

# We Believe



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## HABITAT CLALLAM 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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## A NOTE TO OUR SUPPORTERS FROM CEO, COLLEEN ROBINSON



Dear Habitat Supporters,

In October of this year, I had the great honor of joining several national Habitat colleagues at the Carter Work Project build in North Carolina. Together, we constructed 27 new homes. As you would expect, it was a lot of work. At the same time, it was also one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Working side-by-side with determined Habitat families – to help change the trajectory of their lives – was both inspirational and reaffirming.

While in North Carolina, I thought about how the financial barriers to owning a home have grown from when I originally set foot in the Habitat Clallam offices. In those 6+ years, housing affordability in Washington State has only become more of a challenge. Back in 2018, families purchasing a median-priced home could expect to devote approximately 25% of their income to their mortgage. Fast-forward to 2023 and it is now almost 40%.

At Habitat Clallam, we believe everyone deserves a decent place to live, regardless of whether it's through a new build, a critical repair, or to help age-in-place. This guiding belief is the reason we have set some ambitious goals for 2024. **We are going to build what we believe.** I invite you to join my staff, along with many others in the community and me, to help fulfill that promise, so all local families might have a safe and healthy place to call home.

Yours in partnership,

Colleen R. Robinson, CEO  
Habitat Clallam



*Photos from 2023 NC Carter Work Project*

## 2023 Highlights:



### Home Dedications

Waller Family - Jan  
Hanson Family - July  
Franich Family - October



### Home Repairs

18 Critical  
Repair Projects  
Completed



### Upcoming Projects

Port Angeles Veteran's Build  
Hazel Street  
Sequim Multi-build

Habitat Clallam believes that **together** we can  
build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter



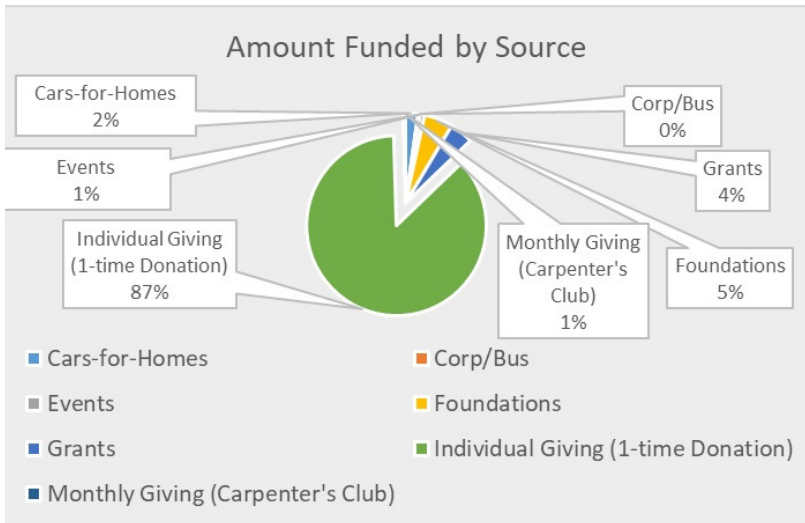
## Why?

Our mission of bringing people together in Clallam County to build simple, affordable homes with our homeowner partners has resulted in families permanently escaping poverty-housing. We believe in this mission because we have seen first-hand how affordable homeownership impacts families, children, and communities.

- **Provide Stability** through the permanence of home ownership
- **Build Equity Wealth** (and something tangible to pass on to children)
- **Healthier, Safer Children** who do better in school, have higher self-esteem, and feel more hopeful about their future
- **Improved Communities** Homeowners tend to be more active in their communities than renters and pay into the local tax base.

## How?

# DONATION FUND SOURCES



Cars-for-Homes	\$13,585
Corporations/Businesses	\$2,215
Events	\$5,127
Foundations	\$31,713
Grants	\$26,075
Individual Giving (1-time Donation)	\$532,876
Monthly Giving (Carpenter's Club)	\$2,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$614,481</b>



If you didn't get a chance to donate in 2023 or would like to donate again, scan the QR code to show your support in 2024!

## 2023 STORE SALES & IMPACT

Habitat Stores #: 15,589 transactions

Average sale: \$46.53

Total Income: \$656,935.18

Drop-off donations: 2,712

Picked-up donations: 575

Tons kept out of the landfill: 657

## VOLUNTEERS

58 volunteers donated just over 2,700 hours, the equivalent of almost \$75,000 in wages



## CRITICAL REPAIR PROGRAM

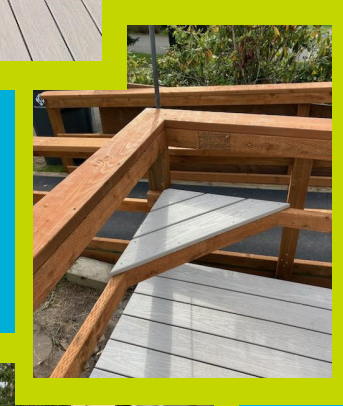
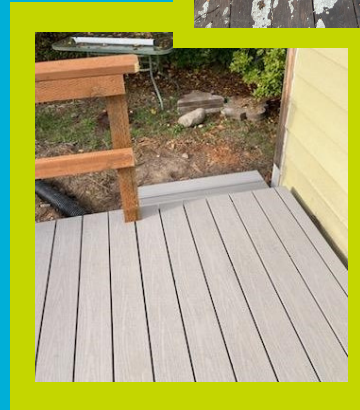
*For Carole & Joy this project was about more than just a pretty deck. It was about regaining much-needed access.*

In late March 2023, Carole Halsey and her daughter Joy Wisely contacted Habitat Clallam to see if our Repair Program could help with some deck repairs at their house. Both Carole and Joy use electric wheelchairs to mitigate significant mobility issues. Carole also spends several hours each day in a medical bed.

They had become increasingly concerned about the soundness of their front deck. Due to the size of their electric chairs, it was the only feasible entry and exit point. A number of the boards had been slowly rotting, making it more and more difficult for them and visiting healthcare providers to access the deck. In fact, Joy was so worried the decking would collapse under the weight of the wheelchair that she learned the pattern of where the soft wood was and navigated around it.

After reaching out to a handful of organizations, Carole and Joy were referred to Habitat Clallam and our Critical Repair Program. Very early into his initial visit, our Construction Manager Joe could see this project went beyond replacing a few soft boards. His further inspection validated what he suspected – there was a lot more hidden damage to the deck. He quickly replaced the most heavily damaged boards and then developed a plan to rebuild the entire deck as soon as possible. Along with a handful of talented, long-time volunteers, he tore off the old deck, built a strong new frame, replaced the decking and railing, and even added a few small areas to hold potted plants.

One week later Joy was out in her wheelchair, traversing all corners of the new, very sturdy deck. She credits Joe and his crew for having given the family not only a beautiful deck to enjoy, but also true piece of mind, knowing that the next time the paramedics have to come help Carole they will have easy and safe access as well.



*“Oh my gosh, the deck is now so smooth I could just skate! They did really good work; each of the nurses and caregivers who come by just gush about how nice it is!”*

*- Joy Wisely*

**Thank you to the following for your partnership & support in 2023!**



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## Interfor

### Framing & Lumber

1st Security Bank, 7 Cedars, Albert Haller Foundation, Angeles Millworks & Hartnagel Building Supply, Astound Broadband, BIAW - Building Industry Assoc. of WA., Bill's Plumbing & Sanican, Browning & Browning, Burke's Flooring, City of Port Angeles, City of Sequim, Costco, Dave's Heating & Cooling Service, Diamond Roofing, Donald Naddy Fund, Estate of Francis Lyon, Faux Finis, FBM - Foundation Building Materials, First Baptist Church, First Federal, First Presbyterian Church, Fischer Concrete Construction, Fogtown Coffee, Gary and Diane Smith, Greg and Colleen Shield, Grocery Outlet - Port Angeles, Hartnagel Building Supply, Hermann Brothers - Logging & Construction, Home Depot, Jamestown Excavating, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Joe and Janet Green Trust, JP Plumbing, JPE Electrical Corp., Kaye Gagnon Consulting, Key Bank, Kitsap Bank, Knight Fire Protection, KONP Radio and Amanda Bacon, Levelor, Liggins Landscaping, New Dungeness Nursery, NPBA - North Peninsula Building Assoc., Northwest Screen Printing, The OG Music, Over The Fence, Rodda Paint (Sequim), Romero Contracting LLC, Rotary - Sequim Sunrise, Sequim Community Church, Sequim Pressure Washing, Sequim Redi-Mix, Sew-It-Seams Tie Dye, Simon Money Plumbing, Sound Community Bank, Strait Flooring, Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club, Swain's, The Cedars At Dungeness, Tracy's Insulation, US Bank, WeDo Fudge, Wells Fargo, Whirlpool Corporation.



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This Annual Report is dedicated to:  
**Rosalynn Carter**  
**1927 -2023**

*We are strengthened by her example and comforted  
by the memory of a life dedicated to helping others.*  
- HFHI

