

# St. Croix Valley **Habitat for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>

**A QUARTERLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

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## **CREATIVE HOMES + HABITAT**

A new partnership is blossoming with Creative Homes that supports the purchase of lots for affordable housing.

Creative Homes is an award-winning home builder with three decades of home construction in Western Wisconsin and Minnesota.

## **NOW HIRING**

St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore has an immediate opening for a part-time Customer Service Associate. We're looking for an energetic, creative individual who has great customer service skills. Must be able tech-savvy and able to multi-task. Creative ideas for store displays and visual postings of inventory are welcome and encouraged.

“Housing prices continue to rise across the country and at the same time industry reports show inventory is down 23% over 2020” Creative Homes President Nick Hackworthy said. “But a tighter market should never prohibit people from accessing safe and affordable housing. A partnership with St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity reflects our core value of giving back to hard-working people here in Pierce & St. Croix Counties and is embedded in our company culture and the work that we do.”



helping you find your way *home*



## PATRAW BUILD UPDATE

Spring has sprung and we're ready to break ground on the Patraw Family home at 1167 Rich River Way, New Richmond - please join us in this milestone celebration on May 4th at 1PM.

Since we've gotten to this point, you know what that means, time to tag in our amazing volunteers! We're so lucky to have so many of them on our team. Check [scvhabitat.org/volunteer](http://scvhabitat.org/volunteer) for available sign up slots. It's a humbling team building experience as well as a way to make any individual feel like they can really make a difference!

We're also on the prowl for bids for the work we need to outsource. More information can be found at [scvhabitat.org/sub-contractor-tools](http://scvhabitat.org/sub-contractor-tools)

## ROCK THE BLOCK

It's planning season here and we're seeking a neighborhood to renovate!

If you are in, or have a friend in a neighborhood you think might need a bit of help with curb appeal, send us photos or videos with the reasons why you're nominating that particular neighborhood.

Last year, we were able to freshen up a neighborhood in River Falls in partnership with the River Falls Housing Authority by upgrading the parking lots, flower beds, storage sheds and playground equipment.

We'd love to see what we can do for you!

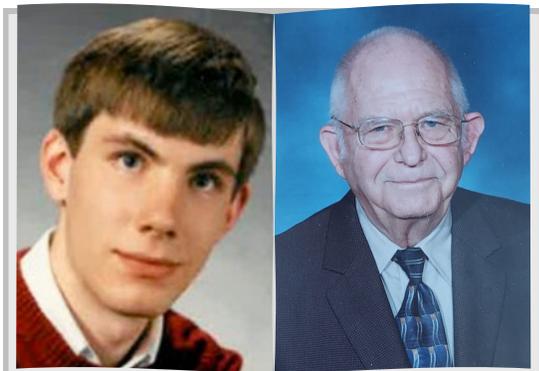


## IN LOVING MEMORY

In 2021, the St. Croix Valley lost two great souls, Bradley Kent and Harvey Hielkema.

Both of these gentleman worked closely with SCV Habitat over the years. We were honored that their families selected us as recipients of their memorial funds.

If you were a part of this, we want you to know how truly grateful we are; thank you for thinking of us, thank you for being inspired by these men, we grieve alongside of you.



## BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Getting our our newest family ready to become homeowners and gearing up for the gala are just some of the things keeping our board of directors busy right now.

Our board and committee members are a big part of the build process, from helping identify a family to drafting build plans, sourcing materials, homeowner education and volunteering on site. With an eye on the needs of our communities, they are also looking for new properties and locations to help us plan for future builds. If you know of lots and land that may be available, please let us know!

We're looking for more committee and board members to join us. If you're interested to learn more, please call Kristie at 715-575-8739.

## FROM THE ED'S DESK

Spring is one of our favorite seasons around here! We celebrated our 25th anniversary ( a year late) March 26 with a gala at Tattersall Distilling. It was so great to see so many faces, some new and some from many parts of our history. A very huge thank you to all who joined us, sponsored our event and donated so many amazing items to our silent auction. And to those who created beautiful birdhouses and shared stories of your own history with SCV Habitat.

Melting snow and potholes are also a reminder of the start of new construction season. We're excited to be building in New Richmond again, and invite you to sign up to help! It does take a village, and we are so grateful to be part of such a generous community of support.

Spring is also the start of long-term growth. We've been busy learning about 3D Printed housing and we're getting ready to kick off a capital campaign to bring this new technology to the builds we do in the future. We need lots, the right materials and equipment and funding. If you can help, and would like to learn more, we'll be getting an informational gathering together soon. Here's to some sunshine, lifted road restrictions and earth movers!

-Kristie



## WHOLE EARTH MARKET CO-OP

**WE Market works to promote a healthy and thriving community by supporting organizations, groups or individuals making a positive difference. Now through June 30th, the RoundUp For Good donations will benefit St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity.**

**Thank you, Whole Earth Market Co-Op for sharing our vision of safe, affordable housing!**



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR 1ST EVER STEEL TOES & STILETTOS GALA SUCH A SUCCESS!

