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Where Hope Meets Home

Fiscal Year 2025: A Recap

July 1st 2024 - June 30th 2025

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Letter from the: Executive Director

DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity hit our FY25 goals in continuing to implement the strategic organizational goals to achieve by FY2030.

Our FY 2030 target goals are:

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

DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity rely on generous donations from contributors each year. This allows the organization to serve families with services and carry out our mission. In addition to serving families the affiliate was also able to acquire, build out, and relocate our ReStore Aurora to Naperville. Yes, we literally moved half a mile from where we were once located for over ten years. The doors opened in November of 2024. ReStore is open to the public to shop, donate and volunteer. This allows us to serve the local community with lower cost home repair, furniture, and appliances, plus(!), which in turn, gives back to our mission. You can also purchase from our 3 stores, in Naperville, Oak Forest & Addison, on our new online platform restoresales.org. Last year, we hosted a Holiday/Vintage Market and marched in the Oak Forest St Patrick's Day parade that helped support build awareness and momentum for our Oak Forest ReStore, and the many services we offer in the Chicago south Suburbs.

In expanding our outreach and stewarding partnerships we continue to evaluate how to diversify revenue streams to continue to serve families with affordable housing and home repair. All the while we continue to work with funders and potential funders on what is important for their social responsibility while we keep the "why" of what we do always as our top priority.

Last, but not least, by securing additional home repair funding we were able to continue to serve families with much needed home repairs to remain in their homes and address health and safety concerns. We know and appreciate the importance of preserving individuals' and families' biggest asset- their home. This is an important part of our mission as well as our well-known work providing home ownership and the documented generational wealth that accompanies homeownership.

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 together to Put God's love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

With sincere appreciation and thanks,



Jennifer Taff

Executive Director

DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity

Leaders in Affordable Housing



Family Highlight



Alimasi & Kristina's Family

Alimasi and Kristina, along with their two children, Kaizer and Killian, are a family built on strong values of love, kindness, and community. They believe in spreading positivity wherever they go, and some of their happiest moments come from simple traditions - like gathering around the table to eat ramen while watching *Naruto*, a Japanese anime series about a young ninja who overcomes hardship with perseverance, hope, and an unbreakable belief in the power of bonds and community. For them, *Naruto* represents not just entertainment, but a reminder that resilience and unity can overcome any obstacle.

Their journey to Habitat began after a devastating setback in 2019, when raw sewage flooded their apartment and left behind dangerous black mold. Forced to leave, the family moved in with Kristina's grandparents. The situation weighed heavily on them. Not only did they lose their home, but they feared their children would inherit the instability they themselves had grown up with.

Hope came through Kaizer's school social worker, who told them about Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program. Inspired by the dream of stability for their sons, Alimasi and Kristina applied. "We want to give our children the stability of a home and break the cycles of housing insecurity we saw with our parents," they explained.

Looking ahead, they dream of more than just four walls and a roof. They see a future where their boys grow up with the security of homeownership, in a community that lifts one another up. Their advice to others is simple yet powerful: "Have hope. Things do work out, and there is help out there for people who need it. Don't be afraid to ask for help."

With Habitat's partnership, this family is writing their own story - one of resilience, love, and a home where traditions continue to inspire the next generation.

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The journey through FY2025

Quarterly Breakdown



Q1 Building Momentum Together

July 1st - September 30th



The start of fiscal year 2025 kicked off a busy build season powered by corporate, faith, and community partners. Across our Habitat build sites, volunteers worked side by side with future homeowners, raising walls, painting rooms, and building toward brighter futures. Guided by experienced crew leaders, teams learned new skills, built together as a team, and saw firsthand the impact of their efforts. Each partnership, whether from a local business or congregation, helps lay the groundwork for more affordable homes and stronger communities across DuPage County and Chicago South Suburbs.

36+ Build Days



Q2 Women Build

October 1st - December 31st



Women Build 2024 celebrated the “(Em)Power of Influence” by uniting hundreds of women across DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs in both fundraising and hands-on building. Over eight days in Hanover Park, community teams and corporate partners joined forces to construct safe, stable housing while also raising awareness about the persistent barriers women face - from the wage and wealth gap to the difficulties of securing affordable homeownership as female-led households. Women Build is more than a volunteer effort; it’s a movement that demonstrates how collective influence can drive change, open doors to generational wealth, and create stronger communities. At Habitat, we believe that when women harness their power and support one another, the impact ripples far beyond a single build site.

\$177.7K raised

Over 250 participants



Q2 Veteran Build

October 1st - December 31st



Veteran Build 2024 united volunteers, sponsors, and community partners across DuPage County and the Chicago South Suburbs in a powerful show of support for those who served our country. Over two days, teams raised critical funds and joined together on Habitat build sites to create safe, stable housing for local veterans. In Chicago South Suburbs, volunteers were especially moved when a veteran who had partnered with our Habitat through the repair program shared his story and picked up a hammer alongside the crews. That same day, Major, USA, Ret., Director of the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs, also joined the build, demonstrating the strength of community when we stand with our veterans. Veteran Build shines a light on the challenges many service members face in securing affordable housing and shows that when we build alongside veterans, we build stronger communities for all.

\$15K Raised

2 Full Build Days



Q3 First Look for Charity

January 1st - March 31st



First Look for Charity 2025 offered an unforgettable evening of elegance, excitement, and impact at the Chicago Auto Show's exclusive preview night. As one of 18 nonprofit beneficiaries, DuPage and Chicago South Suburbs Habitat for Humanity joined hundreds of guests for a night dedicated to driving change in our communities. Staff, board members, and supporters gathered to enjoy gourmet tastings, live entertainment, and a first look at the latest vehicles, all in support of Habitat's mission to build safe, affordable homes. The event highlighted how partnership and generosity across Chicagoland can turn luxury into lasting impact, helping local families achieve the stability and opportunity of homeownership.

\$7K+ raised

25+ tickets sold



Q4 Rock the Block

April 1st - June 30th



Rock the Block 2024 marked the second year of our signature Chicago South Suburbs event, bringing neighbors, volunteers, and partners together to revitalize the Park Forest community. Over three days, teams completed “Brush of Kindness” projects for three local households, tackling light repairs, yard work, and even removing an above-ground pool to create safer, more welcoming spaces. Our board members joined in on the work, reinforcing the commitment to making a difference alongside our volunteers. To cap off the effort, we gathered with residents for a neighborhood celebration, honoring the progress made and simply enjoying community with one another. Rock the Block continues to grow as a cornerstone of our Neighborhood Revitalization work in the Chicago South Suburbs, creating lasting impact for residents while strengthening the ties that make neighborhoods thrive.

\$25K+ raised

Over 50 volunteers



Q4 Swing Fore Housing Golf Invitational

April 1st - June 30th



Swing Fore Housing 2024 turned up the heat - literally! On one of the hottest days of the summer, 125 golfers braved the sun for 18 holes at Arrowhead Golf Club in support of Habitat's mission. The day was packed with fun, from contests and games at multiple holes to raffle prizes, a lively auction, and generous swag for every participant. After the round, golfers cooled off with dinner and an awards ceremony, where top teams and contest winners were celebrated with exciting prizes - including Cobra DS-ADAPT Drivers, Bass Pro Shops gift cards, Bridgestone golf balls, championship trophies, and so much more. The highlight of the evening came when future Habitat homeowners, Alimasi and Kristina, shared their journey to homeownership alongside their children, reminding everyone of the true impact behind the day. Despite the heat, the event was a resounding success - raising vital funds and proving once again that when people come together for a great cause, the results are worth every swing.

\$110K raised

125 golfers



Building Up Our Volunteers

FY2025 Volunteer Numbers



Volunteering Numbers



Affiliate and ReStore

21,386 volunteer hours

1,681 total volunteers



Building Up Our Families

FY2025 Families Served



Service Numbers



15 new homeowners

25 home repairs

91 people served





The Journey to Giving and Partnership

2025 Financial Numbers



ReStore Sales



Our organization celebrated a major milestone with the opening of our third ReStore location in Naperville. The grand opening welcomed community members for a day of celebration featuring raffles, food, family activities, and special sales, all highlighting the purpose behind every purchase. Across all three locations, Habitat ReStores continue to play a vital role in supporting our mission by turning donated goods into the funding that helps build and repair homes throughout DuPage County and the Chicago South Suburbs. Beyond their mission impact, ReStores offer a sustainable shopping option, keeping usable items out of landfills and giving them new life in local homes. Every sale, donation, and volunteer hour helps extend Habitat's reach, proving that when people shop with purpose, they help build a stronger, greener community for all.

\$1,539,089

back to the mission



A note from a corporate partner...

“FNBC Bank & Trust is deeply committed to the communities we serve. Supporting families in their journey toward affordable homeownership is a core part of that commitment, which is why we’re thrilled to partner with Habitat for Humanity. We’re proud to assist Habitat’s client families in purchasing homes, and our employees are excited to volunteer and contribute to Habitat’s mission. We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership and helping more families achieve their dream of owning a home.”

FNBC Bank & Trust



Financial Numbers



Charitable Donations

\$100,000+

Habitat for Humanity International
NOW Health Group, Inc.

\$292,784
\$106,500

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

Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity
Molex, LLC

\$59,890
\$50,000



Financial Numbers



Charitable Donations

\$25,000 - \$49,000

Northwestern Memorial Healthcare	\$40,000
Old National Bank Foundation	\$30,000

\$10,000 - \$24,999

BCS Financial	\$15,500
Adam J. Richard	\$15,000
Alfred Bersted Foundation	\$15,000
Chamberlain Group	\$15,000
US Bank Naperville	\$15,000
M/I Homes of Chicago, LLC Foundation	\$14,000
Duravant	\$12,000
Fellowes Corporation	\$12,000
Fidelity Charitable Fund	\$12,000
AIT Worldwide Logistics	\$10,000
ComEd	\$10,000
Dot Foods	\$10,000
Ferrara Candy Company	\$10,000

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Charitable Donations

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Leopardo Companies, Inc.	\$10,000
Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council	\$10,000

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Republic Bank of Chicago	\$9,500
Mauser Packaging Solutions	\$8,500
Old National Bancorp	\$8,000
AM Mechanical	\$7,000
Logan Consulting	\$7,000
United Trust Bank	\$7,000
V3 Companies of Illinois Ltd.	\$7,000
Bill Jacobs Motorsport	\$6,000
Hassett Express	\$6,000
INEOS Styrolution	\$6,000
Motorola Solutions Foundation	\$6,000
Motorola Solutions Inc	\$6,000
UM Design Group	\$6,000

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Charitable Donations

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

Local Roofing Co., Inc.	\$5,274
Ball Horticultural Co.	\$5,000
Bluco Corporation	\$5,000
Creed Family Foundation	\$5,000
Gloria Meyers	\$5,000
Graycor	\$5,000
GreenState Credit Union	\$5,000
Insperty	\$5,000
Itasca Bank & Trust Co.	\$5,000
Office Revolution	\$5,000
Richard Krusemark	\$5,000
Schwab Charitable Fund	\$5,000
Todd A. Lestina	\$5,000

Financial Numbers



Charitable Donations

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Bronswick Benjamin PC	\$4,000
Wintrust Financial Corporation	\$4,000
Carl Lentz	\$3,500
Charles Vincent George Architects	\$3,500
First Eagle Bank Hanover Park	\$3,500
Kensington School	\$3,500
AltusWorks	\$3,000
IMEG Corp.	\$3,000
Nancy Hartung	\$3,000
Ryan LLC	\$3,000
Michelle Debruler	\$2,940
Edward Strickland	\$2,637
Community Foundation of Fox River Valley	\$2,500
Ensono	\$2,500
Entact LLC	\$2,500
Hooters On Location	\$2,500
Raincoat Roofing	\$2,500

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