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A Note from Mike Sutton, President & CEO



Dear Habitat Supporter,

Welcome to the thirtieth edition of The Community Builder newsletter!

This exclusive communication is specifically designed for you – our Advisory Board Members, Board of Directors, Emeritus Trustees, Legacy Society Members, Community Builders Society Members, and major donors. The goal of this monthly communication is to provide you with insight into current and upcoming projects, events and initiatives designed in support of our mission.

As we close out the first month of the new fiscal year, we are set up for success on the road to 85 homes! Homeowner candidates are as determined as ever to change the trajectory of their lives, volunteers are hard at work on site building homes, and our supporters are engaging with us in new ways, including our newly imagined golf tournament: the Golfing Fore Habitat Topgolf Challenge!

We know that the work Habitat is doing is more important than ever. We are seeing and hearing from record numbers of individuals and families inquiring about our program each month. While it is impossible to serve all of them, our affiliate will have a life-changing impact on these 85 families this fiscal year.

Between 2014 and 2023, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties saw an increase of 265% in the number of homes built each year. While the increase alone is impressive, the mission accomplishment it represents is even more so. It means bringing communities together, building hope, and breaking the cycle of poverty for more families every year.

Over the course of the next month, we will be diving into our new 3-year strategic plan. This plan was carefully crafted by a 12 person team – 6 staff and 6 board members – and adopted by our board of directors at the end of June. Habitat will engage in following this strategic direction for the next three years to build on this momentum and continue to fulfill our mission.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Together, we will continue to move the mission forward to build more homes, communities and hope.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Sutton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Sutton, President & CEO
Habitat Pinellas, West Pasco, and Hernando Counties



our mission

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

Florida Trend's 2024 Best Companies to Work for in Florida

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties is proud to announce that we have been named one of Florida's Best Companies To Work For in 2024. The annual Best Companies To Work For In Florida list featured in the August issue of Florida Trend magazine ranks 100 companies in small, medium, and large employer categories.

To participate, companies or government entities were required to have at least 15 workers in Florida and to have been in operation for at least one year. Companies that chose to participate underwent an evaluation of their workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems, and demographics. The process also included a survey to measure employee satisfaction. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking.

The Best Companies To Work For In Florida program is managed by Florida Trend and Workforce Research Group and is endorsed by the HR Florida State Council. Workforce Research Group managed the registration, survey, and analysis and determined the final rankings.

Habitat Pinellas & West Pasco was also recently named a Tampa Bay Business Journal 2024 Best Places to Work honoree and a Tampa Bay Times 2024 Top Places to Work honoree. These three awards are a testament to the exceptional culture of collaboration and support that our Board of Directors and staff are fully committed to enriching.



Habitat Happenings

End-of-Year Celebration

Habitat Staff & Board Bowling Party

On Saturday, August 10th, Habitat board members, staff, and family members gathered for a celebration of our 2023-2024 fiscal year accomplishments. The Habitat Family was able to come together for good food, fun games, and some exciting rounds of bowling! Thank you to our staff and board members who were able to make it out to this special occasion.



Staff Accolades

Titan 100

Mike Sutton Recognized as an Inaugural Tampa Titan 100 Honoree

Congratulations to Habitat president and CEO Mike Sutton on being named to the inaugural Tampa Titan 100!

The Tampa Titan 100 recognizes the area's most accomplished business leaders in their industry using criteria that include demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision, and passion. The Titan 100 honorees will be celebrated during an awards ceremony this Fall.



Rotary Club of New Port Richey

Candi Hagler joins New Port Richey Rotary Club

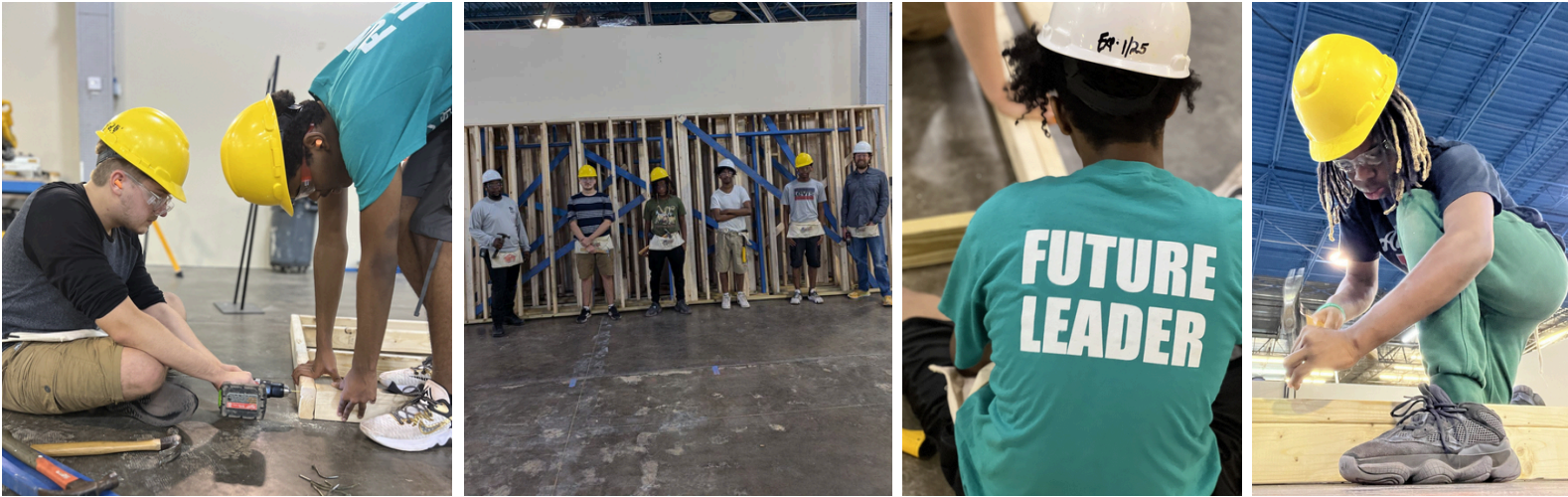
Habitat Executive Director Candi Hagler is the newest member of the Rotary Club of New Port Richey! Candi has been with Habitat for Humanity for over 25 years and is working hard to build meaningful relationships in the communities we serve, particularly in West Pasco County. Join us in congratulating Candi on becoming part of one of the largest service organizations in the world.

Community Partnerships

Boys & Girls Club

Habitat Construction Team Hosts Summer Cohort

Habitat hosted a summer cohort of future leaders from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast. This group worked with the Habitat construction team in our new Workforce Development and Training Center in Clearwater. Each day this group learned different aspects of building a Habitat Home and even build interior framing for a future house! Great work this summer, and good luck as you head back to school!



Beachside Hospitality

Beachside Hospitality Presents Check to Habitat for Humanity

Thank you to community partner, Beachside Hospitality Group, for donating \$5,000 to Habitat.

Beachside's Pinellas restaurants teamed up to raise money by selling a specialty drink at each location. Thank you to everyone who supported their efforts and raised a glass to Habitat!



Habitat Hires Executive Director in Hernando County

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas, West Pasco, and Hernando Counties has hired Whitney Dinu as Executive Director as it expands its service area into Hernando County.

In April of this year, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties was selected by Habitat for Humanity International to expand its service area into Hernando County. Habitat is dedicated to providing affordable homeownership opportunities to individuals and families in the community and build public-private partnerships throughout Hernando County to further the Habitat mission. The affiliate recently purchased its first lot in the area at 9504 Spring Hill Drive and will break ground in the coming weeks.

As Executive Director, Whitney Dinu will work closely with Habitat's president and CEO, Mike Sutton, to identify and execute growth opportunities and develop strategic alliances to further the Habitat mission in Hernando County and surrounding areas. The role will serve on Habitat's leadership team and help provide oversight to the organization.

Whitney Dinu brings over 15 years of experience in marketing, talent acquisition, and community engagement to her role as Executive Director at Habitat. Whitney has an extensive portfolio in relationship building and client solutions, having worked at ServPro, Kforce, and a private equity firm. As a fifth generation resident in Hernando County, Whitney's expertise of the area will allow her to make impactful, lasting connections between the County and Habitat.



Whitney Dinu will also work with executive leadership to recruit and create the Hernando Leadership Council. This group will include members of the community who willingly advocate for Habitat for Humanity, spread awareness of the homeownership program, and engage other stakeholders in the mission of Habitat.

Whitney Dinu holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Florida. She resides in Brooksville, FL with her husband, Chris, and their two children, Ava and Jackson.

CALLING ALL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

The Women Build brings together strong women from across the region to build a home for a local single mother.

We invite female leaders in C-Suite or leadership roles seeking a transformational opportunity to support the homeownership dreams of a deserving family to join the 2024 Women Build. Join the build as a Leader, Duo, or Corporate Partner!

— BENEFITS INCLUDE —

- Invitation to exclusive build day with other female leaders for a unique and unforgettable volunteer and networking experience
- Promote your business and partnership with Habitat for Humanity with a personalized toolkit for social media and advertising campaigns
- Relationship building with other like-minded female professionals in the Tampa Bay Region.
- Commemorative Women Build hardhat & t-shirt...and more!

Get Involved

Scan the QR Code, visit WomenBuildTampaBay.com, or contact Katie Rockman at krockman@habitatpwp.org for more information.



2024 WOMEN BUILD HONORARY CO-CHAIRS Marsha Droste & Heather Ford

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*Chief Financial Officer, Power Design
& Board Chair, Habitat for Humanity*



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Upcoming Events

The Mello Family Home Dedication
August 29th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
127 N. Grosse Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL

The Evans Family Home Dedication
August 30th | 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
1801 44th St. S., St. Pete, FL

The Ferrell Family Home Dedication
August 30th | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
1926 13th Ave. S, St. Pete, FL

The Young Family Home Dedication
August 30th | 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
3159 Queensboro Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL

Save the Date: Signature Events

Golfing Fore Habitat Topgolf Challenge
Monday, October 21st, 2024 | 12 PM - 4 PM | Topgolf St. Petersburg

Nashville Nights Gala
Friday, April 4th, 2025 | The Vinoy Resort & Golf Club

how to get involved



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