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Executive Director

Welcome and thank you for your help in serving the communities of the St. Vrain and Estes Valley. One year ago, we reflected on 30 years of service and projected forward a vision for the next 10 years. We discovered a mandate to double the number of families served in the next 10 years is not only achievable, but a goal worthy of our mission. We are off to a strong start and we look forward to our most impactful year yet in 2020. Please help spread the word as we recruit more volunteers to help make our goal a reality! Thank you and God Bless!



Deanna Dyer
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Our Vision

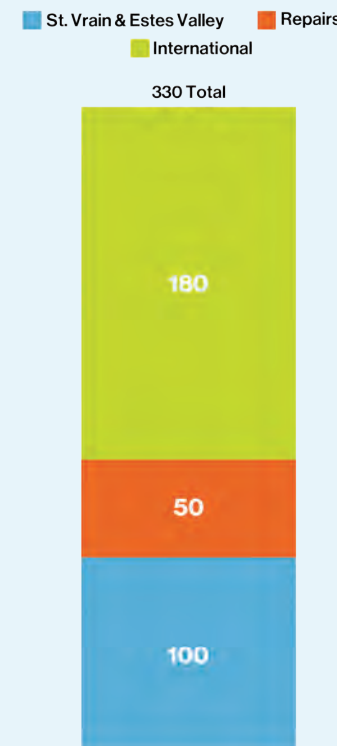
A world in which everyone has a decent, affordable place to live

Our Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Doubling Our Impact

St. Vrain Habitat set an ambitious goal as we celebrated our 30th year serving the St. Vrain and Estes Valley. We committed to doubling our impact in the next decade by serving as many families as we did in our first thirty years!



We have made great progress toward that goal. By June 30th of 2020, we will have completed 9 homes in the communities we serve including the last of six homes in Lyons. Our Longmont development of 21 homes in Poplar Grove will also be completed as well as one new home in Dacono and Estes Park. Habitat's repair program in The Glens of Dacono is expecting to finish at least 6 more repairs as our Neighborhood Revitalization efforts continue to grow.

St. Vrain Habitat will support two new countries with our tithe over the next four years. Nepal and Jordan are both priority countries for Habitat International. We will provide funding and will send volunteer teams to both countries to support home construction. St. Vrain Habitat will fund 25 more homes internationally through our tithe by the end of the fiscal year.

In the spring and summer of 2020, St. Vrain Habitat will begin the construction of 10 new homes in Longmont and another home in Estes Park and Dacono. In order to achieve this dramatic growth, every part of the organization has been challenged to rethink the way we accomplish our mission. Construction is pursuing accelerated builds to go from foundation to a "dried in" structure in days rather than months. This will require larger groups of volunteers for a concentrated period. Difficult tasks for volunteers to accomplish will be transferred to professionals who can complete the job rapidly. Additional staff will be added to the Construction team to assure a safe and productive day for volunteers.

Homeowner Services will change the way families are qualified and selected so a pool of applicants is always available. Families will not be assigned to a home until they have completed a significant portion of their sweat-equity. Habitat will build more two-bedroom homes, in addition to our usual three and four-bedroom units, to better match the needs of our families. This will allow for lower cost homes and faster construction.

The biggest challenge we face is bringing more volunteers to the job site. We need our corporate and church partners as well as individuals in our community to come alongside Habitat and make affordable housing a reality for more families. Will you be a part of doubling our impact?

You Can Make Dreams a Reality



Donate

- Donate as an individual.
- Donate via a matching gift with your workplace.
- Plan a legacy gift.
- Give the gift of stock.
- Donate your car for a home.
- Donate in honor of a loved one.
- Donate your gently used household items or building supplies to the ReStore.
- Make an in-kind contribution of building supplies.

Volunteer

- Volunteer on a construction site.
- Bring a group from your workplace to volunteer on our construction site or at the ReStore.
- Participate with your church in an Apostles Build.
- Volunteer at the ReStore.
- Volunteer in our administrative office.
- Utilize your trade skills on a worksite.
- Travel with Habitat on a Global Village Trip.
- Serve on our Board of Directors or a committee.

Shop

- Purchase home improvement goods at the ReStore.
- Shop online via the ReStore eBay store.
- Participate in Amazon Smile and designate St. Vrain Habitat as your nonprofit organization.
- Add St. Vrain Habitat to your King Soopers/City Market rewards card.

Advocate

- Be a spokesperson for affordable housing.
- Share Habitat posts on your social media.
- Urge your Congress representative to protect programs that support Habitat.
- Talk to your friends, family, and colleagues about the stability an affordable home provides.



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Imagine the Possibilities

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1



Achieving the “Impossible” Dream

When Guillermo and Soledad Gonzalez began the path to Habitat homeownership, they were living in an unsafe environment. For three years, their family of four lived in a basement with exposed tresses and small non-standard windows. “If an emergency occurred, we wouldn’t be able to escape,” Soledad explains.

The Gonzalez’s searched for a safe place to live, but had difficulty finding affordable rentals. “It seemed impossible,” Guillermo says. In their basement living quarters, a small wooden house sat on the kitchen table. As she held the model in her hands, Soledad wished and prayed for a home just like the toy.

Seventeen years ago, the Gonzalez family was accepted for the Habitat homeownership program. “It was a beautiful experience,” Guillermo recalls. The family was amazed by the number of strangers that came to help build their home, and the sense of unity between everyone. Soledad was happy to cook tamales every Saturday for as many as sixty volunteers!

In December 2003, the family moved into their Habitat home. Much to their surprise, the completed home looked very much

like the toy home that previously sat on their kitchen table. “God listened to my prayers,” Soledad says, with a big smile.



Their children, Guillermo Jr. (13) and Eva (8) were happy to have their own rooms for the first time. However, Guillermo and Soledad were saddened they could not afford Christmas presents. A stranger knocked on their door and left a gift card. “God sent an angel,” Soledad says, with tears in her eyes.

Habitat homeownership allowed Guillermo and Soledad to provide a safe, stable place for their kids to grow. Today, Guillermo works in maintenance and has completed home projects with “affordable items” purchased at the Habitat ReStore. Soledad enjoys baking and hosting Bible studies in their home. Guillermo Jr. (29) is now married to Sage and is a banker with Wells Fargo in Longmont. Eva (23) is a preschool teacher at a private school in Lafayette.

With three years left on their mortgage, Guillermo explains how excited they are to pay off their home. Habitat homeownership is a “huge blessing,” as the family gained independence and security. Soledad is especially proud they were able to demonstrate to their children that “you can achieve your dreams.”

Which Would You Choose?

A safe home. Nutritious food. Health care. Access to good schools. Reliable transportation. Which would you choose? One in 7 Colorado families are forced to make this decision every day, paying more than half of their income on rent or a mortgage. Nearly 19 million families across the United States cannot afford a decent, safe place to live. This is unacceptable.

Over the next five years, Habitat for Humanity is committed to mobilizing our donors, partners, volunteers, and community members to find solutions and help 10 million Americans meet this basic need. Cost of Home is a national campaign to create policies and remove barriers at the local, state, and federal levels in order to improve access to affordable housing. At St.

Vrain Habitat, we are working with local decision makers to increase funding to Longmont’s Affordable Housing Fund and to make planning and zoning decisions to accommodate more affordable housing. We are also advocating for state initiatives that will expand affordable homeownership and rental opportunities.

Everyone deserves to build the foundation for a strong and successful future for themselves and their families. Your voice is critical as we work to create sustainable communities through affordable homeownership. Join us as we strive to make affordable homeownership a reality for all.

A home shouldn't cost anywhere near half your paycheck.

Why Your Impact Matters

We are a community of people who care for one another. Volunteers experience the joy and satisfaction of giving back and helping others. You help improve the quality of life in your community and tangibly impact the world where you live.

Volunteers play a critical role in the work of St. Vrain Habitat. Between 2017-2018, volunteers and homeowners served approximately 21,000 hours to build homes, and nearly 9200 hours at the ReStore. St. Vrain Habitat is looking to engage new volunteers and supporters. To meet our goals, we need a 40% increase in volunteer hours.



Volunteers have an opportunity to impact a family’s life forever. We challenge our current volunteers to return and bring a friend, family member, or colleague. Volunteer to learn useful construction skills for your own home projects. Volunteer to meet new people and develop friendships. Volunteer for a unique teamwork experience. Volunteer to help people in need of a hand-up rather than a handout. Habitat provides a fun, social learning experience that meaningfully benefits our community and changes lives. Won't you join us?

Hope and Dignity – How Your Dollars Support Families Internationally

Hope and dignity. That’s what a Habitat home means to fourteen-year-old Lepolesa Adam. Lepolesa’s mother passed away when he was very young, so he lives with his grandmother in the Ha-Ferete village in the Mafeteng district. The family survives on approximately \$23 US dollars a quarter. They were unable to make the necessary repairs and expansions to their home to ensure a safe, healthy environment. Majoalane and Lepolesa partnered with Habitat Lesotho. Now they have a two-room home and an improved ventilated pit latrine, within a 15-minute walk from Lepolesa’s school. Thanks to your donations, the Adam family is one of the many families St. Vrain Habitat supports through our tithe partner, Habitat Lesotho.



When Neighbors Come Together

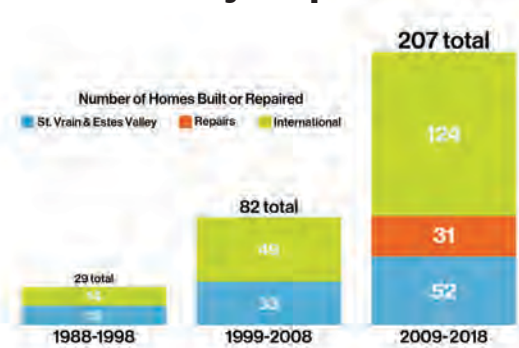
Ten years ago, Habitat for Humanity International created the Neighborhood Revitalization initiative to serve families more holistically through building communities. In 2015, our Habitat adopted the program, choosing to partner with The Glens neighborhood in Dacono. St. Vrain Habitat was selected as 1 of 10 affiliates to participate in a learning cohort to model the implementation of Neighborhood Revitalization and assess community impact. As part of the program, residents identify tangible projects to improve neighborhood quality of life. Habitat seeks to complete critical home repairs and empower residents to take collective action to address challenges and aspirations through leadership training and evaluative tools.

Over 30 residents are active in a neighborhood coalition, *The Pride of The Glens*. The coalition serves as a place for people to share dreams and concerns about their community. Three resident-led action teams – Beautification, Community Events, and Identity/Communications - meet twice a month to plan, develop, and implement improvements to their neighborhood. Recent projects include creating a community mural and completing a neighborhood survey of 160 residents among others.

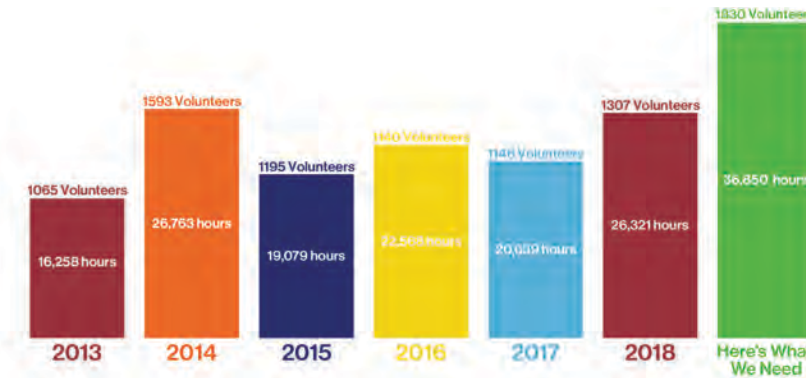
Working together as partners creates a sense of shared pride and possibility and allows residents to achieve their dreams. Neighbors list reasons such as “to feel part of the community,” and “because it’s our home,” when asked why they are involved in The Pride of The Glens. “I want my kids to see we made a difference,” says Doris Crespo, a coalition member and Glens homeowner. “... that we helped make this place better.”



Family Impact



Volunteers Needed to Achieve Goals

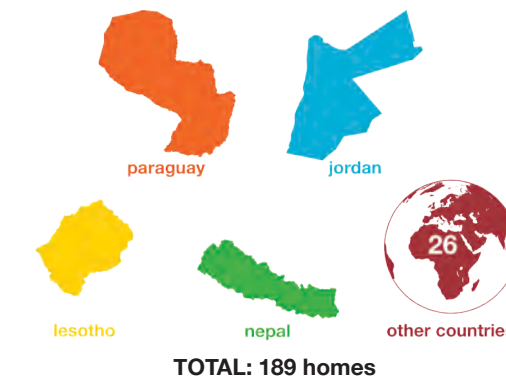


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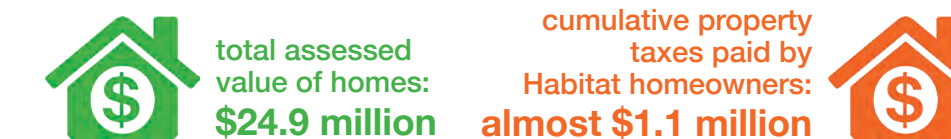
St. Vrain Habitat was recognized as one of the top tithing affiliates in the nation. We are the third largest donor among medium-size affiliates in the nation, contributing \$377,901 in the past five years to Habitat’s international work with your support.



International Homes



Economic Impact



sales taxes collected by ReStore
 cumulative Longmont sales taxes: \$212,485
 cumulative Colorado state taxes: \$307,253

Environmental Impact

material kept out of landfill by ReStore:



3,343 tons repurposed