

looking back...

Over the last few years, we have watched the price of homeownership, property taxes, and land values steadily increase. As we received calls from homeowners telling us their property taxes were now higher than their mortgage payments and discovered we could no longer afford to purchase lots in Travis County, we decided to put systems in place that would allow us to adapt to these realities.

In 2016, we took two major steps towards organizational sustainability - we began building in more compact ways and implemented deed restrictions on our homes. With land supply diminishing as the demand for housing grew, we designed new multi-story, multi-family floor plans and built our first community of two-story homes. To promote long-term affordability, we worked with the Travis County Appraisal District to protect our homeowners from rising property taxes through a system that annually caps the appreciation value on their homes, keeping their taxes below market value.

As we looked towards a stronger future, we also concentrated on the strength of our present. In 2016, we built 16 new homes; repaired 24 existing ones; and provided financial counseling to 550 individuals. These milestones were not achieved alone - we did it alongside our generous supporters like you.

Every helping hand makes a difference. Whether it is through your financial support, your time, or your voice, you have helped bring stability to families in need of a decent place to live. We thank you for building strong stable and self-reliant communities alongside us. I look forward to continuing our partnership as we work together to build a better Austin.



Phyllis Snodgrass
CEO, Habitat for Humanity



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Ei Ei Phyoe and Mya Naing have had a long and arduous path to homeownership. As activists during the 1988 protests in Myanmar, they were prominent figures within the opposition to military rule. When the military finally did reclaim control, they were marked for death. They spent the next 18 years in hiding, until they were accepted in a UN refugee camp in 2006. There, they spent their time creating an education system within the camp and helping other refugees along with their lives. In 2008, Ei Ei and Mya came to the United States through political asylum. They moved to Austin with their two children, Maung The Ha (13) and Thu Ra Zaw Phyo (8). In 2012, they welcomed another son, Aung Thet Pai Phyoe (4).

In 2016, we were proud to hand the keys of an Austin Habitat home to this family who had traveled so far in their journey to homeownership.



INDIVIDUALS SERVED











65,605 volunteer hours

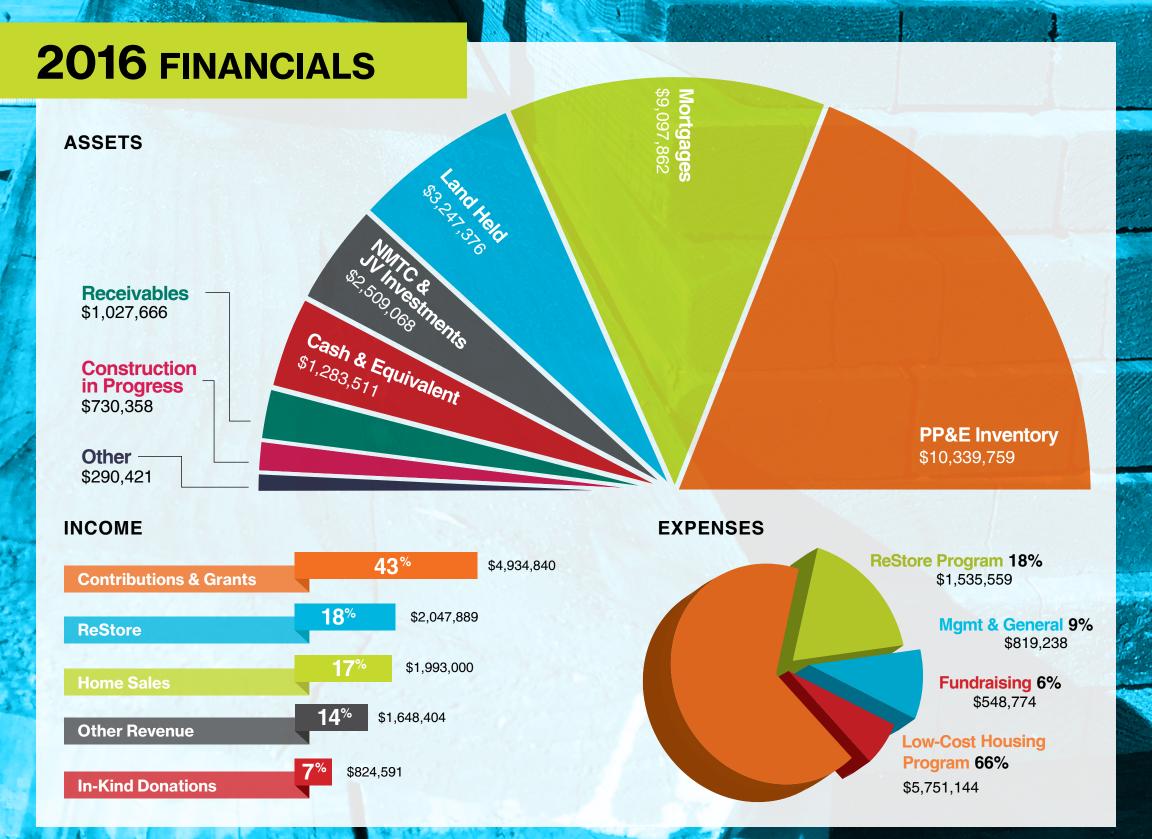
\$1,575,438 in volunteer labor



in property taxes paid by our homeowners



8, 21 volunteers





In 2015, Austin Habitat for Humanity's subsididary HomeBase broke ground on what will be a 61 home neighborhood. Just one year later in 2016, HomeBase had 22 home closings and 45 individuals move into the Westgate Grove community. There are now 106 total residents in this neighborhood. Working alongside mortgage companies, MoMark Development, and the City of Austin, HomeBase provides those who make up to 80% of the Median Family Income an opportunity for affordable homeownership.



Austin Habitat reached a milestone in 2016 – we built our first community of two-story homes. We had a choice – we could either build our traditional, one-story models and serve eight families, or serve eleven families by changing our construction practices. The decision was clear – our dedication to the community meant we had to adjust. We had our in-house architect design new floorplans, trained our construction staff on scaffolding, and went to work. Now, Egger Street has 11 hard-working families living on it, working towards strong, stable and self-reliant futures.



ReStore

The Austin Habitat for Humanity ReStore opened in 1992. The first of its kind in the nation, the ReStore is a discount retail outlet that is a perpetual funding source for Austin Habitat's programs. It is also a recycling initiative, diverting millions of pounds of reusable materials from landfills per year, as well as a beacon of solar energy that produces 254 kilowatts of energy per day. Thanks to a generous donation from the Roy F. and Joann Cole Mitte Foundation, the ReStore now offers free community workshops that provide hands-on, skill-based learning opportunities to the public.

12,776 MILLION IN SALES

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21,741,760 pounds diverted from landfills since 1992 9

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Jonathan & Yvette Boatwright co-owners, founders Realty Austin

Realty Austin agents have given 11,000 volunteer hours

