



2017 Annual Report

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Chicago





with
thanks
from our
executive
director




FRIENDS: Habitat Chicago brings people together around the health of neighborhoods. We are anchored by the idea that a family's well-being is tied to its neighborhood and to help more Chicagoans achieve a decent place to live, we must invest in the whole community.

From new home construction to block beautification to resident action groups, these investments matter. They send a clear visual and psychological signal that there is value in the community, unlocking a neighborhood's most powerful assets: its people. And when residents perceive their neighborhood as investment-worthy, that's when the real change begins – when those investments yield exponential returns through self-directed action.

I am so thankful to all of you - our community of caring, dedicated individuals - who stand with us day in and out helping to pound a nail, fund a clean-up project or conduct an education workshop. **Your belief in our mission is its power and my gratitude for you is immense.**

This year's report delves into the impact of some of your investments, as told by those at the center of them. You have my appreciation for another year of progress as we continue to grow into the organization Chicago needs.

In Partnership,
Jennifer L. Parks
Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Chicago



every new homeowner builds the market



**2017
PROGRESS**

9

**HOMES UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

12%

**INCREASE IN
PROPERTY VALUES**

We partner with families who don't qualify for traditional lending by offering them the opportunity to purchase a home with an affordable mortgage.

my perspective

Carrie Austin, 34th Ward Alderman

"One of the most joyous things I have done as alderman was get into a Habitat home and paint. I'm not a very good painter, so they probably won't invite me back... but I am so grateful that we have new families in this area that was vacant land sitting, doing nothing. We were one of the communities hit hardest by the housing crisis, but now we have new families in this community who will help us make it better. And we are so excited for Habitat to start on the other side of this block. We will have a brand new block, full of life."

every hour of education builds a successful homeowner



**2017
PROGRESS**

290

TRAINING
HOURS
COMPLETED

1,284

VOLUNTEER HOURS
INVESTED BY
HOMEBUYERS



All Habitat Chicago homebuyers take a year-long series of courses, pre-purchase, to ready for homeownership and community engagement.

my perspective

Shuanta, Habitat Chicago Homebuyer

"As first time homebuyers, we come in not knowing very much, but we learn so much in our homeowner classes. The classes on mortgages and escrow – those are things I didn't know about at all. And I didn't know how to fix or build anything, so it's been so great to learn. It's important because I'm going to have to take care of things. I know I can't just call up my landlord anymore. I'll need to know how to fix the small things because I have to make sure my home is good for my boys. I'm really glad I'm learning this all now and not after I close."



every block improvement builds neighborhood confidence



**2017
PROGRESS**

26

**BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECTS
FINISHED**

805

**HOME
WEATHERIZATION
KITS DISTRIBUTED**

Working directly with residents, we help facilitate beautification, repair and weatherization projects on neighborhood blocks.

my perspective

Halema, 43-Year West Pullman Resident

"We want to get our community back on top again like it was when we were all coming up, when we all moved out here. I think Habitat sees what we see: we are in a very good community and we want a stronger future in our community for our kids and grandkids— we just need to come together like we are right now and stand up for it. Pick up a hammer or a nail, and you show how much you love your community. We are happy to see it getting beautiful, all the lots getting cleaned up, and it's just making our morale real high, making us feel real good."



every group of residents planning for their future builds social capital



**2017
PROGRESS**

137

**COMMUNITY
MEETINGS**

2

**GROUPS
TRANSFERRED
TO RESIDENT
LEADERSHIP**

We regularly convene community meetings to help residents organize for, and act on, self-determined priorities.

my perspective

Cyndi, Community Action Group Member

“My family moved to West Pullman when I was five years old. I grew up here. My first job was here. I have seen what this community has been and I know what we can be and that’s why I’m a member of the West Pullman Community Action Group. I think of our back2work job fair and what we accomplished and I’m so proud. We had an excellent turnout, great representation. We had people get jobs THAT day and asking us when we’re going to do another. I’m excited to see what we accomplish together in the year ahead.”



every Chicagoan
investing in each other
builds a more resilient,
equitable city



2017
PROGRESS

35k

VOLUNTEER
HOURS SERVED

10

VOLUNTEER
COMMITTEES
ADVANCING WORK

From community projects to ReStore shifts, we take pride in offering Chicagoans the space to band together in collective impact.

my perspective

Ellie, Committee & Build Site Volunteer

“Volunteering with Habitat Chicago is a very physical experience – it’s home construction! But it’s also much more than just hammers and nails. It’s about the social interactions and connections we make when volunteering with and for others. Strangers become familiar faces, individuals become part of a team, you can actually see attitudes shifting and spirits lifting throughout the day because everyone is working together towards a common goal. Whether people realize it or not, we’re all investing in Chicago and better, stronger neighborhoods.”



In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley, we operate ReStore Chicago, a 30,000 square foot home improvement resale store. ReStore accepts new and gently used donations and sells them at a discount to the public. All profits help fund the Habitat mission in the Chicago area.

798 TONS OF USABLE GOODS KEPT FROM LANDFILLS THROUGH 3,948 DONATIONS



We hit a milestone this year by tithing \$100k for the first time to our sister affiliate, Habitat Malawi. We are proud to invest locally and globally in fair and just housing solutions for those most in need of improved living conditions.

22 HOMES IN MALAWI FUNDED THROUGH TITHE PARTNERSHIP

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board of directors

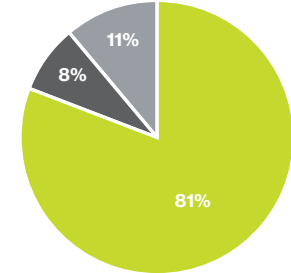
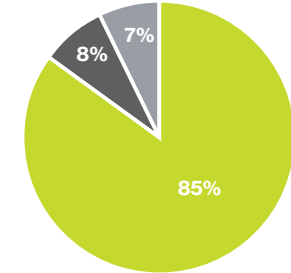
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Jennifer Parks

financials

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Revenue

Contributions	\$2,357,247
ReStore	\$212,951
Program Revenue	\$197,264
Total	\$2,767,462

Expenses

Programs	\$2,367,419
Management	\$227,604
Development	\$311,653
Total	\$2,906,676

a BIG thanks to our volunteer photographers, who are relentless in capturing the heart of our work: Katie Basil, Mysi Anne Grubbe, Mike Hari, Cameron Heeren, Ellie Kim, Zoki Tasic



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