



Habitat Herald

Creating Her Own Home: Anne's Story

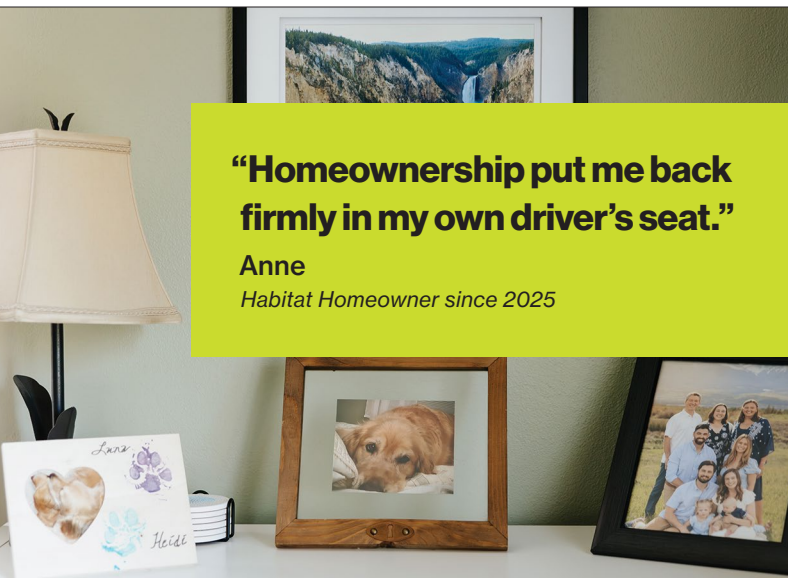
The kitchen in Anne's St. Paul home is filled with warm light, and the window over the sink looks out on a fenced in backyard where her dogs can play. Sliding doors open to a brick patio Anne installed herself, and raspberry bushes are thriving in the corner of the yard.

Anne's living a dream that once seemed unattainable. After a divorce a few years ago, Anne moved in with her parents until she figured out the next step. She wanted to own a house and started saving money, but breaking into the housing market felt impossible.

Then Anne's mom shared Anne's story with a member of her book club, who happens to work at Twin Cities Habitat. Once Anne heard about Habitat's program, things started to look up.

"I spent a lot of time going down dead ends. I was getting discouraged, so I was grateful to find Habitat," Anne remembers. "Especially as a single person, it felt almost too good to be true. But it was real."

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Anne

Habitat Homeowner since 2025



Moments That Moved Our Mission

From raising your paddle at the annual gala to making some noise at the Minnesota State Capitol, you showed up and made an impact.

Hard Hat & Black Tie Gala

Nearly **800 supporters** came together in their best construction couture at the annual gala, raising more than **\$1.1 million**. Guests were inspired by a homeowner's video testimonial as well as remarks from the gala co-chairs and Twin Cities Habitat leadership. President & CEO Chris Coleman stated, "Health and well-being, economic growth, and the peace of mind to focus on what matters most—it all starts at home." We can't wait to see you at next year's gala on **April 24, 2027!**



Want to relive some of the magic? Scan the code for a video recap.

Habitat on the Hill



Some **120 advocates** chanted and waved pompoms in the Capitol Rotunda before conducting more than 80 meetings with state representatives and senators. Attendees included Habitat homeowners, some of who were stepping foot in our Capitol for the first time. Habitat Homeowner Eric reflected, "What stood out most was the sense of community and care I felt. Visiting the Capitol and being surrounded by so much history reminded me how important it is to stay engaged. The four housing bills discussed during the event represent meaningful steps toward stability, fair housing prices, and the possibility of generational wealth for families like mine."

Join Habitat advocates at tchabitat.org/advocacy.



Patch with Purpose

More than **200 Habitat supporters and homeowners** attended a Twins game on May 17 as part of the Minnesota Twins and Securian Financial's *Patch with Purpose* program. The Twins and Securian Financial both believe in building secure tomorrows and both organizations made a donation to support Twin Cities Habitat through this unique partnership.

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After completing Habitat’s homebuyer education, Anne found a house on the open market. When she closed in January 2025, it felt like the start of a new chapter—one with endless possibilities.

“Homeownership put me back firmly in my own driver’s seat. I have the confidence and ability to make my own decisions and reach goals on my own terms.”

As soon as she got her house keys, Anne started making improvements to her home. With help from family, she made the space her own: Fresh paint, a new patio, a transformed yard, and more (next up is a deck). She also attends *Volunteer and Learn* events to gain new skills.

Anne is creating a home—and a life—she loves. Most Thursdays, she and her new partner go to a local bar for trivia. She enjoys walking her dogs around a nearby lake. Her walls display



Homeowner photos by Ceri McCaffrey

cross-stitches, paintings, and photos from family trips. In her kitchen, she makes sourdough bread and raspberry jam.

“It can be a lot of work to keep my house maintained, but the feeling of driving up and seeing this beautiful yard, cooking whatever I want for dinner in my own kitchen—it’s soothing and rewarding,” she says. “It gets better and better.”



ReStore **by the numbers**

ReStores are Habitat’s home improvement outlets that sell donated furnishings and building supplies at a fraction of the cost, with revenue supporting the Habitat mission. Supporters make ReStore possible. You provide donations, volunteer your time, and make purchases. Look at the incredible impact you made last year:

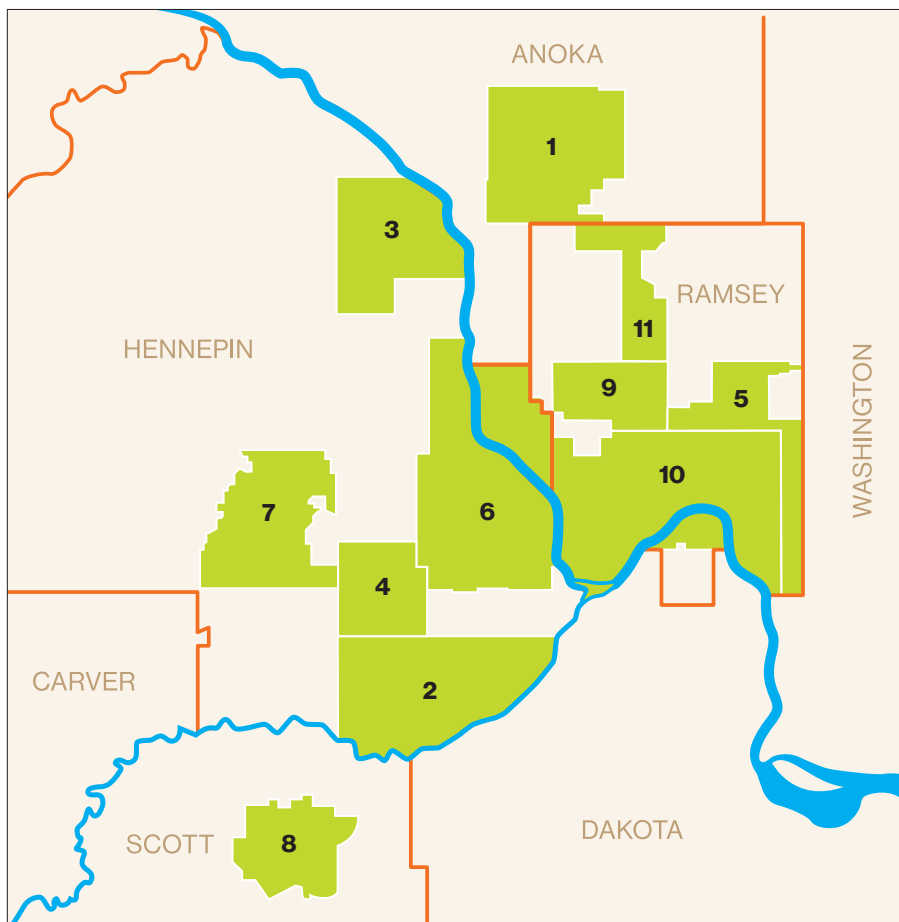
<p>21,400 donations were dropped off at ReStores or picked up by our drivers.</p>	<p>6.4M pounds of materials were diverted from landfills. That’s a big win for the planet.</p>	<p>ONE new ReStore was opened in Brooklyn Park and has been a great success!</p>
<p>86,275 ReStore shoppers made purchases at ReStore locations in the Twin Cities metro.</p>	<p>12,500 volunteer hours went into running our ReStores. We love our volunteers!</p>	<p>FIVE new homes were built with the proceeds of ReStore sales.</p>

Drop off donations to support ReStore or schedule a pickup. Get started at restore.tchabitat.org/donate.

Blueprint to #KeepBuilding

Check out the map of Summer 2026 build sites. You can help get homes ready for families across the metro or across the street.

tchabitat.org/volunteer



Map Key

- River
- County Border
- City with Habitat Builds

1. Blaine
2. Bloomington*
3. Brooklyn Park
4. Edina
5. Maplewood
6. Minneapolis
7. Minnetonka*
8. Prior Lake
9. Roseville*
10. Saint Paul*
11. Shoreview

Communities with multiple Habitat builds are marked with an asterisk (*).



19th Hole Happy Hour

Monday, July 27, 4:00 p.m. at Minneapolis Golf Club

Join Habitat supporters for this fun summer event at the Minneapolis Golf Club! Raise a glass and learn more about Habitat's current work in a beautiful setting.

For more information, visit **tchabitat.org/golf**.