes in El Salvador, our sister affiliate.

Habitat is a community partnership—with dedicated volunteers, donors, and sponsors.

"...we do believe better homes, better lives, and a better world are all of our responsibility."

—Jeff Noel, Whirlpool Corporation Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs, at the dedication of the Whirlpool—IU home

"Nearly 300 IU students donned hard hats, swung hammers, became adept at the use of circular saws, powered up hand routers. Their hard work, along with [home owner] Trish's, has accomplished something tangible and important."

—Karen Hanson, Bloomington Provost and Indiana University Executive Vice President, at the dedication of the Whirlpool—IU home



95% of all donations go directly to home ownership programs and services.

Indiana University Provost Karen Hanson presents home owner Trish Vosekas with the keys to her home at the 2010 Whirlpool Blitz Build.



The More Than Houses Society (MTHS) is the lifeblood of our affiliate. Individuals and group members make a long-term commitment to bring hope quickly to more families by giving at least \$1,000 per year for five years to cover costs associated with family services, volunteer support, land purchases, infrastructure development, and more.

Donors who participate at this giving level are invited to attend special events, including our MTHS breakfast each November, where we introduce prospective volunteers and donors to Habitat and remind current supporters of our efforts. If you would like to attend the breakfast on November 10, please call **812-331-4069** or email **habitat@monroecounty-habitat.org**.

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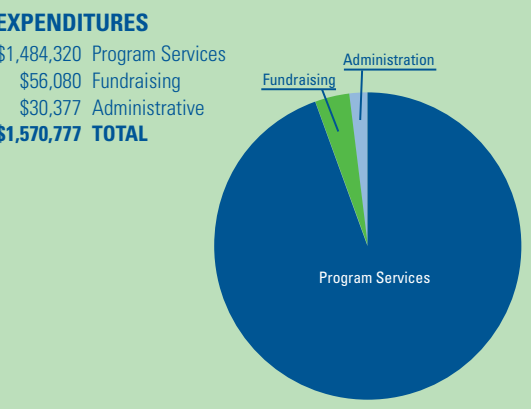
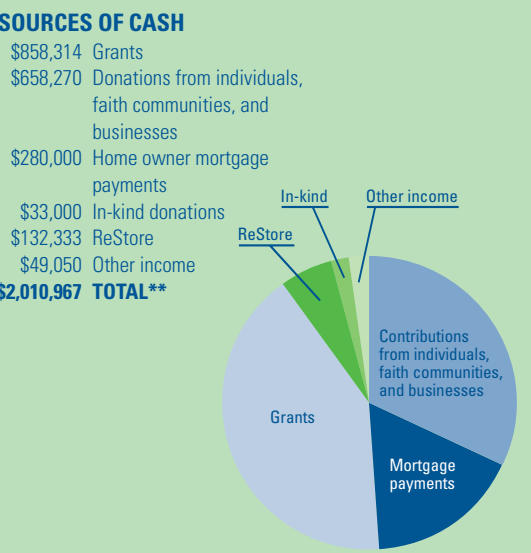
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Our 2010–2011 Homes Bring Us to a Total of 112 Homes Completed

Partner Family	Builder/Sponsor	Location	Completion Date
The Vosekas Family	Whirlpool Corporation	13th Street and Woodburn Avenue	October 2010
The Rivera Family	Home Owner Mortgages	Cedar Chase Neighborhood	December 2010
The Horn/Tinsley Family	Home Owner Mortgages	Cedar Chase Neighborhood	December 2010
The Tlahuex-Aca Family	Bloomington High School North	Cedar Chase Neighborhood	December 2010
The Melissa Wright Family	Home Owner Mortgages	13th Street and Woodburn Avenue	April 2011
The Pollock Family	Home Owner Mortgages	13th Street and Woodburn Avenue	April 2011
The Summers-Blair Family	Home Owner Mortgages	13th Street and Woodburn Avenue	April 2011
The Faith Wright Family	Women Build 2011	Cedar Chase Neighborhood	May 2011
The Segura-Reyes Family	Women Build 2011	Cedar Chase Neighborhood	June 2011
The Juarez-Morales Family	Home Owner Mortgages	13th Street and Woodburn Avenue	June 2011

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YOU are Why Habitat Works in Monroe County, Indiana.

"It is impossible to really capture all that a home means to me, but in trying, I would share that it is a future full of dreaming, a future full of possibilities, a future full of memories to be made."

—Carrie Rivera, Habitat home owner



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and build hope!
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