

FORT COLLINS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



2024 VOLUNTEER IMPACT REPORT

VOLUNTEERS MAKE HOME HAPPEN



2024 REWIND

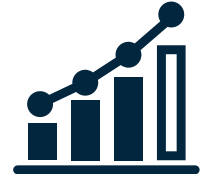
As we reflect on 2024, we are humbled and inspired by the dedication and passion of our volunteers. This year, your hard work made it possible for nine families to achieve their dreams of homeownership—a profound milestone that would not have been possible without your time, energy, and care. Whether you framed walls, painted siding, helped customers at the ReStore, or supported special events like Homecoming, your contributions made a lasting impact.

Your efforts have done more than build homes; they've strengthened our community. Every nail hammered, every shelf organized, and every smile shared with a future homeowner has brought us closer to our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Thank you for giving your time to support our mission, and for continuing to be the heartbeat of Fort Collins Habitat. We look forward to accomplishing even more together in 2025!

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BY THE NUMBERS



971

Volunteers serving across the organization

- 659 New Volunteers
- 343 Corporate Volunteers
- 217 Faith Volunteers
- 147 Community Volunteers

13,873

Volunteer hours dedicated to making home possible

- 10,499 Construction Hours
- 3,282 ReStore Hours
- 92 Special Event Hours
- 1,728 Homeowner Sweat Equity Hours Across Our Organization

67

Volunteer groups teamed up to serve

- 32 Corporate Groups
- 22 Community Groups
- 13 Faith Groups
- 18 New Groups

26%

From 2023

24%

From 2023

29%

From 2023

HEAR FROM OUR STAFF: WHY VOLUNTEERS MATTER



"Whether they're out in the truck helping pick up donations or in the store upcycling furniture, stocking donations or just doing a little clean up—without volunteers, we would not be able to do what we do on a day to day basis." - Matt Morris, ReStore General Manager

"Watching their eyes light up when they figure out, 'oh my gosh I learned how to do something today'. We had a volunteer tell me 'I've never done anything like this before' and that's really really rewarding." - Meg Boone, Project Manager (pictured above)

WHAT DID OUR VOLUNTEERS SAY ABOUT US

4.79/5

Average Volunteer Experience Rating

96%

Volunteers Who Would Serve Again

"[My favorite part of volunteering was] Knowing that the work was contributing to creating a home for someone that might otherwise never own a home."

"Meeting the homeowner was wonderful. Our group loved being able to paint messages of support and positivity on her home's studs and walls."

"Everyone was so kind, patient, knowledgeable and very encouraging- it was such a great experience."

"Great team, great directions, wonderful initiative!"

"[My favorite part of volunteering was] Never been there before, so it was cool to see the Restore."

PETER AND LINDA VON DREELE RESTORE VOLUNTEERS

At a juncture in my 1980 Illinois life, I [Linda] enrolled in the Urban Planning and Policy at the University of Illinois Chicago. My goal was to work in large Chicago neighborhoods. My first encounter was on the West Side of Chicago at the Bethel New Life nonprofit that had gone to Americus, GA, to talk with Millard Fuller about bringing Habitat for Humanity to Chicago. The result was building the first Habitat home on the West Side. Bethel leading, those present were Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and company, along with locals like my husband and me who had our picture taken with President Carter (pictured below). I would go on to serve the original Chicago Habitat Board for six years.



From that build, Chicago Habitat restored a beautiful old two-flat home on a local street that could be reestablished for urban poverty need. Two local congregations, Grace Episcopal Church and Dutch Reformed Church, worked every Saturday for nine months along with the two upcoming Habitat homeowners. There was a great home celebration on Washington Blvd. sidewalk when it was all finished. Around 1986, there was a semi-annual Habitat for Humanity conference in Chicago that was held at Grace Church. The three-day session had plenty of space in the church, including the large nave transept where Jimmy Carter and others spoke from the pulpit. The congregation produced ample meals with those present and with locals who were receiving Habitat's work in the area for the first time.

In 2018 we moved to Colorado to be close to our family. One of our St. Paul's Episcopal members, Gray Currier, introduced us to the work of Habitat in this area. Knowing that our aging would not allow us to do the kinds of work we used to do, we found Fort Collins ReStore. Our weekly hours give us gratification, for we help organize what is in the store areas, enjoy working with the great staff, and welcoming and chatting with the shoppers.

Habitat for Humanity has given us the opportunity to share for those in need.



Grace Church in Chicago where Jimmy Carter visited a Habitat Conference



DAVE SHOONER | RED HAT CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEER



Our three most recent Red Hat volunteers (left to right): Dave Shoener, John McBride, Rob Hubbard

Why do you volunteer with Fort Collins Habitat?

"Habitat has proven to be a solid volunteer option for people like me looking for a worthwhile 'community give back opportunity.' I got started over 20 years ago in Alaska with Habitat and found them to be a great organization. After moving to Fort Collins and retirement, Habitat was the first place I pursued. I was very pleased with the consistency between the two Habitat enterprises and teams despite the many miles between the two groups. Fort Collins Habitat initial communication and onboarding process was fast and easy, allowing me to become a team member in short order, a regular working every Tuesday. The Fort Collins staff are a pleasure to work with and the veteran team of regulars are humble and full of love for the mission. After 6 months of learning and training, I became a Red Hat, capable of leading others from local volunteer groups to accomplish a particular task. ***I feel very proud and blessed to be part of this amazing team.*** On the construction side, I continue to learn something new each week. Meanwhile the Habitat community team relationships also grow within the staff and regular volunteers."

JANE | FUTURE HOMEBUYER



"Before becoming a Habitat homebuyer, I had never been on a construction site and was extremely nervous on my first volunteer day. In the morning meeting, everyone was so welcoming, jovial and light-hearted. And for me, that set the vibe for the rest of the day and each day since! Now I go into the volunteer days with a smile on face and super happy to see everyone – construction crew and volunteers, alike. At first, I was doing a lot of painting and slowly gaining confidence in myself. On my 3rd volunteer day, one of the regular volunteers spent the day teaching me how to use an electric screwdriver, a nail gun and the chop saw. I couldn't believe that I was capable of any of that! One of my absolute favorite things is hearing the regular volunteers tell their stories of how long they have been volunteering and the different volunteer missions they have been on. ***It is truly an amazing group of people and I have become a stronger person for all of it!***"

EVENTS & COMMITTEES



DAYS DEDICATED TO SERVICE (BOTH RESTORE AND BUILD SITE)

This year, more than 60 groups dedicated their time and energy to supporting Fort Collins Habitat, strengthening our mission with every swing of a hammer and every item stocked at the ReStore. Among them, we saw outstanding commitment from organizations like Otterbox, The Group Real Estate, and Immanuel Christian Reformed Church's SERVE, whose volunteers went above and beyond by serving at both the Build Site and the ReStore in a single day. Their dedication, alongside so many others, demonstrates the incredible impact of teamwork and community support.

FAITH CHAMPIONS

Habitat's Faith Champions fill such a unique role in support of Habitat's mission. They are incredible faith-filled individuals who represent diverse local churches and faith organizations and act as advocates and liaisons between their faith organization and Habitat. These volunteers give so generously of their time and talents each year attending monthly meetings, coordinating volunteer opportunities, promoting involvement with Habitat amongst their congregations, and hosting fun fundraisers in support of the Common Ground Faith Build. They help make HOME possible for many families through their efforts each year. We couldn't do what we do without this amazing group of people.

BOOKS FOR HUMANITY

Books for Humanity, led by volunteer Deanna Ludwin, continued to provide homeowners and their families with access to books, along with beautiful bookshelves handcrafted by local volunteers. Thanks to the generosity of Woodley's Furniture, each bookshelf received a professional finish, making them a lasting addition to these Habitat homes. This program continues to enrich families' lives, ensuring that every home has space for stories to be shared.

HOMECOMING

The 2024 Homecoming event returned in a big way, and thanks to our incredible volunteers, it was a night to remember! Whether setting up, assisting guests, or breaking down after the event, volunteers ensured every detail was covered. Special thanks to CSU Ram\$ for Change, whose team of 10+ volunteers helped set the stage for success. Together, we raised a record-breaking \$197,685, making this the most successful fundraiser in Fort Collins Habitat's history. What a way to celebrate community and home!





WHAT WE'VE DONE WHAT'S TO COME

This year has been one for the books at Fort Collins Habitat! We closed on nine homes in 2024, including a historic day in December where four families closed on their new homes on the same day. These nine new homes in our community brought us to a grand total of 107 total home closings for our organization.

But the momentum doesn't stop there. Looking ahead, we will touch over twenty homes this fiscal year across multiple locations, setting the stage for even more families to achieve homeownership. This year also marks the start of construction on the final units of our Harmony Cottages project, a major achievement years in the making. As we take on these ambitious projects, we lean more than ever on the hands and hearts of our volunteers and the support of our Fort Collins community. Together, we make home possible.

