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FAQ

THE HABITAT– SEATTLE KING COUNTY and KITTITAS COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

Q: What is happening in this strategic partnership?

A: Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity (KCHFH) and Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King County are joining together in a strategic partnership to help strengthen our presence within Kittitas County. Behind the scenes operations - accounting, process management, Human Resources - will largely be conducted by King County, while our local staff and volunteers can focus their energy on building houses and running the store.

Q: I love to volunteer at the store or on builds, can I still do that?

A: Of course! And yes, please! One of our biggest constraints is having the resources to be able to acquire land AND start building. By strengthening our connection with a very successful Habitat, our ability to move forward on projects in Kittitas County just became supercharged. So, *yes, you'll be able to volunteer with more opportunities than ever before.* (once the next project gets underway)

Q: I have donated money to Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity in the past. When I donate again, where does that money go?

A: Great question. Any money that you choose to donate to Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity will stay in the county and be attributed to Kittitas County projects. This was really important to us.

Q: Is your name changing?

A: No, we will remain Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity. It's important to us, you and our broader community that the work we do is reflected in our name. Affordable homeownership in Kittitas County, that's what we are all about, and the name should reflect that.

Q: What is happening to the Board of Directors?

A: The Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors will dissolve, and two of our members, Susan Raiston and Delano Palmer will be joining the Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King County Board for a 3 year term. Additionally, we are creating a local advisory

council, composed of up to 12 people. The remaining board members will be part of that advisory council.

Q: What is happening to the current staff?

A: All current Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity staff will be retained. After all, they are largely the reason we have been successful so far.

Q: What is happening to the store?

A: You can still make donations. You can still shop. You can still volunteer. Because of our partnership, you may find more “new” items in the store, due to the procurement power of our partnership and affiliate.

Q: What is Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King County getting out of this?

A: The one universal thing about every single Habitat affiliate is the vision of “A world where everyone has a decent place to live”. Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King County recognizes that they are in position to help smaller affiliates like ours, and perhaps they have a responsibility to do so. Affordable homeownership is a problem everywhere and can be solved through a more deeply connected community. By joining with Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King County can merge their strengths, - fundraising, procurement, operations - with ours - local knowledge, passion and commitment to create an even more prosperous and sustainable community. It’s also perhaps good to note that this partnership idea is occurring nationwide with smaller affiliates joining together and/or with a larger one to consolidate services.

Q: Okay, sum it all up for me.

A: Will do.

Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity is joining with Habitat for Humanity- Seattle King County.

Our name is staying.

Our store is staying.

Our staff is staying.

Building houses in Kittitas County is staying.

Your financial donations are staying.

Volunteering in the county is staying.

Our board is still represented.

Our ability to respond and engage in projects just improved significantly.

We hope you are as excited about this as we are.