



Dear friends:

I cannot believe Thanksgiving has passed and the Christmas Holidays are just a couple of weeks away. It has been an amazing year for West Volusia Habitat for Humanity, our Habitat families, our volunteers, our staff, and you, our most generous supporters.

We have capitalized on an unexpected local samaritan bequest, the generous corporate sponsorships of Boulevard Tire Centers and Publix Charities, the invaluable benefit of over 4,000 construction volunteer hours, and a record sales year at our ReStore supported by nearly 3,000 volunteer hours. This has allowed us to complete the re-sale of home 96, to start construction and nearly complete homes 102 and 103 on Pine Tree Road, and to break ground on homes 104 and 105 in Daytona Park Estates. Five deserving families have all completed over 300 volunteer hours each, completed classwork on financial discipline and homeownership, and demonstrated their ability to maintain employment and to make an affordable mortgage payment while meeting all their financial obligations. A hand up – not a handout!

Our lofty goal for 2023 is to deliver four homes and another six in 2024. Success, yes! But your help is needed now. The homebuilding landscape is more treacherous than ever – runaway inflation, supply chain disruptions, ridiculously high land costs/shortages, exclusionary zoning, backward thinking politicians, and nouveau anti-development/not in my back yard (NIMBY) movements.

We have one mission and that is to increase access to affordable homeownership driven by the moral compass that everyone deserves the opportunity for a safe decent place to live. We do not give away homes, never have, we educate deserving families on how to become a homeowner, we utilize the resources of the community to lower our cost of home construction, and we provide or secure an affordable mortgage to sell our homes at an affordable price. We build homes, community, and hope.

Why should you help, why donate, why volunteer, why advocate for changes in our zoning laws and regulations, why welcome a Habitat family to your community, your block. Aside from the obvious benefits to a Habitat family of owning one's home (financial security, independence, a greater sense of belonging), the impact of having Habitat homeowners in your community leads to a greater sense of community, civic responsibility, community activism, volunteerism, lower crime rates, better schools, and better overall student performance, just to name a few.

We need your help. Please support us with your generous year-end contribution, volunteer your time, advocate for more affordable housing, your support is needed. Please mail your (501)(c)(3) tax deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope or to use a debit/credit card please visit our safe, secure PayPal account [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=6WSNU6RMCTNLN](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=6WSNU6RMCTNLN), or our Facebook page @westvolusiahabitatforhumanity or our web-site [www.vvhabitat.org](http://www.vvhabitat.org) THANK YOU!

With our sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Randy", written over a circular scribble.

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