



2023 Year In Review

Building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter throughout Sheboygan County

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A word from the Habitat for Humanity Lakeside Executive Director, Niki Zohrab



2023 marked a significant milestone for us on two fronts - the 30th anniversary of our affiliate and the completion of a home for our 50th family. Against the backdrop of soaring housing costs, these events carry even greater importance.

We kicked off the year with a memorable celebration as the Tin-Aye family achieved homeownership at the end of January. The momentum then continued with the Kairys family in May followed by the Jackson family in July. Managing three simultaneous builds posed a substantial challenge for our small team, but they met it head-on, delivering not only secure and healthy homes but also the crucial support required for first-time homebuyers negotiating the process. In November we broke ground on a home for our 51st family, with anticipated completion in June 2024.

Beyond the dedication poured into constructing three homes, the Construction and Family Services teams successfully managed and completed five Home Repairs. These projects offered assistance to current homeowners in the low-to-moderate income bracket, spanning tasks from simple replacements of brackets on stair handrails, to a more extensive undertaking involving installation of a new HVAC and partial electrical system, ensuring a safe and healthy haven for the homeowners. The latter was completed with a great deal of support from the local SMART and IBEW unions.

September saw our team in Sheboygan's Sheridan Park neighborhood for Rock the Block. This annual revitalization event is the perfect example of bringing people together to make a difference in their community. In 2023, over 130 dedicated volunteers contributed a total of 850 hours, actively participating in 11 projects, including six home repair sites and five community service initiatives.

We take pride in our commitment offering zero-percent interest financing across all our home-related programs, reinforcing our dedication to providing a hand-up rather than a hand-out.

ReStore experienced a 5% increase in sales during 2023 compared to the previous year. Beyond supporting our affiliate programs financially, this surge in revenue also prevented over 400,000 lbs of building materials, pre-loved furniture, lighting, hardware, and tools from ending up in landfills. The ReStore team remains devoted to fostering community relationships, promoting the store and recycling efforts, thereby offering an alternative disposal solution and further boosting organizational revenue.

As we reflect on these achievements, we eagerly anticipate building upon this success in 2024 and extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.

Niki

Featured Homeowners: The Tin-Aye Family

Tha Tin and Khin Aye, originally from Myanmar, came to the United States as refugees, looking for a safe place to call home. With the help of Sheboygan residents, they found Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, and soon began their journey to becoming homeowners.

Right from the outset, the family exhibited a profound dedication with their collaboration with Habitat. Tha's "sweat equity" surpassed the mandatory minimum hours, reflecting a commitment that extended well beyond expectations.



This build truly epitomized the essence of community building. Khin would go above and beyond, surprising the office staff with unannounced lunches on occasion, and insisting on personally preparing dishes for guests during the dedication ceremony, a heartfelt expression of gratitude. As noted by Niki, "Food is Khin's love language. While she may struggle with her English, it is clear that she is extremely grateful for the effort put in by volunteers and staff". Torginol, Tha's employer, played a pivotal role by not only providing financial support, but also volunteers to assist on the project.

Despite having a pre-existing garage on their property, Tha faced challenges with off-street parking during heavy snowfalls, especially after returning late at night from his second shift job. Undeterred, Tha proactively sought permits from the city to construct a street-accessible parking pad. Drawing on skills acquired through working with Habitat, he and a volunteer added concrete sidewalks alongside the house, showcasing his commitment to problem-solving and maintaining the well-being of his family and home.



The family's pride in homeownership is evident, further enhanced when Nourish Farms, in collaboration with Habitat, assisted them in planting raised garden beds in their yard. Now a family of five, the Tin-Aye family can create lasting memories in a secure and permanent home, all made possible through an affordable mortgage.



Other 2023 Builds

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside completed two additional homes in 2023: in May for the Kairys Family and July for the Jackson Family. The latter was an extra special celebration for our organization as it was the 50th home completed in our Home Buyer program!

We are very proud to have reached this milestone and look forward to the next 50 in the coming years.

Construction also began on our 51st home: the Hernandez-Perez family, which will be completed in spring 2024.



Volunteers are love in action



9,048
total volunteer
hours



318
individual
volunteers



6,522
ReStore
volunteer hours



78
other
volunteer hours



2,448
construction
volunteer hours



"Being a part of the Erie Avenue development has been rewarding for me in so many different ways. Not only the families getting the homes, but how the community has come together and in today's world that is probably one of the most important things we can do to make our lives in Sheboygan better" - Dennis Ketterman, Volunteer and Advocate



Honoring Larry Doolittle

Our affiliate lost a very special volunteer in 2023. Larry Doolittle gave uncountable hours to the organization over 22 years. At one stage he was spending so much time on pickups for the ReStore, his wife Diane rode along so she could simply be with him.





Rock the Block 2023 in the Sheridan Park Neighborhood



Rock the Block 2023 kicked off on Thursday, September 21st as part of United Way's Day of Caring in Sheboygan's Sheridan Park Neighborhood and continued for three days through Saturday the 23rd.



Habitat focused on six home repair sites and five community service projects during the 2023 event. More than 130 people volunteered 850 hours to provide fellow neighbors a hand up.



6 home repair sites
5 community service projects



130 volunteers
850 volunteer hours



ReStore Recap

ReStore sales directly support Habitat for Humanity Lakeside's core programs: Home Buyer, Home Repair and Rock the Block. In fact, sales from the ReStore are typically our largest source of funds! Without the ReStore we simply could not offer the services we do.

The ReStore is staffed in large part by our talented and gracious volunteers. This team cleans, tests, completes repairs as needed, stocks donated items, and assists at the register. We are so very grateful for everything they do to support the mission to ensure every person has a decent, affordable place to call home.



\$384,727 in sales



3,279 donation drop-offs



403,751 lbs diverted from landfills (approx.)



334 donation pick-ups



Open 205 days

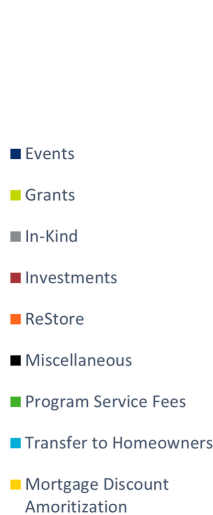


3,613 total donations

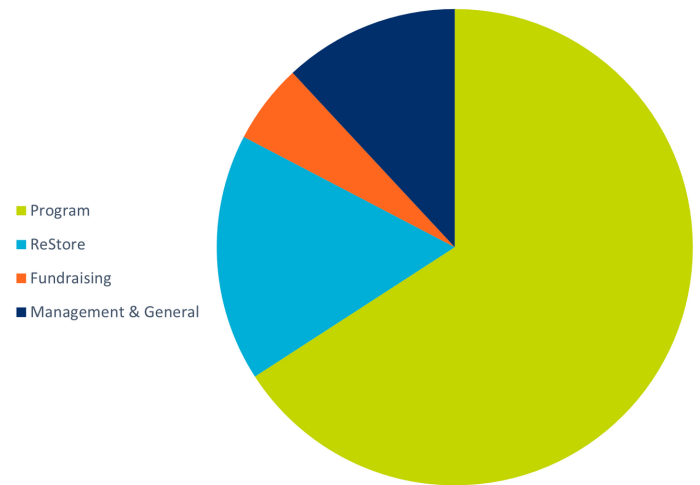


Finances

Revenue*



Expenses*



*Revenue and Expenses shared above are based on the audited financials following the fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, not the calendar year.



\$5,000

Tithed to Haiti

\$10,000

Tithed to Myanmar



\$14,656

Raised by 4 riders through
the Bike.Build.Home 500 ride
(formerly known as the
Habitat 500)



\$55,910

Raised at
Raise the Roof 2023

**I can do things you
cannot, you can do
things I cannot; together
we can do great things.**

MOTHER TERESA

Thank you

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the principle of community coming together to lift each other up. We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Homeownership provides a feeling of safety and security that is absolutely vital to success and well-being, not just for the individual family, but for the community as a whole. Social benefits include generational wealth accumulation, improved labor market outcomes, better mental and physical health, increased financial and physical health for seniors, reduced rates of divorce, and improved school performance and development of children.

Thank you to our donors, sponsors, and partners for sharing in our mission. Together we are improving the world.



2023 At A Glance



3 families moved into
new homes



5 home repair
projects completed



11 Rock the Block
projects completed



32 individuals
directly impacted



\$1,094,970 in revenue*
\$1,237,789 in expenses*

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