

THE HELPING HAND

Official Newsletter of Amarillo Habitat for Humanity



Maria Duran's home November 2020

MOVING FORWARD 2020

In the face of a world pandemic, we were fortunate to have maintained all operations with a few adjustments to how we serve our families. Financial stability classes have switched to online only. A summer Habitat family party was shifted to food packages for each Habitat family thanks to generous donors.

We were able to host a drive-by Christmas party for our families and provide refreshments and gifts and community. We were able to accept new families into our program to begin the journey to homeownership!



Cruise by Christmas Party December 2020

The ReStore was able to open with added safety measures and increased sanitation. Construction has kept going despite sickness and drastically reduced volunteering. The silver lining being: **it all kept going.**

A SMALL PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

Proud to be in El Barrio

This year has provided opportunity to reflect on our organization's history and progress. As we close 2020, we are working on our last home of the Glenwood addition. This Habitat neighborhood had its first house in 2010 and will finish soon with 25 Habitat homeowners. In addition to the new homes that filled empty, grass lots, this neighborhood has seen so many improvements throughout our time building here: a splash pad in the Glenwood park, renovated homes that were once abandoned, new businesses, new lighting, murals, street signs,

and overall, a renewed interest in forwarding the Barrio, in general.



New "El Barrio" street toppers

We are forever thankful to the families that have put their trust in our organization, and we look forward to whatever 2021 brings.

There are still many hurdles ahead as we navigate these uncertain times, but Amarillo Habitat for Humanity will continue to press forward and provide opportunities for Amarillo families, **one home at a time.**



Maria Duran choosing light fixtures for her home, October 2020



Lee's Green Addition

COMFORTABLE, STYLISH, REMODELED & AFFORDABLE

Find the perfect piece at the ReStore

Are you needing to *freshen up* your space? There are so many ways to do this through our store! You can purchase a rug, that can completely change the look of a room, or a foundation piece like a couch to start your living space with. How about a door, to replace the one “Johnny” threw the baseball at or to finally get rid of the avocado tile in your bathroom? In all seriousness, **we would love to help you make your remodel dreams come true.** We can also help

you find that unique statement piece, like a working vintage turntable/record player and cabinet or a great table and chairs for your family to gather around to have family meals. We also have a wide range of conditions from brand new to needing some love. **Part of the fun is getting to choose how much money and time you want to get the perfect piece!** And finally, shopping at the ReStore helps your money *go further* and it supports a great cause to help build homes for families in our community.

We feel so humbled to have been a small part of this effort and movement. We will continue this momentum in the Lee's Green addition, which is also in El Barrio. Construction on the first home in our new neighborhood is underway and is the future home to six more families.



ReStore December 2020

YOUR DONATIONS MATTER

At the ReStore, the mission and passion of everything we do is making **comfortable** and **affordable** homes. Not only do all the finances that we bring in help accomplish this mission for our Habitat families, but we also pride ourselves in helping our everyday customers make their homes comfortable at a great price! ***And none of this would be possible without the generous donations from our community.***



Amarillo Association of Realtors check presentation

Ending The Year Strong

As 2020 comes to an end, we want to say thank you! Thank you for your support, thank you for your service and thank you for your prayers. Without you we would not have been able to complete our 114th home, begin to construct the final home in the Glenwood Addition, or serve the families in our program through this difficult year.

While we reflect on the year behind us, we are looking forward to a new year and a new start in a brand-new neighborhood! **No gift is too big or too small to help provide hope.** Every dollar is needed to allow the families working their way through our program a new start and opportunity to realize their dream of homeownership.

Your year-end gift can help us finish strong! **Can we count on you to join us in providing hope in 2021 through your tax-deductible year-end gift?**

2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

\$18,098.45 INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

\$90,726.83 CORPORATE DONATIONS

\$57,653.48 IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$3,650 CHURCH DONATIONS

\$118,343.76 IN GRANTS

\$7,600 SPECIAL EVENTS

\$12,241.66 MISC

VOLUNTEER SHOUTOUT

THS Architecture class- *Serving Together*

The Tascosa High School architecture class began volunteering with Amarillo Habitat for Humanity (AHFH) about 4 years ago and have consistently been to the jobsite once or twice a month before the COVID-19 pandemic. **They come tour the construction site and have volunteered by putting up drywall, installing mailboxes, working on landscaping and even at the ReStore tearing down an entire wall in one day!**

Isaac Rangel, the architecture teacher at THS first found Habitat through his previous job with the city of Amarillo and reached out to us when he began to teach at AISD. Rangel offers up to 3 years of study including Principles of Architecture, Architecture 1, and Architecture 2. As students go through the years learning about architecture, **“AHFH gives them the opportunity to get residential and construction experience,”** says Rangel.



“Many times, my lesson plans have lined up with what we are seeing on the jobsite and the students get really excited about that.” “It’s great to see them make that connection that what they are studying in their books can become a reality.”

THS Architecture students October 2020

Not only are the students getting firsthand construction experience, but the students also get firsthand experience as to what Habitat for Humanity does and the impact that it is making.

Rangel has seen how serving others in their community has developed a strong comradery between the students.

We are so honored that they have chosen to give us their time and effort and our prayer for them is that they take what they have learned about serving others and apply it to every area of their life from here on out!

From everyone at Amarillo Habitat for Humanity, THANK YOU!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you are an individual interested in volunteering or you have a small group of 5 or less we need your help!

For your safety, our volunteer sites have a limit to the number of volunteers at a time and offer face masks, as well as, hand sanitizer for all participants.

Volunteer on the jobsite!
18 years or older



*Safelite AutoGlass
volunteering on the jobsite Oct. 2020*

Volunteer at the ReStore!
16 years or older



*THS Architecture students
volunteering at the ReStore remodel*

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