

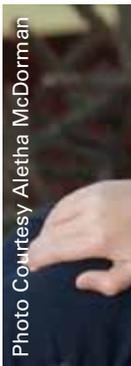


**Habitat
for Humanity**[®]
Central Arizona

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Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that seeks to put God's love into action by **bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.**



Family Spotlight - A Habitat Family In Their Own Words - The Ruemlers

We moved to Phoenix in 2011 seeking a fresh start. In our hometown of Indiana, we had experienced a lay-off, unemployment, foreclosure, a short sale, and even collections. There were no more opportunities for us there; we decided to take a leap of faith. After much prayer, we packed everything we could fit into the trunk of our 20 year old vehicle, put our 2 kids (then 6 and 8), our dog, and a fish in the backseat, and **we moved 1800 miles across the US. We knew no one. We had no jobs. We had no place to live.** All we had was one contact name, given to us through a former co-worker. In the midst of all the uncertainty, God showed up. Soon, through that one contact, we had an amazing church and church family, an apartment, and furniture. It was amazing to watch Him provide our every need!

After about a year, **we began to explore the possibility of owning a home again.** Our kids were sharing a room and this was getting more and more frustrating. A conventional mortgage was not a possibility. Our past foreclosure/short sale plus our lack of recent payment history meant we'd have to wait, indefinitely. **That's when we saw an article about Habitat** building for a woman in our hometown. So, we reached out to get more info.

It was a lengthy process with lots of paperwork, lots of info. However, Maribel and Sandy made it relatively smooth and painless. They were so supportive - I can't imagine having gone through the process without them. We found out that we were selected the day after our 15th anniversary. We were so excited! The process of getting hours was a blast! I loved working at the Anthem Restore with Chris. I looked forward to Saturday's! Then, when our house began to be built, it seemed to fly by! Every week, we'd go to the site and Jim and the Rio Verde/Tonto Verde crew would show us what was new. Jim would give the kids doughnuts and let them see their rooms. It was such a blessing. We met so many dear, generous people throughout the process! **People who work for Habitat and those who volunteer are among the most giving, genuine people I've ever met! It's an experience my family will never forget!**

We've been in our home for two years, now. Our home has given us stability and has helped make Phoenix our home. We love our neighbors and neighborhood. I love giving back to Habitat through outreach and volunteering on build sites. I want more families to have the opportunity to experience what we have. I can't say enough about Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona. We consider them family. **We are proud to call ourselves Habitat Homeowners.**

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Building Strength, Stability and Self-reliance.

Decent. Affordable. Housing. That's what Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona is all about. Our mission to bring people together to build homes and communities is simple and straightforward, but challenging to achieve. According to the US Census, **an estimated 16.7% of people are living in poverty** in Maricopa County at this very moment. Most are hardworking individuals and families that just don't earn enough to qualify for conventional home financing. As a result, they are often forced to shelter in cramped, undesirable quarters with unsanitary facilities and inadequate protection from the elements.

This is where Habitat can help. **Because of our strong track record, we know we can. Because of our vision, we know we must.** Since joining the organization, I've seen the tremendous impact that affordable housing has on helping people create better lives for themselves and their families. Not to mention the critical role decent housing plays in creating positive outcomes in the community.

With the hearts and minds of our tremendous volunteers and the on-going support from our wonderful donors, we've been privileged to **build strength and stability** into this community for more than 30 years. That said, we plan to continue building until everyone has a decent place to live. As we continue to celebrate the lives we have empowered through adequate housing, we look forward to many years of creating safe and secure places for families to grow, be healthy and thrive.

To get involved or make a donation, please visit habitatcaz.org



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Volunteer Spotlight

Joe Genovese became involved in Habitat in 1987 when the company he was working for became the first in the nation to join Habitat as a corporate sponsor. At the time Joe and his family lived in Georgia and had become acquainted with Habitat through his church. Joe came out as a one day volunteer and hasn't left in 28 years. He later moved to Arizona and quickly moved up in the ranks from volunteer, to Team Leader and then to House Leader. As a House Leader Joe has overseen the construction of 55 family's forever homes. Since retiring from his full-time career, Joe has become a board member and also volunteers during the week at our ReStore. Joe has served on several committees and is the current chair for our Resource Development committee. **He advocates for Habitat all day, every day.**



Since 1993 when he began working the Habitat Central Arizona he has completed 55 houses. We believe that Joe has completed an estimate of 5,000 hours of work in his tenure. That does not include time with the board or

at unofficial functions. He has recruited dozens of volunteers to Habitat and has been an inspirational leader to them all. Not only has he recruited countless volunteers and leaders, he has also kept thousands of volunteers safe on the job site through his diligence, patience and strong direction. **Most importantly, he serves as a mentor to many volunteers and college students.**

In addition to his personal donations, he has also raised thousands of dollars to support the mission of Habitat. He has made untold personal connections with various Habitat families, often keeping up with them long after a build is complete. On many occasions he has offered to help families in homes neighboring a Habitat build. **Joe is constantly seeking to make a difference any way he can.**

Here at Habitat he is affectionately known as “Never say No Joe” because everyone knows he is who to call when you need someone to go above and beyond. Most recently we were working in a neighborhood revitalization project with GCU, Joe formed a friendship with one of the recipient families and he noticed they had a wooden bench that had fallen into disrepair. Without a second thought Joe loaded up the bench into his truck and took it home. A week later he returned, having restored the bench to its original glory.

Joe is our lead outreach volunteer, he presents regularly to churches on coalitions on behalf of Habitat. When homeowners need help after the build is completed to hang blinds, lay grass or make small repairs, we call Joe. Despite being perpetually busy he is never too busy to offer a hand. When Habitat staff members retire or leave, Joe does his best to make every going away party and ensure his name is on the bottom of every card. He has done all of this in the midst of raising two beautiful children and being a devoted husband to his own family.



His passion, his energy, his thoughtfulness knows no end. Our every success is a direct reflection of his unwavering passion for the mission and to help people. His faith, his compassion, his commitment are unwavering and **our community is a stronger, more vibrant place because of Joe Genovese.**





Build a Legacy and Make an Impact Beyond a Lifetime.

For more than 30 years, Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona has made strides toward the goal of eliminating poverty housing in our community.

As a Legacy Builder, members make gift plans to benefit Habitat's housing ministry beyond their lifetime – moving us closer to the ultimate goal of every person in our community having a decent place to live.

Legacy Builders are those that share Habitat's vision for the future. You can leave a gift in your will, name Habitat as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or fund a charitable gift annuity to enjoy income and tax benefits now while supporting Habitat's future work.

Habitat established Legacy Builders to recognize the importance of legacy gifts in accomplishing the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. To become a member, you must plan to benefit Habitat after your lifetime - whether in the form of a bequest, annuity, or other planned giving arrangements - and notify Habitat of your plans. It is not necessary to reveal the financial details of your planning and no matter how large or small, legacy gifts are meaningful because they provide long-term support and solutions for the growing affordable housing crisis in our community.

To learn more about how to plan your giving, please call the Development office at 602-232-1072.



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ReStore

Through the sale of new and gently-used furniture, home goods and building materials, **our four Valley discount home stores are supporting the Habitat for Humanity mission** of building, renovating and repairing homes in Central Arizona for local families in need of decent, affordable housing.

Donor Spotlight

Total Transit just celebrated its 32nd year in business and is the parent company of several local (and national) transportation companies. Most recognizable, is Discount Cab, one of the largest cab companies in the United States, operating a fleet of more than 1,100 cabs, including the largest fleet of hybrid Toyota Prius cabs in North America. Total Transit is incredibly proud that 85% of the Discount Cab fleet consists of these fuel-efficient hybrids. This reflects their commitment to making positive impacts in the communities they operate.



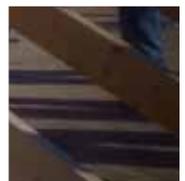
Recently, Total Transit's Transportation Management group was reorganized into a new technology-centered company named Veyo that is already changing the healthcare transportation and logistics industry for the better. Total Transit also provides on-demand transportation services for ADA members in several regional areas in the southwest.



Total Transit shares their commitment to philanthropy through their company mission statement- **"Total Transit is dedicated to providing transportation services and solutions that create customers for life and enhance the communities they serve."**

In the spirit of enhancing the local community, Total transit reached out to Habitat for Humanity in late 2008 about getting involved through the new Director of Operations, Mr. Bill Blair. Blair was familiar with the organization through a friend and previous volunteer experiences. He began by arranging a team building opportunity for his employees, but wanted impact that reached the local community, to reinforce to their employees that they truly live by their mission statement. After careful consideration he chose Habitat. **Blair said "I love that Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out.** Nothing is given away which is very appealing in a world that sometimes seems to run on entitlement."

Now almost seven years later the relationship between Habitat and Total Transit continues to grow. Through the Total Transit Foundation, **they have contributed to building homes with six families.** A photo of each is displayed proudly in the lobby of their corporate office. Total Transit has even brought in Habitat's Family Services team to educate their employees about opportunities within Habitat. Our united hope is to qualify a Total Transit employee for a Habitat Home. A home that would be sponsored entirely by Total Transit, built by Total Transit employees and a home that would reflect the spirit of family they foster within the company and celebrate another year in the community.



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