



# **FACTS**

# **FAMILIES**

As the world rebounds after the pandemic, the need for affordable housing has also risen. With more families applying in 2022, we saw a robust rise in applications by 70 percent. Now, with record inflation, sky rocketing rental prices, many families are realizing that home ownership is the best alternative to renting. But this rise in the desire for affordable homes is not without its challenges. Rising lumber prices and supply chain issues have continued to dog our ability to keep up with demand. But thanks to our partners who have stepped up, we were able to meet our goal of building two homes for well-deserving families in 2022. Although down from our normal ability of build 3 to 5 homes per year, we are looking forward to significantly increasing our production in 2023.

Smart Neighborhood Will Provide Affordable Living for



3M

Already Pledged from Key Sponsors

**70**%

Rise in Applications 2022

- ReStore Will Feature Full E-commerce in January 2023
- Unique Partnership with Nicor Gas, a Southern Company, to Build Net-Zero, Carbon Neutral Energy-Efficient Smart Neighborhood in Aurora, Illinois
- 1,200 to 1,400 sq ft Ultra Contemporary Homes Will Add Value to the Community
- Plans to Break Ground Spring 2023

### **OUR VISION**

A world where everyone has a decent 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.



### **FOCUS**

Even in the best of time economically speaking, launching a new business can be difficult. But in grips of the pandemic, launching our new Aurora ReStore was even more challenging. Limited by how many people could come into the store at once and many more restrictions caused by COVID, we persisted and offered free pickup to our donors—a practice not offered by many other ReStores. As we finish up 2022, we have seen a healthy increase in sales. And with the addition of e-commerce to our sales strategy, we are projecting a 50 percent increase in our 2023 sales helping us provide earn more capital to build more homes for hard-working families.

### **FUTURE**

FVHFH is breaking ground on a bold new concept in affordable housing. Project Green Freedom, a Habitat for Humanity and Nicor Gas Smart Neighborhood, will kick off in Spring of 2023. The project will feature 17 highefficiency homes located along Jericho Road in Aurora, Illinois. With innovative construction techniques and the help of many partners, Project Green Freedom will make the path to home ownership faster and more affordable to sustain. Through the Partnership with Nicor Gas, a Southern Company, the project will feature Net-Zero, carbon-neutral energy-efficient homes that include: solar panels, tankless water heaters, gas heat pumps and the highest in energy-efficient windows, doors and appliances all encompassed in an R40 building envelope.

The land for the community has been purchased through grant monies provided by HUD and many eager donors. With 3 million already pledged, we still need your help to meet our Mission. Can we count on you?

# **FREEDOM**



# 18% Cash Reserves 22% Program Expenses 60% Construction

# **FINANCIALS**

Revenue	\$1,047,428
Home Construction	\$629,653
Program Expenses	\$226,230
Cash Reserves	\$191,545
Net Assets	\$2,160,000



# From The Executive Director

We are now on exciting new course. As we transition from building a few homes a year to actually building an entire community. A community to be made up of families that will share the same interests and live the same dream. A community that will feature the latest in sustainable energy-saving construction and utilities. And a community that will stand as an example of what the power of Habitat can do. As we move forward with this bold new concept, your sponsorship will indelibly cement your generous participation in making this dream come true for these 17 families.

For information on sponsorship plans call me, Jeffery Barrett directly at: 630.294.8575

We may not be able to change the world but we are changing the world every family we build a home for.





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