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(clockwise) Prince,
Laylah, and Promise
Home since 2023

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Dear friends,

This past year was extraordinary as you helped us recognize our 40th anniversary in big ways. You showed up for the Carter Work Project, cheered on the public launch of our *Build Forward Together* campaign, and powered record-breaking support for the mission. *Thank you!*

Looking forward, we continue to face unprecedented challenges. Rents and construction costs have skyrocketed, making it harder than ever for working families to afford homes in the Twin Cities. Meanwhile, the federal environment is presenting challenges the likes of which we've never seen before.

That's why I'm so grateful for this generous Habitat community, including you. You are rising to the challenge, and there are so many ways you can get involved. Check out our brand-new ReStore (p. 3). Be part of our largest development ever (p. 6). Attend an inspiring event (p. 7). Double your impact with



Board Chair Tony Barranco, homeowner Buffy Moore, and Twin Cities President and CEO Chris Coleman pose together at CEO Build.

a special matching gift (p. 8). However you get involved, thank you for building forward together.

With gratitude,

Chris Coleman
President and CEO Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

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120

families bought homes including the **2,000th homeowner** since our founding in 1985

111

Advancing Black Homeownership participants, with **37 home closings**

Build Forward Together

This year, the big-hearted Habitat community showed up for our mission like never before. This is a snapshot of what you built.

Relive all the joy of this momentous year at tchabitat.org/forward

12,816

donors gave to raise **\$22.48 million** for the mission, fueling new innovations.



ReStore

It's official! Our new ReStore is open in Brooklyn Park!

Joining our New Brighton and Minneapolis locations, this third ReStore will go further to help local families build brighter futures with Habitat. Thank you to everyone who came to the Grand Opening weekend full of great deals, special guest appearances, fun photo ops, food trucks, and a warm welcome to Brooklyn Park.



Brooklyn Park NEW!
9300 Winnetka Avenue N, #200
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

New Brighton
510 County Road D West
New Brighton, MN 55112

Minneapolis
2700 Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Store Hours*

Sunday – Monday: *Closed*
Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Donation door closes one hour before store.

Homeowner Story

Arlisa is Living the Dream

Arlisa Bullock grew up in North Minneapolis and always dreamed of a place to call her own.

As a single mother of three, she knew renting would never bring the stability her family needed. “I’m going to do this one day,” she promised herself—and after years of hard work and sacrifice, she did.

Arlisa learned discipline early. “If I want it, I’m going to get it,” she says. Determined to save, she posted money-saving tips on her wall, quit smoking, cooked at home, and picked up extra shifts at the pharmacy where she works. Every extra dollar went toward her goal.

Her persistence paid off. She completed a homebuyer education program with one of Habitat’s partner organizations, built her credit, and saved every penny. In 2022 she applied to Twin Cities Habitat and was delighted to learn she could use Habitat’s mortgage on the open market.

The final hurdle was finding the right home. After looking at dozens of homes with her real estate agent, Arlisa finally walked into a Brooklyn Center house with bright hardwood floors and an open kitchen and knew—*this is it*.

On June 30, 2023, Arlisa closed on the home but kept it secret from her kids to surprise them. A few days later she

brought them to “see a house I liked.” Her oldest daughter, Promise, looked around approvingly. Then Arlisa held up the keys and said, “It’s ours!” The room erupted in squeals and happy tears.

For the first time, each child has a room of their own. Laylah taped a sign to her door with her own room rules. Little Prince loves racing around with his toys. And Arlisa has her own bed—something she’s never had before.

Now Arlisa’s dreaming even bigger. “I’m living the dream,” she says, smiling at the spacious yard where she envisions a greenhouse and a fish pond. “I love creative spaces, and it’s mine and I can do what I want with it.”

Arlisa’s journey shows exactly what Habitat supporters make possible: a safe, stable home and a future filled with opportunity.

“Home is family, it’s love; it’s where you can grow,” she says. “You need a goal, something you’re working for. And not just your kids—you have to be doing something for yourself.”

Thanks in part to generous supporters like you, Arlisa’s dream is now reality—and her children’s futures are brighter than ever.

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Arlisa Bullock
Homeowner since 2023



New Resource Hub for Habitat Homeowners

The homeowner journey continues long past closing. That’s why we’ve created a new resource hub, as a place to get answers, support, and find tools to navigate homeownership with confidence.

Visit tchabitat.org/homeowner



Project Update

Building *The Heights*

Progress continues at *The Heights* development on St. Paul's Greater East Side, Twin Cities Habitat's largest development ever. With your help, we're transforming the former Hillcrest Golf Course into a new neighborhood that will include 147 Habitat homes.



Construction Continues

One year after construction kicked off at the 2024 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, more than **60 homes are now under construction**, including two single-family homes whose foundations were poured this fall. Permanent power and alley paving were recently completed, one of the last steps before families can move in.



LEED Platinum

The Heights recently achieved LEED Platinum for Communities certification—the **highest award** possible through Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and one of the only projects to receive it! Homes at *The Heights* feature donated rooftop solar shingles, air-source heat pumps, and other sustainable features to keep utility costs low.

You can help!

Volunteer, donate, and learn about the development: tchabitat.org/heights



Interested in living at *The Heights*? Visit our homeownership page: home.tchabitat.org/the-heights



Move-In Ready

This summer, we staged a **model unit in partnership with IKEA** so families could visit and imagine their lives at *The Heights*. And within the next few weeks, the first several families will start to move in!

Thanks, 2025 Sponsors!

Raise THE Roof GOLF TOURNAMENT



Thank you to everyone who came out for our *Raise the Roof Golf Tournament* and 19th Hole Happy Hour this summer! With your help, we raised enough to build a new Habitat home.

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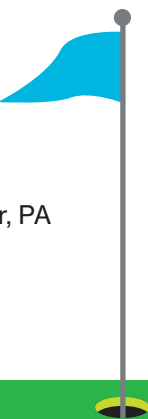
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Save the Date

Hard Hat & Black Tie Gala

Saturday, April 25, 2026

The Depot – Minneapolis

Join us for fabulous auctions, a delicious dinner, an inspiring program, and amazing entertainment as we make homeownership possible. Sponsorships are available; contact events@tchabitat.org.



Habitat on the Hill

MINNESOTA

Friday, March 27, 2026

Minnesota State Capitol

Join Habitat supporters from across the state to learn about advocacy and raise your voice for affordable homeownership. Sign up for advocacy action alerts to be the first to know when registration opens at tchabitat.org/advocate.



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Your gift, doubled!

November 1–20, 2025 | [**tchabitat.org/max**](https://tchabitat.org/max)

Get ready for an incredible opportunity to make a real difference. *Give to the Max*, Minnesota's ultimate giving celebration, is here from November 1 to 20. And your donations to Twin Cities Habitat will be matched, dollar for dollar.

Your support will help welcome families to *The Heights* in St. Paul, our largest development ever. Close to a dozen families are set to move in by the end of the year—your gift keeps their homes affordable and continues construction on the 147 Habitat homes we're building at *The Heights*.

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