An Amazing Year

The year 2015 may well be looked at as one of the most important times in Austin Habitat for Humanity’s history. It is the year an organizational dream was finally realized - we consolidated our offices and ReStore into one location, the Community Home Center.

Breaking ground in January of last year, the Community Home Center hosts 43,000 square feet of ReStore retail space and 10,500 square feet of office areas. Shortly after this monumental move, ReStore sales multiplied and staff communication streamlined. With the achievement of these short-term goals, we laid a steadfast foundation to meet long-term objectives for decades to come.

While we were building strength internally, we did not pause our community efforts. In 2015, we built 15 new homes, repaired 39 existing ones, and provided financial counseling to 343 individuals. And we did not achieve these goals alone – we did it through the power of partnership.

It’s a community to build a community. Every donor, sponsor, homeowner, volunteer, staff and board member creates the legacy of Austin Habitat for Humanity. Together, we turn hope into home and home into strength. On behalf of Austin Habitat for Humanity board and staff, we want to thank you for being the force that drives us to build strong, stable, and self-reliant communities.

Phyllis Snodgrass & Ken Corby
CEO, Habitat for Humanity
Chairman, Board of Directors
Austin Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1985 to serve the affordable housing needs of Central Texas. By the end of 2015, Austin Habitat has built over 405 energy-efficient homes for hardworking families; repaired over 259 existing homes; and counseling over 10,000 individuals. By requiring homeowners to complete 300 hours of “sweat equity” where they help build homes and participate in housing counseling, Austin Habitat provides a “hand up,” not a hand out. In 1992, Austin Habitat opened the nation’s first ReStore, a nonprofit home improvement store and recycling initiative. The ReStore, a source of sustainable revenue for the organization, is also a donation facility that has diverted over 17 million pounds of reusable materials from landfills to date.
In 1992, we established the first ReStore in the nation. For 23 years, it stood at its original opening location in east Austin. However, in the fall of 2015, we made a monumental change. We moved our ReStore across town to a location that receives tens of thousands more views per day. With increased visibility and an upgraded, energy-efficient building, the ReStore has averaged a 195% increase in sales.

- **6,500 donations** to the ReStore in 2015
- **Diverted 2,435,000 pounds** from landfills in 2015
- **19,483,049 pounds** diverted from landfills since 1992
- **$1,071,655** in ReStore sales in 2015

On a plot of seven acres in east Austin, a new community is flourishing. 2015 brought about the completion of one of our largest neighborhoods - Barteny Cove. Volunteers contributed 47,000 hours of labor to the project, family partners poured 9,300 hours of “sweat equity” into their homes, and corporate sponsors partnered to raise over $2,000,000 to fund the construction costs. This strong, stable, and self-reliant community is a testament to team work.

**Barteny Cove Homeowner**

“I remember how free I felt the moment I got my key. I’m so thankful that I have a safe place for my children to play and grow in.”

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As one of the thousands of Habitat for Humanity affiliates around the world, we are part of a global movement to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Our focus is local, but our impact is global. Every time one of our Habitat homeowners closes on their home, we contribute $2,000 to the work of an affiliate in a developing country. Over the course of 2015, we built 16 homes. This provided $32,000 to Habitat for Humanity Nepal, where they used the money to distribute over 2,300 temporary shelter kits and 20,000 water backpacks to victims of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal in April of 2015.

Over the years, Wells Fargo has been one of our strongest supporters. Their partnership has built and repaired homes, sponsored events, contributed thousands of volunteer hours, and provided expertise through Board of Directors leadership. In 2015, they made another commitment to Austin Habitat by supporting our Community Home Center.

“Like Austin Habitat for Humanity, Wells Fargo strives to support, revitalize and sustain our communities. We have a great relationship with AHFH and when we heard about the plans for its Community Home Center, we knew that we wanted to play a significant role in helping to establish a location where people can both donate quality items as well as purchase inventory to improve and invest in their homes.”

— Mark Masten, Regional Banking Area President, Wells Fargo
$250,000 and higher

City of Austin
Habitat for Humanity International
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (Bootstrap)

$200,000 - $250,000

Cornerstone Homeownership Innovation Program
Wells Fargo Housing Foundation

$200,000 - $250,000

$100,000 - $250,000

Silicon Labs
Isa Carroll Turner Friendship Trust
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Entrepreneur Foundation Of Central Texas
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$50,000 - $95,000

Austin Board of REALTORS™
Home Depot Store Support

$2,500 - $4,999

Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (Bootstrap)

$250,000 and higher

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Silva Alpha Epsilon - Texas Rho Chapter
Lola Wright Foundation

$10,000 - $19,999

Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation

$20,000 - $49,999

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Corner West, LLC DBA The Dogwood
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Marcha United Methodist Church
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Bee Creek United Methodist Church

$1,000 - $2,499

Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
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Fidelity National Title Insurance Company
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Heart Sing Foundation
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St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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Safe and stable homes are the foundation of healthy families and sustainable communities. But owning a home is not possible for many of our neighbors. With your help, we can change that.

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