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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AFFILIATES SEATTLE - KING COUNTY AND KITTITAS COUNTY ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Partnership will consolidate operations and further expand services throughout Kittitas County and increase house production to serve more families

SEATTLE (July 7, 2020) – Habitat for Humanity Seattle – King County (SKC) and Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity (KCHFH) have formed a strategic partnership that will expand services and production of affordable homes for qualifying families throughout Kittitas County.

The partnership will result in significant cost savings for Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity by consolidating its operations with Habitat SKC's corporate headquarters in Renton, WA. Functions including administration, IT, human resources, accounting/finance/payroll, legal, loan origination, construction and project development, and fund development will now be supported by Habitat SKC, all while retaining KCHFH staff.

The Kittitas County affiliate will continue to operate as Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity, enabling KCHFH to continue building affordable homes through local volunteers and donors in the county.

A search is under way for an [Area Director](#) who will serve as the local liaison with Habitat SKC. The Area Director will conduct volunteer recruitment, plan and oversee local events, serve as liaison to city and county governments and other community and faith groups, and conduct fund development activities.

A Construction Supervisor for KCHFH is also being sought to oversee local repairs and new construction, with the current management of the popular Ellensburg Habitat Store staying in place. Two Kittitas County Habitat Board members - Susan Ralston and Delano Palmer – will now serve on the Habitat SKC Board of Directors. A local council consisting of current Kittitas County Board members and other local leaders is also under development to help advise on operations and local housing needs.

“We are excited about this new partnership as it provides us the operational services and capital investments to better serve Kittitas County,” said Susan Ralston. “Our staff can now completely focus on finding buildable land for development of affordable Habitat homes, continue operations of the Habitat Store that is so important to funding land purchases and construction, and further building awareness of the important work Habitat is doing through the county.”

Added Brett D'Antonio, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Seattle – King County, “We are so pleased to work with this incredible affiliate to further support the mission of Habitat for Humanity, helping low income families achieve their dreams of home ownership within Kittitas County.”

About Habitat for Humanity Seattle - King County

In Seattle-King County and around the world, Habitat for Humanity brings people together as volunteers, homeowners, donors and community members to create strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter, ranking in the top 20 of America's Favorite Charities for 2019 by the [Chronicle of Philanthropy](#). Habitat for Humanity Seattle – King County constructs affordable homes, revitalizes neighborhoods, repairs homes for low-income people and seniors, operates discount home improvement stores in Auburn, Southcenter and Bellevue, and mobilizes more than 4,300 volunteers a year. Learn more at www.Habitatskc.org.

About Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity

Since 1993, Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity has built and sold homes to hard-working people in need of decent and affordable housing. Since then, the affiliate has completed 19 new-construction homes, three Critical Home Repair projects, and five A-Brush-With-Kindness projects. Kittitas County Habitat also operates a discount home improvement store in Ellensburg. Learn more at www.KCHabitat.org.

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