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of Monroe County

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Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2012–2013 A Letter from the Chief Executive Officer





Friends of Habitat,

It has been a banner year for our home owners and us. We have nearly filled our Cedar Chase neighborhood with happy families, and Habitat for Humanity International named us one of seven national Affiliates of Distinction. The honor puts our small—town affiliate alongside Los Angeles and Austin in the top one percent of more than 1,500 U.S. affiliates.

This report—like the Affiliate of Distinction award—celebrates you and the families' lives you have helped to change. We have had 25 years worth of change, to be exact. That translates to a lot of families whose lives have improved because of you.

Thank you for caring so much about our Monroe County neighbors in need and for setting an example of service across the country!

In partnership and gratitude,

Kerry Thomson

"Buying a house nowadays is out of reach for most people. It's nice to see an organization that helps people afford home ownership through an interest–free mortgage."

—Kathleen Enright, Habitat home owner since 1989

25 years of a place to call home

The Enright home was one of the first built by Habitat in Monroe County. Kathleen (pictured) and her family still live there, and the mortgage is 100 percent repaid.

"In this world, one thing children need is stability—not having to move around from apartment to apartment. We moved into this house when my daughter was in third grade. She has had stability and hasn't had to switch schools again. She has graduated high school and is starting a nursing program."

—Adria Matlock, a Habitat home owner since 2002 who plans to pay off her mortgage in five years



Interest–free loans enable families like the Matlocks (pictured) to buy their own home. Adria got married in her new living room a year after moving.

"Our build was the most meaningful build I've worked on because it was our house being built. The volunteers were really supportive and helpful. I'm really grateful for all that Habitat has done for us and that my daughter will grow up in a safe and sturdy house."

—Ashley Kell, Habitat home owner and volunteer

25 years of giving back through property taxes

A Whirlpool Build home owner herself, Ashley (pictured) continues to give back as a volunteer on other Habitat builds. Home owners like Ashley have contributed more than \$400,000 in property taxes to the community.

"It was amazing to build my own home. Every morning I would go out there and spend five minutes reflecting on how much had been done the previous day. In a matter of days, it was done, and we were moving in. Sometimes I still wonder where I'm at when I wake up!"

—Amanda Mosier, Habitat home owner



The Mosiers (pictured) did not expect to qualify for Habitat home ownership. When a new home isn't the answer, Monroe County home owners can now apply to have their existing homes repaired and weatherized too.

"ReStore gets stuff donated and sells it very cheaply to help people. I enjoyed working there. Habitat provides a sense of belonging to the community and the Habitat family."

—Dean Alexander, Habitat home owner

25 years of growth, now aided by ReStore sales

Dean (pictured) started his Habitat journey by volunteering at the Habitat ReStore, which sells new and gently used building materials, appliances, and furniture. Profits fund at least two Monroe County homes each year.

"Sweat equity means you're going to sweat, and you might get a touch of frost bite if you're not careful. It's worth it: you get an extremely well-built house for a very just and fair price and a lot of warm memories of people who helped build it."

—Pete Masora, Habitat home owner since 2002



Pete and his son, Chico (pictured), moved often before Habitat. Just prior to buying his home, Pete took the required home maintenance classes and worked 250 volunteer, or sweat equity, hours with Habitat.

"I was blessed ...
we moved into
such a wonderful
neighborhood where
everyone knows
everyone. Two other
Habitat home owners,
Kristen and Linda, have
kids who are becoming
friends with my kids.
It is truly a friendly,
happy place to be."

—Melissa Hunt, Habitat home owner

25 years of community building

Habitat builds throughout Bloomington and has two major neighborhood initiatives in Cedar Chase and along the B-Line Trail. Melissa (pictured) bought a 2010 Builders Blitz home in Cedar Chase.

"I went to El Salvador first in 2010 and helped families who had lost their homes in a mud slide. We went back in 2012 and saw the kids who were bigger and healthier, and they all had their houses. Getting to go back later was really energizing and helps you be optimistic for what Habitat can do."

—Courtney Moore, Habitat volunteer

 $25\,_{years}$ of global commitment

In addition to addressing local needs, Habitat is also committed to relieving global poverty. Volunteers like Courtney (pictured) fund and build 12 homes each year with Monroe County's sister affiliate in El Salvador.

"The house dedications were definitely the best experience.
Seeing the hard work and the community coming together to touch somebody like that is really powerful. It's great being a part of something big and knowing that a little bit of work from every single person has a huge outcome."

—Tareq Hanania, Bloomington High School North (BHSN) graduate and current Indiana University Habitat volunteer

25 years of building together

Habitat works because volunteers and donors give their time and money to build a better community. The BHSN Habitat chapter (student volunteers pictured) has built 13 houses in the last 13 years.



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, which introduces prospective volunteers and donors to Habitat and reminds current supporters of our efforts. This event raises the bulk of our yearly operating budget to support our mission and goals. If you would like to attend the breakfast on November 7, 2013, please call or email us for more information.

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- Putting a Habitat license plate on your car
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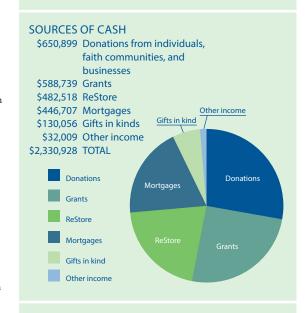
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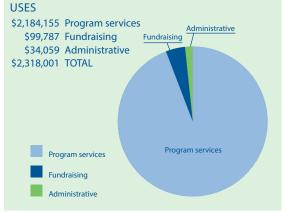
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