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Habitat's first 3D-printed home in Arizona

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Greetings Habitat Family and Friends -

Every door opens a new opportunity. The opportunity to own a safe and affordable home is essentially what Habitat is all about. I want to take this opportunity, to open another door, to reach out and say thank you for your involvement in this mission. It never ceases to amaze me how much we can accomplish when we commit to moving forward together.

We use two words a lot here at Habitat for Humanity the first is **amazing**, as in our amazing sponsors, families and volunteers. The second is **miracle** in that it often seems like a miracle that we can bring all three of our Amazing components together at the same place and time to build or repair a home! Yet God is good and somehow it seems to work out, over and over again. But COVID introduced many new challenges that linger on, adding complexities and costs to our working miracles. The cost of land has skyrocketed here in the valley, increasing more than 30% in just a few years. The cost of an average home is over $400k, and is forecast to reach $485K by the summer (when I started here six years ago it was about $220K!) Getting approvals through municipalities slowed down due to staffing issues and while improving, can still be challenging. Construction costs have risen at record rates both in materials and finding contractors to do the things we can't use volunteers for, like pouring slabs and wiring homes, and it is more costly and tougher to schedule. Why work on a few Habitat homes when you can have your crews working on a multi-million dollar multi-unit project across town. Yet one thing remains in absolute abundance, and that is families that could use our help. Hard working, amazing Arizona **families that long for a decent, affordable place to call home**. Thanks to all of you and our Lord above, we will continue to make miracles happen and bring homes, communities and hope to our friends and neighbors.

With one eye on our local community and the other on brutal war in Ukraine, we offer our prayers for wisdom for our leaders, strength for the citizenry and safety, healing and health for everyone impacted. Habitat International reported the following: "Last week, Habitat began distributing hotel vouchers to families fleeing the violence. Habitat has also installed space heaters in refugee reception centers of northern Romania, where displaced families have been staying temporarily amid snow and nighttime temperatures that dip below freezing. In Hungary, **Habitat teams have been providing refugees with emergency supplies such as water, diapers and lighting.** Habitat also plans to partner with refugees seeking longer-term shelter, including through subsidies that make rental housing more affordable. Habitat will seek to lend housing and construction expertise to efforts to repurpose so-called empty spaces – from unused schools to factories – so they can serve as shelter for refugees. We are also identifying more permanent housing solutions, such as refurbished rental housing, in host countries." Habitat is a global ministry with tremendous reach and compassion for those who need a hand up**. Amazing.**

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your community. Your generous donation helps open a door for Arizona families, children, seniors, veterans and those who simply need a hand up. Your support opens doors and opportunities like never before.

Gratefully,

Jason Barlow

President & CEO

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

innovation, collaboration and celebration

With a goal of building **more economically, more efficiently, and more sustainably**, Habitat recently completed building its first 3D-printed home. In the fall of 2019, Habitat was approached by two ASU grads looking to bring 3D printed construction technology to the Valley. A year later, Habitat's construction team was off to Houston for training in additive manufacturing and learning a whole new lingo. After about a year of planning and countless video-conference calls with engineering counterparts in Germany (and several COVID related delays) **Habitat was pleased to announce the completion of its first 3D-printed home in Arizona in late February 2022**. The celebration and open house was open to the public and well attended. The many generous sponsors, supporters, in-kind donors, and volunteers were recognized for making this one-of-a-kind home happen.

Much like Habitat for Humanity, the home has many layers built one on top of the other until a stable framework is achieved. **"When I t comes to this home, in a very real sense, the medium is the message,"** says Dusty Parsons, Director of Marketing and Media for Habitat. "How great that this home could bring much needed attention to the affordability gap so many in our community our experiencing, as well as spotlight a cool, emerging technology." President and CEO, Jason Barlow adds "It makes perfect sense that this kind of innovation would come from nonprofit land. **After all, we're trying to address one the most pressing issues in our state - home affordability.**

The new homeowners, Shawn and Marcus were gracious and grateful at every step in their journey and worked to thank every contributor personally. Simply stated, they would repeat, **"Thank you for changing our lives in such a positive way!"**

Learn more at habitatcaz.org/3D

It’s a no brainer and you’ll feel great!

Did you know that the great state of Arizona offers you an opportunity to receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state income taxes? It’s true!

Let’s say you owe the state $400 at tax time. You can donate that amount to a Qualified Charitable Organization like Habitat for Humanity and that amount will come right off what you owe the state - It’s that simple!

You can direct up to $400 to Habitat, and it comes back to you when you file your taxes! Dollar for dollar – Up to $800, if you’re filing jointly.

To claim the credit you must:

- **be an Arizona resident**
- **complete Arizona tax form 321 and include it with your tax return**
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expanding services for veterans

What is Habitat's Veterans Services program? Shavonne Diaz, Senior Case Manager for Habitat for Humanity explains, We can help any qualified veteran with repairs in their home that could cause further damage to their property or might pose a health or safety issue." Since starting the program in 2019, **Habitat has been able to serve 118 veteran families in Arizona**. Habitat helps qualified veterans with major repairs, much like its Aging in Place program, including tub/shower conversions, HVAC repair or replacement, and much needed roof repairs. The program originated from a generous donation from the Milanovich Family Trust as the were keenly focused on serving veterans with housing needs in exactly this way.

Diaz says, "One veteran widow we worked with had severe flooding in her kitchen and couldn't afford to replace the badly aged floor. She lived and walked on sheets of plywood for almost seven years before getting in touch with Habitat who was able to install all new flooring." Habitat's current waitlist is almost 100 veterans and growing every day says Diaz, "The more word gets out about the program, the more people call." Currently the **average cost of repairs is about $12,000 per home**, but that cost is increasing.

In addition, to our Veteran repair program, Habitat announced that we are working with The Milanovich Family Trust, and US VETS Phoenix to **build two five-bedroom homes** specifically designated for veterans suffering from MST that are in need of transitional housing. Over their lifetime, these two homes being built largely by Volunteers, will provide a needed hand up to hundreds, if not thousands of deserving veterans and their children. US Vets will administer the program aimed at vastly improving the quality of life for these worthy individuals.

According to a recent report by the National Housing Conference, nearly half of US veterans who are single mothers spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing and are particularly vulnerable to cost burdens compared with the overall veteran population. The partners hope these new homes can provide safety and stability for female veterans and positively impact communities for years to come. **Learn more at habitatcaz.org/veterans**

opportunity knocks
other ways to give

Donor advised funds - A donor advised fund, which is like a charitable savings account, gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona and other qualified charities. You can recommend a grant or recurring grants to create more homeownership opportunities for local families.

Direct gifts from an IRA - If you are at least 70½ years old, you can make a gift of up to $100,000 each year to Habitat directly from your IRA. An IRA Charitable Rollover Gift allows you to make a gift to Habitat, satisfy part or all of your annual required minimum distribution from your IRA, and exclude part or all of the distribution from your taxable gross income, thereby reducing your tax liability. It's easy to get started! Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift. Your funds will be directly transferred to Habitat to avoid tax penalties.

Stock gifts - Gifts of appreciated stock and securities can help us purchase land, tools and consturction materials to build more homes for Arizona families. The IRS allows a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the appreciated security.

Charitable bequests - If you would like to support Habitat with a charitable bequest, we can help. Please contact us for a copy of our free estate planning guide. We can provide you with a copy of our bequest language. Please contact us for assistance with creating and updating your plans.

Learn more at habitatcaz.org/donate

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