



Habitat
for Humanity®
Chicago

**Strength. Stability.
Self-Reliance.**

**2018 Annual Report
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

In Appreciation...

To My Habitat Chicago Family,

Before I became a Habitat Chicago homeowner, my family was evicted twice within six months as a result of neighborhood gentrification. Sadly for me and so many other families, landlords in Illinois are able to evict tenants without cause. Although we were paying our rent and caring for the property, our landlord saw an opportunity to evict us, rehab the property, and rent it for twice or three times its previous asking price. Because my family could not afford the exorbitant increase in rent, we were left in a panic, not knowing how or where we would find a safe place to live that we could afford on such short notice.

My friends, as a direct result of your support this last year, I know that my family and I will never face this hardship again because I am now a homeowner in control of my destiny. You have given my family, and so many other families, the ability to live strong, stable, and self-reliant lives.

You have given us security, affordability, peace of mind, and legacy. You replaced what was a horrid and turbulent time with bliss.

I will never forget those of you I met on the build site who were generous, kind, hardworking, and fixated on making sure that every detail of my home was perfect. I will never forget those of you I met at my home dedication, whose donations made my home and my happiness possible. For these memories, for you, I am very grateful.

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity Chicago's mission of helping families like mine. I hope you are proud of all that we have done together this last year. I certainly am.

Sincerely,



Shelonda, Habitat Chicago Homeowner



...And Partnership

Dear Friends,

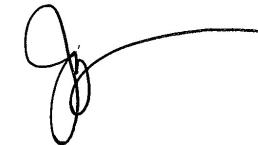
Ask someone what Habitat for Humanity does, and they will answer simply, "Build homes." Indeed, we are home builders. We work to build new, quality homes with volunteers and sell them with affordable mortgages to families who would not otherwise have access to financing.

In addition to building homes, Habitat Chicago focuses our efforts in West Pullman and Greater Grand Crossing – both middle market neighborhoods – to strengthen these markets in partnership with residents. We bring neighbors together to determine how they want to impact their community through projects that improve physical and social conditions. We identify allies that positively influence the image of these neighborhoods. We mobilize volunteers to be part of the change for our neighbors and our city. In short, we are a catalyst for a better society.

We cannot do this work alone. That's why supporters like you are so powerful. Together, we build homes. Together, we are helping communities build stronger futures. **Together, we are building strength, stability, and self-reliance within families and within neighborhoods.**

We are proud to highlight the progress of our shared work and the impact of your giving in this report. Thank you for your generosity, commitment to our mission, and belief in the idea that everyone deserves a decent place to live.

With gratitude,



Jennifer L. Parks
Executive Director
Habitat Chicago



Sean H. McGuire
President
Board of Directors

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New Home Construction

We partner with families who don't qualify for traditional lending by offering them the opportunity to purchase a new home with an affordable mortgage. Built with affordability, accessibility, environmental responsibility, and neighborhood cohesiveness in mind, our homes are designed to be healthy, sustainable places to live for multiple generations.

5 NEW HOMES
COMPLETE 
9.49% INCREASE IN
PROPERTY
VALUES

"I will never forget April 14, 2018. That was the day three families gathered along with many friends, neighbors, supporters, volunteers, staff, and board members in one of the basements on Union Avenue to officially dedicate their newly constructed Habitat Chicago homes. Throughout the ceremony, I looked around the room at the smiles and immense pride on everyone's face, as each played a significant role in making the day possible. That day is a wonderful description of what Habitat Chicago is all about – an organization that brings people from all over together with the goal of helping to provide decent, affordable housing to families that will have reverberating positive effects for the neighborhood."

**Sean H. McGuire, President, Habitat Chicago
Board of Directors**

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“It’s an unbelievable feeling of strength that we’ve worked so hard for.” - Darlene

“When my daughter Toya was in college, an autoimmune disease almost took her life, but we beat the worst of it together. I decided to become a homeowner so if Toya’s disease ever flares that badly again, she will always have a comfortable place to go. We’ll have the space where I can watch and take care of both her and her son, Wesley. The first time I pulled into the garage of my new home I just sat there and thought ‘I can’t believe this peace.’ It’s an unbelievable feeling of strength that we’ve worked so hard for. All of the hours on the build site and in the homeowner education courses – they were all so worth it to feel this peace.”

Darlene, Habitat Chicago Homeowner

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Prepared Homeowners

Alongside their future neighbors, all Habitat Chicago homebuyers complete 250 volunteer hours and a series of homeowner education courses. Course topics include First Time Homeownership, Mortgages and Deeds, Property Taxes, Financial Fitness, Home Maintenance, Community Engagement, and Estate Planning. Classes are open to friends, family, and other current or prospective homeowners.

836 VOLUNTEER HOURS
SERVED BY HOMEBUYERS



369 EDUCATION
HOURS
COMPLETED BY HOMEBUYERS



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Home Energy Efficiency

In partnership with Constellation Energy and Sustainable Options for Urban Living, Inc., we launched a new energy efficiency training program designed to educate Chicagoans on the financial benefits of home weatherization and to equip them with the materials to get started.

200 WEATHERIZATION
KITS DISTRIBUTED

134 NEIGHBORHOOD
RESIDENTS ATTENDED
ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOPS

"I moved to the Maple Park/West Pullman community in 2009. My family has always given me a sense of community and helped me understand the importance of working together to strengthen where we live. Last year, with the help of Habitat for Humanity Chicago, I was able to use my knowledge, which I gained working in the energy efficiency industry as a building analyst, to help educate my neighbors about its benefits. Through this relationship, we distributed hundreds of DIY weatherization kits, and residents learned how to use the products in interactive community workshops. The most rewarding part was hearing the attendees say the knowledge would help them save money and that they now will be more comfortable at home during the colder months."

Eya, Sustainable Options for Urban Living, Inc.

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“Without flinching, Habitat Chicago supported our young Greenwood/University United Block Club. We were on a neighborhood-centered journey to become a place of comfort and joy and just needed a little light. Habitat Chicago supported our “Holiday Lite Up Your Life” campaign by providing funding to purchase festive outdoor lights, and during our “Spring Clean & Green” effort, Habitat Chicago helped us install welcoming block club signs. We engaged in many discussions with Habitat Chicago, both parties listening and sharing, ultimately resulting in our block club feeling inspired to look beyond the board-ups to see new opportunities for change. We are still on this hopeful journey together and look forward to continuing our partnership to craft projects that will aid us to combat the ravages of social disasters, such as violence and poverty. Thank you, Habitat Chicago.”

June, Greenwood/University United Block Club, Greater Grand Crossing

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Block Improvement Projects

We piloted the new Neighbors United Block Improvement Grant program. Residents of our focus neighborhoods dream up an idea to improve their block, recruit their neighbors to participate, and apply for a grant from Habitat Chicago to fund it. It's a chance for neighbors to demonstrate their community pride, enhance the visual appeal of their block, and, most importantly, connect with each other through shared aspirations and future potential.

120 HOUSEHOLDS
IMPACTED
★ 67 NEIGHBORS
CONNECTED

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Volunteer Engagement

We are committed to expanding and strengthening our volunteer programs to provide Chicagoans with more opportunities to break down divides, care for, and help each other. This year, we launched The House that Tech Built, a new annual initiative designed to bring local tech companies together to fully fund and build a Habitat Chicago home.



3,479
VOLUNTEERS

 **7.8%**

**INCREASE IN
VOLUNTEER
HOURS**



“Volunteering and coordinating Cisco’s involvement with Habitat Chicago over the past 3 years has been and continues to be an extremely inspiring and fulfilling experience. ‘The House that Tech Built’ gave the Cisco team an opportunity to support and build a beautiful home and a strong and stable neighborhood. Yet, for me, the most gratifying piece is the people – the organizers, the volunteer coordinators, the tech volunteers, and most importantly, Tonya and Kayli, the future homeowners. Getting to know them and being a part of making homeownership a reality for them is what really drives me to continue doing my part to build strong homes and communities with Habitat Chicago.”

**Shahid, Systems Engineer, Cisco & Habitat
Build Site Volunteer**



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drives me...” - Shahid**



ReStore Chicago

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

★ 4,020

ITEMS DONATED
TO RESTORE

854 TONS

OF USEFUL MATERIALS
DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS

19,131

VOLUNTEER HOURS INVESTED
TO SUSTAIN STORE OPERATIONS

Global Mission

While we work locally and autonomously, we are also part of an international mission and proudly support the work of our sister affiliate, Habitat Malawi. This year, we welcomed Habitat Malawi National Director, Kelvin Kalonga, to Chicago to share updates on Malawi's core housing programs, including housing microfinancing and subsidized homes for orphans.

\$82,000

CONTRIBUTED

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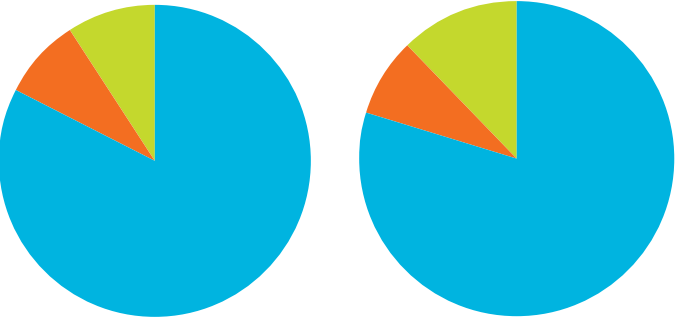
PROJECTS
FUNDED IN
MALAWI



Financials

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INCOME		EXPENSES	
Contributions	\$2,175,569	Programs	\$2,056,790
ReStore	\$223,467	Management	\$200,891
Program Revenue	\$234,576	Development	\$313,452
Total Income		Total Expenses	\$2,571,133



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