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### Gala Goers!



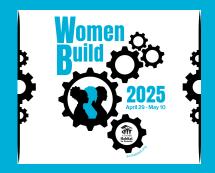


# Everything is better with cake!

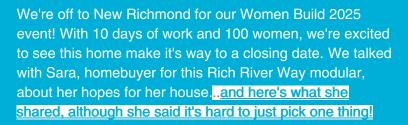
Our Gala was a sweet success, especially the desserts! Follow along below for details and more news: • ReStore

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Volunteer!



#### 10 Days of Women Build Are Almost Here!



### Swinging Hammers: It's Spring Construction Season!

#### Building on our work...

- 1. We are 90 percent finished with our modular home at 245 W., Panther dr. We have to finish the siding and build a garage and we will be wrapping up.
- We set a modular home on Rich River Way in New Richmond over the winter and go full steam ahead when we kick off Women Build Week April 29!
- 3. We are in the planning phase of a multi home project for Panther Dr. and presenting to the Village of Ellsworth next week. The plan is to set two modular, shared wall duplexes on the remaining lots on Panther Dr. This will be a great opportunity to showcase a new type of modular home for our area. The project is called Panther Woods. It will provide housing for four families.

Here's how you can help us cross the finish lines on these great starter homes: Volunteer! Donate! Help us find families for our next homes!



Bright sunshine to welcome back regular volunteer Mike Stearney, who is one of our volunteers helping side the back of our 245 Panther Drive home. With a walkout basement, there's plenty to do! We're holding our home dedication here May 15th at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and congratulate our new homeowners and take a peak around. The modular design is gorgeous and really showcases what modern affordable housing looks like!



### That Spring time appreciation!

## **El Agradecimiento** (a Spanish word used to express gratitude),

Did you know the concept of a starter home originated just after WWII. Entry level homeownership was the preferred option for young families and was part of the "American Dream". Relative to demand in Wisconsin, we're 60,000 units shy of the need for housing. That's just one of the reasons we're so keyed up about modular

housing! With significant savings in time and cost, these starter homes are not your 50's housing stock! We're busy flexing our housing muscle with modular options and our homebuyers are loving them as much as we are! You'll learn more about some of our projects here in our newsletter and if you stop out for our dedication ceremony in Ellsworth May 15.

Speaking of fun, we had a ball at our 4th annual gala March 29 in River Falls. We awarded our inaugural Mike Award, for behind the scenes dedication, to our board treasurer Mike Steblay, who, along with our finance committee, has really helped us

build smart, financially, during his seven years on the board. And we all had cake, of course, during the Dessert Dash that night! With so many thanks to all of our sponsors, live and silent auction donors and our bakers extraordinaire, I really want to thank everyone of you who supported our event. We raised more than \$91,000. And we're still feeling that sugar high! Thank you.

In the meantime, we're always looking for ideas, land and opportunities to bring more housing here -give me a shout if you've got some thoughts. Kristie and the team



### Save the Date!

Spend a summer day on a job site! Location is yet to be determined!



## Calling all landscape and garden volunteers!

# **Volunteer Update**

#### 245 Panther Drive, Ellsworth

Construction on 245 Panther Drive in Ellsworth is wrapping up, with 640 hours worked by 40 volunteers since the beginning of January. But we'll still have plenty of volunteer opportunities into the beginning of the summer on Rich River Way in New Richmond!



New Volunteer Sign-Up Portal!

Signing up as a volunteer with St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity has

#### Women Build! New Richmond

We're kicking off the New Richmond home project with our Women Build event, taking place from April 29 - May 10. This event is focused on empowering women to build stronger and safer communities through learning new skills and building connections. And it's not just about building a





just gotten easier!

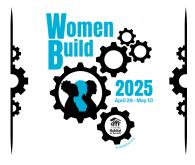
We've made the switch to using VolunteerHub software to manage volunteer registration and events. The new system allows volunteers to easily create a profile, view a calendar of all available volunteer opportunities by date and location, and sign up.

#### Go to

scvhabitat.volunteerhub.co <u>m</u> to create your profile and sign up for a shift (or two)!

Volunteers can now also sign up online for shifts in our ReStore. If you have any questions or need assistance, reach out to Jessie at <u>community.outreach@scvh</u> abitat.org home - featured speakers, yoga sessions, and a selfdefense workshop all add to the fun! We still have space left to volunteer, so sign up fast before the remaining spots are taken go to <u>scvhabitat.volunteerhub.co</u> <u>m</u> to register!

Keep an eye on our <u>website</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> (@scvhfh) and <u>Instagram</u> (@StCroixValleyHabitat) for announcements regarding volunteer sign-ups!



# ReStore

St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity

Our Restore has new volunteers signing up. With their help, we continue to keep our prices low and our inventory fresh!

We love our new truck, donated from the kind folks at Nissan!

We are working with a local school's transitional program to help 18 to 20-year-old adults gain retail experience and support their goals for future employment. These hard-working folks volunteer their time twice a week. We've loved getting to know the students and watching them gain experience and confidence through their work.

The sunshine is helping us too - .Call ahead 715-318-9122 or <u>email to</u> pre-approve donations please!

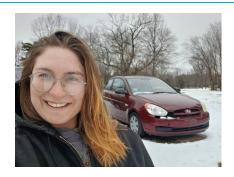


#### WE COULD YOUR HELP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays are our biggest days and we always love some extra hands to help with intake and organizing! Our store is open from 11-4 pm. You can now sign up to volunteer online. Visit <u>scvhabitat.volunteerhub.com</u> to see available shifts!

A quick update...too. There is a store in Stillwater, MN that has a name very close to ours. However, that one **is not** affiliated with Habitat. A few people have wondered! Our store puts all profits back into the affordable housing work we do! Thank you for your support!

## More ways to help!





## recycle your idle vehicle

(877) 277-4344 habitat.org/carsforhomes



Habitat ReStore

## **Cars for Homes**

Phoebe volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in 2020. In addition to building houses, she sees Cars for Homes as another great way to give back and be a part of the mission of Habitat for Humanity that she believes in.

"This machine took me across the country countless times since I work seasonally. I even lived out of this car, Maggie, for 5 months while road tripping across the U.S. She's never given me so much as a flat tire during all that long haul driving. I made her promise me one last trip from Arkansas to Wisconsin, and she made it. Through oil lights, engine lights, broken struts and worn brakes, she's kept me safe on the road for 5 years. Glad she gets to do a little bit of good on her way out."

Recycle your idle vehicle. Proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will help Habitat families build strength, stability, and self-reliance in our communities. Plus, it's fast and easy to do, and you may qualify for a tax deduction. Be sure to specify **St. Croix Valley Habitat** as your recipient.

#### Donate your vehicle in three easy steps:

- 1. Call 1-877-277-4344.
- 2. Provide your vehicle information and contact information.
- 3. Schedule your car to be picked up.



# Help us hand over more keys with a one-time or recurring gift.

We are funded through donations that allow us to build safe, sustainable, healthy and affordable homes so that all of our neighbors have a safe place to call home. Please consider helping more families build generational wealth through home ownership.



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