

HABITAT HAPPENINGS



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As we enter the season of gratitude, I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for your generosity. Once we safely reopened post COVID-19 quarantine, our ReStore surpassed four years of sales records from July-September and community recycle and reuse donations at Lebanon's first city-wide garage sale included 36 cars! The boom in retail sales helped us retain and grow our staff. We are also grateful to the United Way of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties for \$5,000 in programmatic support toward unanticipated costs that resulting from COVID-19.

We have new ways to connect with you through our social media and new website at <https://www.lebanonoregonhabitat.com/> that lists home, building, and other materials you can donate and recycle. Please like, share, and subscribe to our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @lebanonhabitat as it helps us reach more families in the community and develop new partnerships.

Please read on about our new **Home Repair and Preservation Program launch**, our recent grant funding, upcoming home build, and our Building a **Better Future** capital campaign. We have big goals for the ReStore to serve more of you and a major recycling center in our area. Stay tuned and be safe!

New Home Repair Program Launch

To improve housing stability and increase opportunities for homeowners to remain in their existing home and communities, we've launched the **Home Repair and Preservation Program** for homes located within Linn county, in these zip codes: 97355, 97327, 97386, 97345, and 97329. If interested, complete our Home Repair and Preservation Program Interest Form on our website's **Our Programs** page for more details about this low income qualifying loan program. If you know someone who does not have internet, please contact us at 541.405.5213 and our executive program assistant will complete the inquiry form with you over the phone. We would like to thank the following for providing funding: a Ford Foundation grant of \$5,759 allowed us to purchase a box container truck to pick up donated materials and haul materials to and from home build and repair sites. And Meyer Memorial Trust awarded us \$83,500, dispersed over two years to serve our communities in need of critical home repairs.



New Home Builds

We are excited to begin construction on the first of two or more homes from donated land in Sodaville. After sending applications to nearly 80 applicants for the September 30, 2020 deadline, our Lebanon Area Habitat for Humanity Partner Selection Committee will review submissions and make a final selection. Our partner family will contribute sweat equity, complete financial literacy courses, and pay an affordable mortgage. A common misconception is Habitat gives away homes. Our motto of giving a hand up, not a handout, contributes to helping families gain a sense of ownership and pride in their home. We serve families and individuals that fall within 30 and 80 percent of the area's Average Median Income (AMI). Learn more at <https://www.lebanonoregonhabitat.com/our-programs>.

Calling All Volunteers

How do we accomplish all these home build and repair tasks? You! We have a unique list of tasks that should fit your entire *family and/or work group. Please complete our Volunteer Interest Form to let us know what you'd like to do to help, what days and times, and any special accommodations you may need, and we'll contact you for our next Volunteer Training session, held remotely and, if still allowable, in person following social distancing, mask wearing, and indoor meeting number limits.

*In recognition of federal labor laws regarding children and the potential risk to children's safety on a construction site, no one under the age of 16 is allowed on a construction site while construction is in progress. Also, no one under the age of 18 can do any ultra-hazardous activities, which includes the use of power tools or motor vehicles, demolitions, roofing, or working from a height of six feet or more or on excavation operations.

Building a Better Future Capital Campaign

Ways to Donate

ONLINE

Make a tax deductible donation to
<https://www.habitat.org/donate/?link=6&affiliate=1437-6819>

MAIL

P.O. Box 356
 Lebanon, OR 97355

AMAZON SMILES

When you shop at
<https://smile.amazon.com/> and
 select Lebanon Area Habitat for
 Humanity

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Contact us at
info@lebanonhabitat.com if interested
 in donating as a Corporate Partner.

Our Building a Better Future capital campaign is responding to the need for more low-income housing in East Linn county. We aim to raise \$250,000 to purchase a larger Habitat ReStore as we have outgrown our downtown location. Proceeds from the sale of new and used ReStore goods support our home build programs. In addition to more sales space, a larger ReStore will create more jobs, house storage for materials used in construction projects, a volunteer training center, and more space for cleaning and testing donated items. It will also enable us to increase our recycling program, allowing for a secure drop-off area for large appliances and metals. Many grant foundations that help with capital campaigns want to see there is community

interest and involvement, so please consider completing our Volunteer Interest Form and offering an end of year donation to help broaden our work and make a lasting impact on our community. If 2020 has shown us anything, it has illustrated that one individual can make a difference, and a group of people can transform a situation for the better!

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE CAMPAIGN GIFT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

Preferred Communication (circle one): Call Text Email Mail

I'll give: \$5,000____ \$1,000____ \$500____ \$250____ \$100____ \$50____ Other:____

Type (circle one): Cash Check Card

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ CRV: _____

*Please make checks payable to: Lebanon Area Habitat for Humanity