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Message from the President

I love Habitat for Humanity's clear mission – to provide decent housing to families who otherwise could not afford it. I always feel good doing what I can to help our partner families, who work so hard for their homes before and after they move in.

This Habitat Affiliate is in a time of transition. We have built well over 200 homes and are now completing the second of our two “Hamill” subdivisions, Hamill Crossing. We're now resuming construction, after several years, in the Lancaster subdivision, and then plan to build 21 homes on land north of Bush Intercontinental Airport. We are also actively looking for land to build on after that. This Habitat Affiliate now also provides home repair services to seniors and disabled people who could not otherwise afford the full cost of paid services.

I continue to be impressed by our small but dedicated paid staff and to be inspired by our many volunteers. Our volunteers at the construction site are visible and integral to our mission. But, we also could not do what we do without the many volunteers who work at the ReStore or on our Deconstruction activities or in the office, or who help select or advise our partner families or who serve as officers, directors and committee members.

We welcome your suggestions and comments and truly value your contributions and support.

Bill Hougland

Message from the Executive Director

When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. This past year, we have accomplished so much with the support of our sponsors, volunteers, and community partners. Habitat for Humanity has changed lives one home at a time, and it was all possible because we had you every step of the way. Whether you volunteered your money, your time, or your knowledge, you were a valuable part of the big picture. You helped us build safe, decent affordable homes for people in need. You helped us educate successful homeowners, and you've helped us advocate for them. In our ReStore, you've helped us repair, deconstruct, and recycle. Our Habitat team consists of many roles. A few shining examples are the committee member, the deconstruction volunteer, the lunch providers, Habitat University educators, and our Redhats. No role is too small and each one is significant. By supporting us you are a part of our all-star team.



You are Habitat. Thank you for all you do!

Soleil Watt

Habitat Success Stories!

The Harris family is composed of Annette Harris and her three granddaughters, ages 8, 6 and 2. Annette had her hands full with these three girls, especially considering the apartment complex she lived in was so unsafe that she could not allow any of the girls to play outside. Additionally, the unit in which the Harris family lived prior to becoming a partner family had unreliable utility services. Often the air conditioning or the electricity would shut off with no warning, leaving the family in a hot, dark apartment for the evening.

Since February 2015, though, the Harris family no longer has to worry about these issues. Now, Annette and her three granddaughters live in a three bedroom house in our Hamill Crossing neighborhood. Her house was earned with an immense amount of hard work both at our build site and in the Habitat affiliate office. Over her time in the program, Annette became a regular staple in our office to assist our staff with projects, data entry and anything else they needed. Most often, these days with our staff would begin when we opened at 9 a.m. despite Annette having worked for the Toll Authority until after 11 p.m. the night before. This kind of hard work and commitment, though, meant Annette moved quickly through our partner family program and now has a beautiful, safe home in which to raise her granddaughters!

The Harris Family



The Perez Family



Jose Perez applied for our program after seeing the success his sister Luz had as a homeowner in Hamill Crossing. Wanting to be both close to his sister and find a safe, decent home for he and his daughter, Natalie, Jose applied for our Habitat program and dedicated his home in March 2015. The three bedroom, two bath home Jose purchased last year is a large upgrade on his previous living situation. At the time of his application, Jose and Natalie were sharing a bedroom, where as a single father to a young girl, he sacrificed the decoration scheme to create a Dora the Explorer bedroom for the both of them to live. Such dedication to Natalie continued when it came time to select colors for his new home.

A huge fan of the Disney movie Frozen, Natalie requested blue, despite Jose not being a fan of the color. In the end, on the day they moved in last March, they came home to a pale blue house that suited both this single father and his daughter. Today, they are enjoying their new Habitat home where Jose works in the yard, landscaping the front beautifully, and Natalie watches Frozen inside her blue house that she will tell you looks just like Elsa's from the movie. They are just across the street from Jose's sister and her children, and thanks to the generosity of our donors, volunteers and Jose's hard work, the Perez family has all the space they need and a home for both of their futures.

Our Accomplishments!

The 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year was a year of change, growth and great accomplishments for Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County. Below are just a few of the highlights of the year.

- Launched Habitat University in the fall of 2014:
- Launched a new 'sweat equity' requirement in the spring of 2015:
- Completed 14 New Homes and rehab on one home: Dedications were held for 14 new homes in the Hamill Crossing Neighborhood. As a result 52 people now can call Hamill Crossing homes as they moved into their new homes. One home was also rehabbed.
- Welcomed 17 new partner families into the program: 17 new families came into the program and committed to get engaged in the activities of attending the required classes at Habitat University and working towards a better life by helping build their new home.
- AnnualToolbox Bash Fundraising Event: This year the event was held at the Northwest Forest Conference Center and raised a record amount of funds to be used to build a new home for a family in need right here in northwest Harris County.
- ReStore had a record year: this fiscal year the ReStore continued to show outstanding progress. Over \$500,000 was made available to the Affiliate to help provide safe, decent and affordable housing for families in need.
- Deconstruction - the systematic disassembly of a structure: This is just one more way the Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County helps raise funds and a way that helps the environment. A record number of 66 Deconstruction (Decon) projects took place. These are just a few of the many accomplishments that have taken place of the last year and have helped make our affiliate the organization that it is today.

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Families Served

During the fiscal year, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County closed on 14 new homes and 1 rehab on a foreclosed home. We served the following based on New Home Construction and Habitat University participation.

Construction:

Total number of individuals served: 52

Number of adults: 20

Number of children: 32

Number of women: 15

Number of men: 5

Education through Habitat University:

Total number of households served: 31

Families Served at 60% of median income or lower: 31

Families Served that are Limited English Proficient: 8

Families that completed financial literacy workshop, including home affordability, budgeting and understanding use of credit: 23

Families that completed pre-purchase homebuyer education workshop: 31

Families that completed resolving or preventing mortgage delinquency: 8

Households that received one-on-one counseling that also received group education services: 27

Households that improved their financial capacity as a direct result of Housing Counseling Services: 4

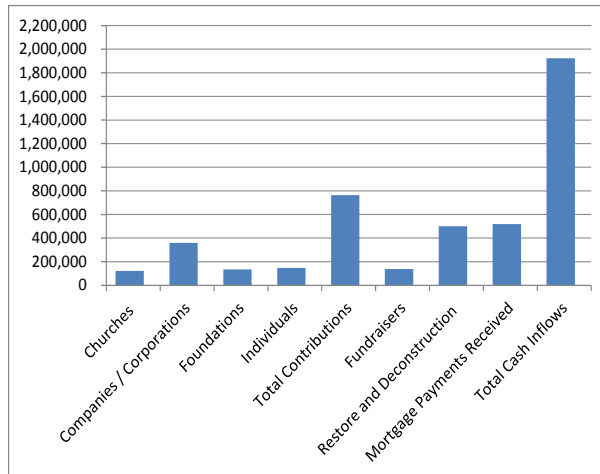
Households that receive pre-purchase/home buying counseling and purchased housing after Housing Counseling Services: 16



Our Mission

Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County's mission is founded on the conviction that every family should have the opportunity to own a basic, decent home in which to live in dignity and safety. We partner with the community and families to create affordable housing and help develop responsible homeowners and successful neighborhoods.

2015 Financials



Income

Churches	122,623
Companies / Corporations	359,443
Foundations	135,000
Individuals	147,307

Total Contributions 764,373

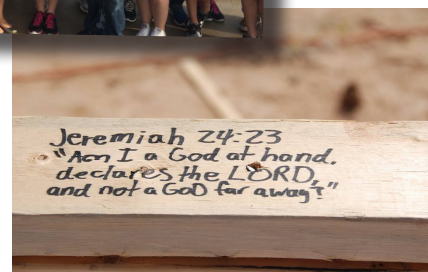
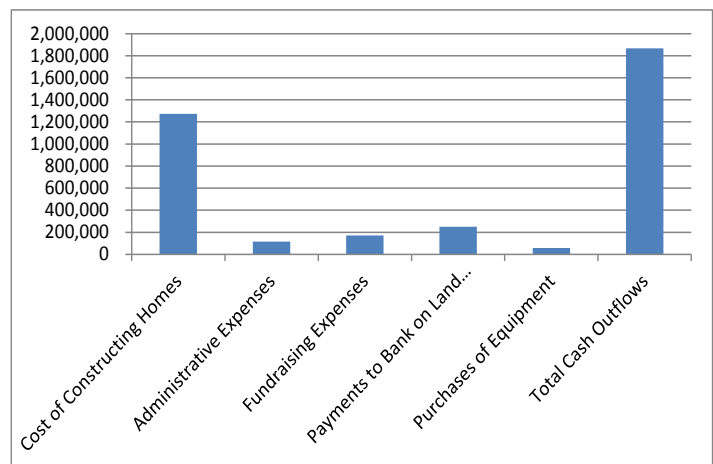
Fundraisers	138,029
Restore and Deconstruction net of expenses	501,389
Mortgage Payments Received	518,871

Expenses

Cost of Constructing Homes	1,273,375
Administrative Expenses	114,802
Fundraising Expenses	170,927
Payments to Bank on Land Note Payable	250,051
Purchases of Equipment	56,709

Total Cash Outflows 1,865,864

Net increase in Cash 56,798



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