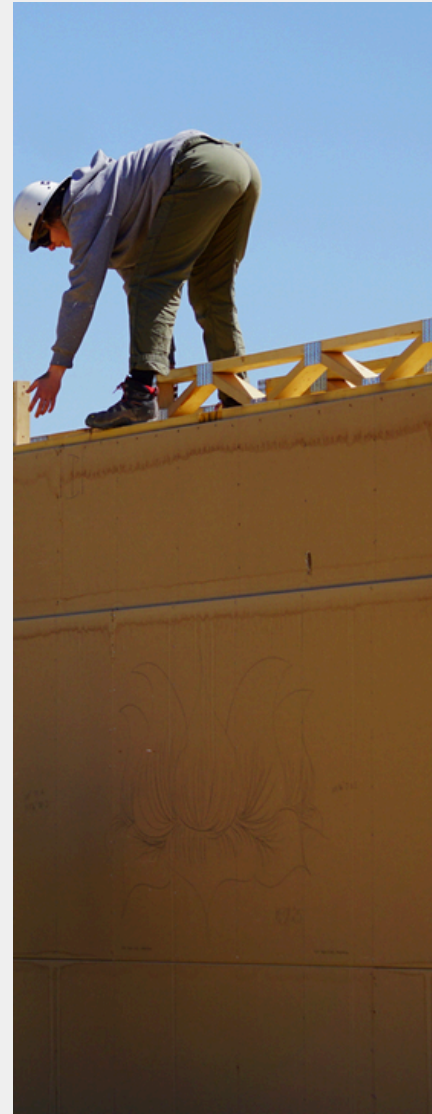
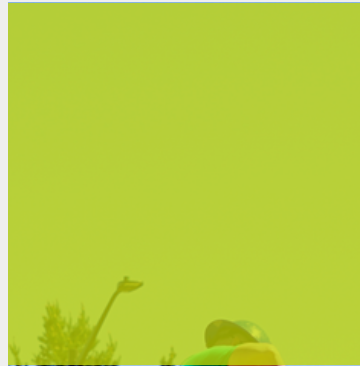


Volunteer Impact Report

# Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity

2025



# A Look Back at 2025

Reflecting back on this past year, we are inspired by what can be accomplished when a community comes together with purpose. This year, 12 families partnered with Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity to achieve their dream of homeownership. An outcome only made possible by the commitment and passion of our volunteers.

Across build sites, in the ReStore, and at every special event throughout the year, our volunteers' dedication showed up in countless ways. Every shift worked, every task completed, and every moment shared helped move us closer to our vision.

Our volunteers' impact goes far beyond the physical structures we build. Volunteers help create strength, stability, and connection for families in our community. Thank you for being such an essential part of this work. We are so grateful to have you with us.

*Trevor Lewis*

*Volunteer Manager*



# The Numbers Behind the Mission

## *Volunteer Engagement*



**12,760**

Volunteer hours  
across the  
organization



**678**

Volunteers



**59** 

Volunteer  
Groups

 **424**

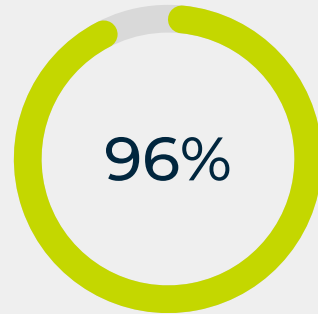
First-time  
Volunteers



# Volunteer Satisfaction



Average Volunteer Experience Rating



Volunteers Who Would Serve Again



**What volunteers enjoyed from their experience with Habitat**

“I really appreciated being part of the build at Heartside Hill. I’ve been watching the whole project from the beginning.”

“Seeing people happy about donating their items, and talking to other volunteers and staff who are so giving!”



“It was pretty moving to sit on a porch with the homeowner painting the trim on her future home together.”

# My First Habitat for Humanity Build

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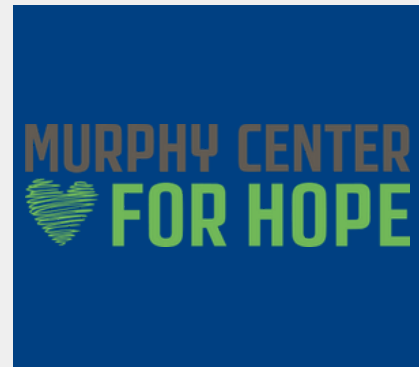
*Peter and his wife pictured 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from the right; homebuyer Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left*

“MY GRANDFATHER was a carpenter. I never knew one end of a hammer from the other. So imagine how I felt last year when I followed in his steel-toed-boot steps to present myself for my first day on a construction project for Habitat for Humanity.

We showed up at 7:30 a.m. on a site a few miles from our house in Fort Collins, Colorado. Inside the construction trailer we met Julie, an artist and maintenance worker who would live in the home we were helping to build. That personal connection was a force multiplier.

But ... uh-oh. A hammer! The site organizers gathered us together, and after a prayer (our build was supported by Foothills Unitarian Church, where I’m a board member), we discussed jobs. The site supervisor sized me up and asked, “Want to help us install hurricane ties?”

A hurricane tie, I now know, is a twisted and perforated hunk of metal that attaches roof framing to the wall studs. You install the ties by putting on a hard hat, circling your waist with a leather tool belt, filling it with nails and ties, tucking a hammer into a holster, choking back impostor syndrome and then climbing an 8-foot ladder. My first tie took 40 hammer blows to secure. My 12th tie, 30. My 40th, 20 mostly efficient swings. By that point, my forearms were throbbing, and my hands were dinged in a dozen places. But every time Julie walked by, she was smiling, so I was too.”



## Where Donations Go Next “Extending the Good”

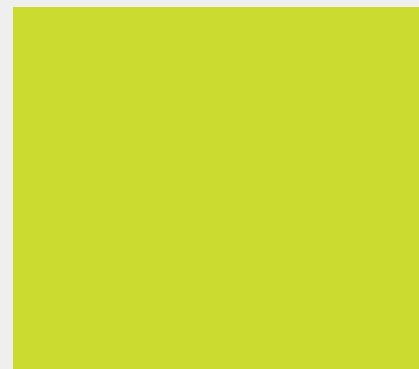
*In April 2025, Lora (pictured above) began concurrently volunteering with the Habitat Restore and the Larimer County Food Bank. During her time with the Food Bank, Lora learned their customers often additionally utilized a variety of valuable services and assistance from The Murphy Center, a short walk away. Lora began to envision the possibility for mutually beneficial connections to emerge.*

“Part of my regular volunteer responsibilities at the Restore included organizing and monitoring the clothing and book inventory, periodically removing older merchandise to create adequate space for newer, incoming donations. I became aware of the large amount of books, clothing, shoes, and other items that were either discarded or recycled. I thought about the potential for good that might result simply from us sharing even a small portion of resources from the Restore’s unwanted overstock.

I felt a nudge to do something more in response to the feeling of ‘heaviness,’ I experienced, in relation to the state of the world, and wishing to enact some sort of positive change. I saw how much the clientele of the Food Bank appreciated the free, used books offered there, and witnessed how many clients regularly access services through the Murphy Center such as their clothing closet, where clients can select apparel, shoes and other goods such as blankets and sleeping bags. I started to wonder: what if we donated the excess books, clothing, shoes, and other goods to the Food Bank and the Murphy Center?

The ReStore team thoughtfully considered my ideas surrounding all of this. I was elated when they gave me the approval to move forward. The staff at the Food Bank and the Murphy Center were overjoyed and appreciative of these beneficial donations. When I have the opportunity to share with Restore customers where some of our unsold books and clothing go, it brings me joy to see how pleased they are that we are ‘extending the good’ even further with our community.

In August 2025, I felt so very fortunate to be offered a Customer Service staff position, working with the ReStore’s Boutique department. I cannot emphasize enough how much I value Habitat’s mission and core values. I feel blessed to be a part of the organization, as a whole. I am grateful to be a member of the Restore team and I feel extremely proud of what we accomplish together!”



# The Year Ahead

As we look ahead to 2026, we are filled with excitement for what's to come. In 2026, we will celebrate the long-awaited completion of our Harmony Cottages neighborhood, where 48 families will have a place to call home—a milestone that reflects years of hard work and community support.

At the same time, we are breaking new ground at our Bloom development, where 40 future Habitat homes will take shape. You'll see the first wall raising of many at this development below. A reminder to us all that every home begins with hands willing to help. We will also continue building momentum at Heartside Hill, expanding our impact across the community.

The work ahead is ambitious, and it is only possible because of the multitude of volunteers willing to show up for their community. Together, we are building hope, opportunity, and a stronger Fort Collins for generations to come.

