

Thank you, Bethany!

SAWS2 – Strong Able Women Supporting Sisters – began in 2011 as Women with KMC. Some of the women who had spent many years travelling with KMC for a week each year to work at a housing ministry decided to stay home (our own beds and showers!) and work instead over a build season with the Women Build program at Flower City Habitat for Humanity.

In 2020, SAWS2 celebrated our 10th year as a Women Build team. Over these 10 years, we have helped build 10 houses in the JOSANA neighborhood of Rochester; more than 75 different women have participated in Women Build as part of our team, and we have raised over \$100,900 to support our volunteer building. In the past few years, SAWS2 has been the top fund-raising and volunteer-providing team for Women Build.

Bethany Presbyterian Church has been the solid foundation of our team throughout this decade of service. Our core group of Bethany members has expanded greatly to include friends, family, work colleagues, and acquaintances, but our ties to Bethany remain strong. Many Bethany members have been part of our team, and, when they can no longer volunteer, they have remained staunch supporters of our work. We are touched and humbled that our team has been consistently and generously supported over these 10 years by donations from Bethany's Presbyterian Women, the General Mission Fund, and by the congregation through special offerings. We take your support and your faith in our work seriously; we are proud to represent an entire faith community as we construct these houses.

As we look back over these past 10 years, we would like you to share our satisfaction and pride in what we have accomplished, as our achievements would not have been possible without you. To begin, we have made possible home ownership for 10 hard-working families. The parents have held jobs as school bus drivers, medical office receptionists, health care workers, Walmart employees, restaurant servers, and school district maintenance staff. They were able to buy their homes at low- or no-interest because we raised funds to build them and provided the labor. These families are experiencing stability, safety and putting down roots as they have never been able to before and the children reap the benefits in the form of better health, better educational outcomes, and an increased ability to focus on the future.

Beyond the individual families, the JOSANA neighborhood has benefitted from the sustained attention of Flower City Habitat, of which Women Build has been an important part. Flower City's work has increased the number of owner-occupied dwellings, which decreases crime and improves the neighborhood's stability and attractiveness as a place to live.

In a less evident way, our team has provided volunteers with the opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people. We welcome any interested woman to our team, with the result that women of all ages and walks of life from all over the greater Rochester area have been able to try construction, and experience the increase in confidence that results. In the past year alone, SAWS2 work days provided these opportunities:

- A volunteer who worked during a gap year between high school and college in order to explore career interests.
- A mother and her adult autistic daughter who worked for a day so the daughter could try a new experience.
- A young woman working as a restaurant server interested in getting into the construction business.
- Volunteers taking college classes in architecture who wanted to learn more about the building side of the field.
- Newly retired volunteers looking for meaningful ways to contribute to their community while learning new skills.
- Women who have worked with Habitat in other communities who have now moved to Rochester; they joined Women Build to meet new people with shared interests and commitments.

We have translated your support into tangible and not-so-tangible positive results for many people; the ripples have spread far and wide.

As a way for you to see some of these results for yourself, we are offering you a driving tour of JOSANA that includes the 10 houses SAWS2 has helped build, plus the building site for Women Build's 2021 house.

The map and driving directions are included below. If you prefer to have someone drive you on this route, please feel free to email Carolyn Whitfield at carolynmwhitfield@icloud.com. We can arrange a COVID-compliant excursion (limited number of mask-wearing people in the car with a vaccinated driver) that will allow you to see the 11 houses from the car.

As a preview, photos of the 11 houses are included below.

Please know that every nail we pound, every piece of wood or siding or insulation we put in place, is an offering of gratitude to you, our supporters, who make this work possible. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our community channeled through the construction we do for Women Build. We are proud to be a part of Bethany's work in the world!

Houses that SAWS2 helped build 2011-2020



2011: 386 Campbell Street



2012: 158 Campbell Street



2013: 10 Kondolf Street



2014: 796 Jay Street



2015: 170 Orange Street



2016: 213 Orange Street



2017: 614 Jay Street



2018: 454 Child Street



2019: 105 Holworthy Street

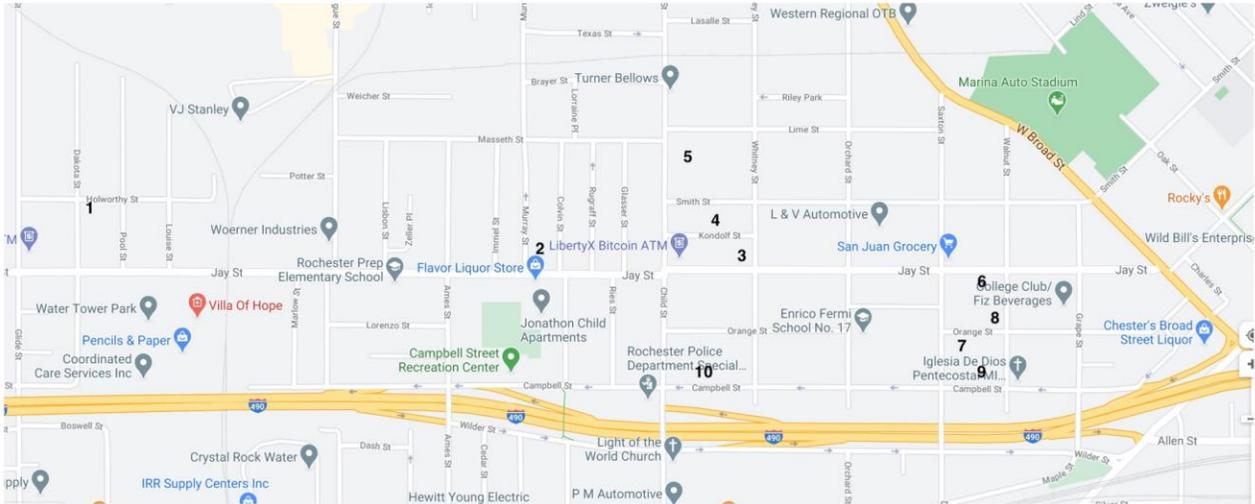


2020: 423 Jay Street



And, our current house for 2021 at 79 Lime Street

**Ten Years of SAWS2: The 10 Women Build houses we helped build in JOSANA
Take this driving tour and see what we have done together!**



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| 1 | 105 Holworthy (2019) | 8 | 170 Orange (2015) |
| 2 | 796 Jay (2014) | 9 | 158 Campbell (2012) |
| 3 | 614 Jay (2017) | 10 | 386 Campbell (2011) |
| 4 | 10 Kondolf (2013) | | |
| 5 | 454 Child (2018) | | |
| 6 | 423 Jay (2020) | | |
| 7 | 213 Orange (2016) | | |

Directions:

Go east on Jay Street from Mt Read.

Left on Dakota Street.

Right on Holworthy Street

#1, 105 Holworthy is on the corner

Right on Pool Street

Left on Jay Street

On left side of Jay just past Murray

#2, 796 Jay

Continue east on Jay Street

On left side just west of Whitney

#3, 614 Jay

Left on Whitney Street

Left on Kondolf Street

#4, 10 Kondolf is on the right

Right on Child Street

#5, 454 Child is on the right

Right on Lime Street

Take a look at 79 Lime Street. This is the site of our 2021 Women Build house!

Right on Orchard Street

Left on Smith Street

Right on Walnut Street

Right on Jay Street

#6, 423 Jay will be on your left

Left on Saxton Street

Left on Orange Street

#7, 213 Orange will be on your immediate right on the corner

#8, 170 Orange will be on your left

Right on Walnut Street

Right on Campbell Street

#9, 158 Campbell will be on your right

Continue on Campbell Street

#10, 386 Campbell will be on your right two blocks further west.

As you drive through JOSANA, you will see many other Flower City Habitat houses. Altogether, FCHH has built close to 200 homes in this neighborhood; of which SAWS2 has helped Women Build construct these ten.