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Fiscal Year 2024: A Recap

July 1st 2023 - June 30th 2024

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Letter from the: Executive Director

What an exceptional year of growth it has been for DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity. This year marked a pivotal moment as we began to implement the goals outlined in our strategic plan - setting our sights on bold impact by Fiscal Year 2030.

Our strategic goals include:

- **Goal 1: Deliver reliable impact through a refined project management process and a people-first approach to programming.**
- **Goal 2: Grow a sustainable retail operation with a focus on systemization and profitability.**
- **Goal 3: Develop diverse sources of funding and strengthen overall organizational support.**
- **Goal 4: Become a leading collaborator in the housing and social services space across DuPage and the Chicago South Suburbs.**

In Fiscal Year 2024, we took major strides toward these objectives. We piloted a new platform to streamline our construction operations, enabling us to better delineate job responsibilities, increase efficiency, and ultimately serve more families - faster and with greater care. Throughout these advancements, we have remained rooted in our commitment to keeping families at the center of everything we do. Our ReStore team reached a significant milestone by opening a third location in Oak Forest, expanding our footprint and increasing access to affordable home repair and décor items. This growth not only supports local families but also fuels our mission with vital revenue that sustains our programs. Additionally, we made important progress in diversifying our funding streams. By identifying and securing new grants, we increased our capacity to serve more families and address critical health and safety concerns, helping ensure that families can safely remain in their homes. Lastly, our commitment to being a collaborative leader in the housing and social service space has opened the door to new partnerships and increased investment in the communities we serve.

You will continue to read the impact DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity has been able to make this past fiscal year and I thank you for your support as we continue to Put God's love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Taff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Jennifer Taff

Executive Director

DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity

Leaders in Affordable Housing



Family Highlight



Kasim & Faiza's Family

Kasim and Faiza have lived at their current residence in Hanover Park for over 13 years. They have 4 children and they also care for Kasim's brother who became blind after an accident in 2008. They first met with Habitat in 2016 when they learned that they would be building affordable townhomes in their neighborhood. They have always dreamt of homeownership. They feel that this is the right step for them and hope to stay in the same neighborhood so that their children can continue to grow and maintain the wonderful friendships they have with the others in the community. Habitat is proud to have partnered with Kasim and Faiza and is excited to say they have found their forever home!

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The Journey through 2024

Quarterly Breakdown



Q2 Women Build

October 1st - December 31st



DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat's Women Build is an event where hundreds of women come together to take action against unaffordable housing through fundraising and volunteerism. Women, especially those who serve as head of the families and women of color, disproportionately face obstacles that make accessing decent, affordable housing seem impossible. At DuPage Habitat, we know that stable housing is transformative for women and their families. Women Build 2023 had corporate sponsors as well as several community teams participating in fundraising and volunteering. During the 8 day event, the Women Build teams worked on new builds in Hanover Park. Women Build focuses on bringing awareness to the wage and wealth gap, challenges to obtaining a home as a female led household, and the impacts of generational wealth. We know at DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat that when women thrive, we all thrive!

\$189K raised

Over 275 participants



Q2 Veteran Build

October 1st - December 31st



In 2013, Habitat for Humanity launched the Veteran Build program to ensure that the men and women who have served our country could experience safe and stable housing. While the VA reports that veteran households overall have higher employment rates and median incomes than non-veterans, many still face housing problems and inequities as it relates to home ownership. Following the model of Habitat for Humanity's National Veteran Build movement, Chicagoland Habitat's Veteran Build Initiative empowers local military and veteran families to achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance that stable homeownership provides. In November, DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat and corporate sponsors participated in Veteran Build alongside military veterans and military families in the South Suburbs. This event was accompanied by a panel discussion on Veteran benefits featuring a Habitat homeowner. Providing affordable homeownership as well as affordable home repairs for Veteran families continues to be an important focus at DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity.

\$8.5K Raised

2 Full Build Days



Q2 Builders' Breakfast

October 1st - December 31st



Holiday cheer and a sense of community was had by all at the Hard Hats and Hash Browns Builders' Breakfast event in December of 2023. Community members came together to learn more about Habitat for Humanity and the ways in which everyone all can make a long-lasting impact for families and the community. The Legend, Leader, and Legacy awards were presented to individuals and corporations who made a significant impact to Habitat's mission the past calendar year. It was clear that enjoying good food, good company, and a good mission of achieving affordable housing in our communities is just what was needed to start the holiday season off right.

\$7K raised

90 attendees



Q3 Habitat on the Hill

January 1st - March 31st



February Advocacy

Habitat on the Hill, Habitat's premier legislative conference, annually mobilizes nearly 500 Habitat staff members, board members, homeowners, resident leaders, volunteers and emerging leaders across the country to come together in Washington, D.C. United by a common purpose, participants represent their communities; engage with each other; learn from esteemed experts in housing; and collaboratively strategize to champion policies that drive home affordability at the local, state and federal levels. In February, DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity coordinated the IL delegation of affiliates advocating on Capitol Hill for affordable housing policies and funding. The affiliate met with Congresswoman Ramirez, Congressman Casten's Staff, Congresswoman Kelly, and Congressman Foster. From Habitat on the Hill, the affiliate continues to have strong relationships with these offices to advocate for the security of affordable housing funding on the federal level as well as housing supply.



Q3 Women's History Month

January 1st - March 31st



Leaving a Legacy for Future Generations:

In March, DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity partnered with the DuPage Historical Museum and the Wheaton League of Women Voters in celebration of Women's History Month. This event included a panel of experts including a mother-daughter duo and board member from Habitat's program to discuss what it means to create and leave a legacy for future generations. Women's History Month Panel Event serves as the affiliate's kick off point for Women Build and is a part of Habitat's Education Series.



Q4 Repurpose for a Purpose

April 1st - June 30th



The third annual Repurpose for a Purpose event took place in April at the Painted Tree in Naperville. The highlight of the event was a silent auction where individuals were able to bid on one of a kind, hand crafted items originally found in Habitat Restores that were repurposed by local furniture artists and DIYers. There was an increase in the amount of items that were repurposed and auctioned compared to the previous year – which in turn had more people in the community aware of Habitat ReStore and Habitat's mission. Habitat also awarded three furniture artists with certificates, thanking them for their participation and commitment to Habitat's mission.

\$11K raised

40+ furniture artists



Q4 Swing Fore Housing Golf Invitational

April 1st - June 30th



In June, the annual Swing Fore Housing Applied Underwriters Golf Invitational took place. . All golfers were treated to amazing “swag” bags when they checked-in, box-lunches, 18 holes of golf at Arrowhead Golf Club, complimentary drinks and snacks from the beverage carts, fun games on the course, chances to win raffle prizes, opportunities to bid on some spectacular auction items, open bar post golf game, and a delicious dinner buffet. During the dinner reception, future homeowner Juan shared his personal journey to homeownership. Also during the program prizes were given out for the winners of the contests and games as well as prizes to the top foursomes starting from 7th place up to 1st place. First place winners received Cobra Aerojet Drivers, \$250 Bass Pro Shops gift cards, Bridge-stone golf balls, championship trophies, and an invitation to the Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals to the award-winning Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri. Overall, the day was a success with sunshine and dollars raised for Habitat’s mission!

\$125K raised

Over 114 golfers



First Annual Rock the Block

May 17th & 18th



On May 17th and 18th, we had our inaugural Chicago South Suburbs Rock the Block event in the Park Forest East Gate community where we engaged both corporate and sponsored groups to come out for Work and Fun in the Sun! As we look to grow our presence in the Chicago South suburbs, it was great seeing volunteers attend from businesses (Old National Bank, Northwestern Medicine, and Hooters) as well as volunteers from civic and community groups (Chicago South Suburbs Small Business Association, Alpha Phi Alpha ... (Theta Mu Lambda chapter and Xi Lambda chapter) totaling 38 volunteers. A big shout out to our board members Joe Proctor and Cheryl Jiles who financially contributed and were out volunteering. In addition, we also hosted our inaugural Rock the Block Party on May 18th at Algonquin Primary Center in the same neighborhood. This event engaged East Gate Residents through music, food, and community. We were able to obtain valuable Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) information through resident surveys and were able to give out Habitat branded prizes for their survey participation. We impacted approximately 50 plus residents through our efforts and engagement.

\$18.6K raised

38 volunteers



Building Up Our Volunteers

FY2024 Volunteer Numbers



Volunteering Numbers



ReStore and Affiliate

24,102 volunteer hours

1,716 total volunteers



Building Up Our Families

FY2024 Families Served



Service Numbers



11 new homeowners
21 home repairs
96 people served





The Journey to Giving and Partnership

2024 Financial Numbers



ReStore Sales



\$1,713,193

back to the mission



A note from a corporate partner...

“CNH cares deeply about the wellbeing of our local communities and believes in Habitat’s mission to provide safe and affordable housing options for more families, strengthening and empowering communities for years to come. The CNH Foundation has helped to fund various Habitat for Humanity projects over the years, and for well over a decade, CNH employees have proudly donated their time to volunteer for local projects in DuPage County near our North America headquarters. We look forward to continuing our engagement with this impactful organization!”

CNH



Financial Numbers



Charitable Donations

\$100,000+

Habitat for Humanity International	\$275,919
Chick-fil-A Fox Valley Center	\$200,000
Mary Jo and Robert Anderson	\$103,011

\$50,000 - \$99,999+

Applied Underwriters	\$91,645
Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity	\$56,287



Financial Numbers



Charitable Donations

\$25,000 - \$49,000

CNH Industrial Foundation	\$40,000
Points of Light, Lowe's Hometown Partners	\$40,000
NOW Health Group, Inc.	\$37,052
Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity	\$31,036
Chamberlain Group	\$30,000
Northwestern Memorial Healthcare	\$30,000
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	\$28,237
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	\$25,250
Nicor Gas Naperville	\$20,000
UPS Foundation, Inc.	\$20,000
Habitat for Humanity Chicago	\$10,000
Harvest Food Group	\$15,000
John Lou Family Foundation	\$20,000

Financial Numbers



Charitable Donations

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Ecolab Foundation	\$23,620
Gail Fiene	\$21,635
U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust	\$21,000
John Lou Family Foundation	\$20,000
Molex, LLC	\$20,000
Patricia Green	\$19,648
ComEd/Exelon	\$18,500
Duly Health & Care	\$16,000
Ace Hardware Foundation	\$15,000
Old National Bank Blue Island	\$15,000
Adam Richard	\$15,000
Schneider Electric - Power NA Palatine	\$15,000
Travelers Naperville	\$15,000

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Charitable Donations

\$10,000 - \$24,999 Continued

Motorola Solutions Foundation	\$10,302
Bill Jacobs Motorsport	\$10,000
Bradford & Kent	\$10,000
Ferrara Candy Company	\$10,000
M/I Homes of Chicago, LLC Naperville	\$10,000
Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council	\$10,000
Office Revolution	\$10,000
Regency Centers	\$10,000
Union Pacific Foundation	\$10,000

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Jennifer Kauffman	\$8,000
Old National Bancorp	\$8,000
Stoggles Inc.	\$7,548

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Charitable Donations

\$5,000 - \$9,999 Continued

Charities Aid Foundation of America	\$7,505
CenterPoint Properties	\$7,500
Mauser Packaging Solutions	\$7,500
GreenState Credit Union	\$7,000
Insperity	\$6,500
CTS Corporation	\$6,329
AMS Industries	\$6,000
Keith and Pamela Derstine	\$6,000
John Kett	\$6,000
Leopardo Companies, Inc.	\$6,000
Habitat for Humanity International	\$5,237
Robert Half	\$5,155
Zurn Elkay Broadview	\$5,050

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Charitable Donations

\$5,000 - 9,999 Continued

Am Mechanical	\$5,000
Amtrak	\$5,000
Ball Horticultural Co.	\$5,000
BCS Financil	\$5,000
CIBC US Region Headquarters	\$5,000
Epsilon	\$5,000
Helga Ertas	\$5,000
Fellowes Corporation	\$5,000
FT Cares Foundation	\$5,000
Graycor	\$5,000
Hassett Express	\$5,000
Horton Group	\$5,000
Todd and Sarah Lestina	\$5,000

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Charitable Donations

\$5,000 - 9,999 Continued

Logan Consulting	\$5,000
Masco Corporation	\$5,000
Gloria and Gloria Meyers	\$5,000
Northwestern Medicine	\$5,000
Northwestern Medicine (Palos Health)	\$5,000
Nucor	\$5,000
The Robert Bosch Tool Corporation	\$5,000
V3 Companies of Illinois Ltd.	\$5,000
Waterton	\$5,000

\$2,500-\$4,999

First Eagle Bank Hanover Park	\$4,500
Thomas Rogers	\$4,500
Hooters	\$4,100
Morris Group	\$3,750

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Charitable Donations

\$2,500-\$4,999 Continued

Phoenix Closures	\$3,700
INEOS Styrolution	\$3,550
Robert Blanchard	\$3,500
Bronswick Benjamin PC	\$3,500
JoAnn Clay	\$3,500
Dot Foods	\$3,500
Itasca Bank & Trust Co.	\$3,500
Kensington School	\$3,500
PirTano Construction Co, Inc.	\$3,500
Wheaton Bank & Trust Company	\$3,500
Main Event Warrentville	\$3,402
American Online Giving Foundation	\$3,130
Albertsons Companies Foundation	\$3,000

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Charitable Donations

\$2,500-\$4,999 Continued

Congregation of St. Joseph	\$3,000
Hillwood Investment Properties	\$3,000
Mr. Carl Lantz	\$3,000
Swanson Martin & Bell	\$3,000
Griskelis Young Harrell	\$2,850
Zach Martel	\$2,730
WernerCo	\$2,665
Local Roofing Co., Inc.	\$2,637
Ally Financial Downers Grove	\$2,550
AtlasWorks	\$2,500
Clune Construction	\$2,500
Community Foundation of Fox River Valley	\$2,500
Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants Downers Grove	\$2,500

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Charitable Donations

\$2,500-\$4,999 Continued

Ensono	\$2,500
Entact LLC	\$2,500
Environmental Cleansing Corportation	\$2,500
Fifth Third Bank Oak Brook	\$2,500
First American Bank Elk Grove Village	\$2,500
First American Title Insurance Co. Hoffman Estates	\$2,500
Marilynn Halasz	\$2,500
Hilti	\$2,500
Home Depot Corporate	\$2,500
Illinois Tool Works	\$2,500
McCain Foods USA, Inc.	\$2,500
MetLife	\$2,500
The Mulherin Family	\$2,500

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Charitable Donations

\$2,500-\$4,999 Continued

NuCore Electric	\$2,500
Sourcebooks	\$2,500
Structural Enginuity	\$2,500
Sunrise Chevrolet	\$2,500
Thomas and Rebecca Vander Veen	\$2,500
WESCO Distribution, (CSC) Communications Supply Corp	\$2,500
Caroline Wysocki	\$2,500

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