



Santa Fe  
**Habitat for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>

Santa Fe Habitat has been building homes since 1987 and since that time we have built many important and strategic partnerships.



**2024 ANNUAL APPEAL**



Dear Friends,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we write to you today, reflecting on the incredible partnerships and unwavering community support that continue to drive our mission forward in 2025.

This year has been a remarkable journey, filled with the kind of hands-on work that creates meaningful, lasting change. Recently, our team, alongside volunteers, rolled up their sleeves to craft adobes for the entryway at Ted Swisher Memorial Park in Oshara Village. The park, dedicated to the memory and service of Ted Swisher, an advocate for affordable housing and Habitat for Humanity, serves as a testament to the importance of community, collaboration, history, and the power of working together to build something truly special.

Our partnerships continue to provide support to the heart of what we do, and excitement abounds as we reflect over the past year on the abundance of connections, support, and resources that have come to fruition because of those relationships. Wells Fargo, a dedicated partner for nearly three decades, has once again demonstrated their incredible generosity through the Wells Fargo Builds program. This recent grant will allow us to expand our reach and enable us to build and repair more homes for local families, veterans, and older adults. Corporate sponsorships like Wells Fargo and sweat equity through volunteer groups like the Santa Fe Habitat Young Professionals, Youth Build, and Nusenda Credit Union are helping us build stronger, brighter futures in Santa Fe!

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the families we serve, we want to extend a sincere heartfelt thank you to those who have supported us this year. Whether you've made a financial contribution, donated items to our Habitat ReStore, or generously volunteered your time—your commitment is making a difference. With your help, we are on track to build six new homes for Partner Families and complete thirty vital home repairs for low-income homeowners here in Santa Fe.

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and determination. With the continued support of partners like the City and County of Santa Fe, our dedicated donors, corporate sponsors, volunteers, and community members, we are confident that we can meet the needs of even more families in the years to come.

Together, we are not just building homes; we are building a community. Thank you for sharing this journey with us.

With warm regards and gratitude,

Randy Hibben,  
Board President

Kurt Krahn,  
Executive Director



## Jennifer & Isaiah



For Jennifer and her son Isaiah, being chosen as a recipient for a home with Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity was a true blessing. “This was an opportunity that brought us hope after some difficult situations in our life,” Jennifer shared, her voice filled with both relief and gratitude. After her divorce, she moved back in with her parents, navigating single motherhood while feeling the weight of housing costs. “Becoming a homeowner nowadays is almost impossible. It’s possible, but it’s harder,” she said. Yet when a friend told her about Habitat, hope sparked. “I looked it up, got the application, and went on with it.” For Jennifer, homeownership is a foundation for a brighter future. “Your life comes together, your family comes together. It means everything,” she said. “When you don’t have a stable home, it affects your children.”

Applying to Habitat is known to be a detailed process, but Jennifer was determined. “I think when I applied, it was about 200 people. We were fortunate to get accepted the first time.” Now, as plans are laid for their new home, Jennifer and Isaiah are excited about the stability it promises. “We’re most looking forward to having a home... all the little things that matter when you have a house,” she said with brightness in her voice. For Isaiah, it means “decorating my room that I’ve always dreamed of, a backyard to play soccer and practice my skills.” His smile widened as he described his vision, which includes space for his bearded dragon, Gizmo, and maybe one day, a dog.

Jennifer’s journey required tackling sweat equity hours, a challenge she initially found intimidating. But the experience became unexpectedly rewarding. “It was amazing! You meet a lot of people. Rob and Augustin, they’re awesome, very patient,” she shared with a smile. The work transformed her spirit, instilling confidence and empowerment. “They guide you, you learn a lot, and you grow as a person,” she said, her voice full of pride.

Jennifer hopes donors realize their impact. “The program helps us build stronger kids, where they’re able to go to the same school and don’t have to move around. It makes a difference in our community,” she emphasized. For Jennifer and Isaiah, their new home represents a fresh start. “My son and I have been through a lot together, but we stayed strong. This has brought hope to us and new dreams. We are excited and happy.”



## Community Partnerships

At Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity, we know that building a strong, resilient community requires collaboration. Our partnerships with organizations like YouthWorks and St. John's College, along with our Habitat Young Professionals, create opportunities for individuals to come together and make a difference. YouthWorks equips young people with valuable construction skills, while St. John's College students bring their passion for service to our worksites. Habitat Young Professionals, a dynamic group of volunteers, are leaders in advocating for affordable housing and making an impact through hands-on service. Together, these partnerships empower the next generation of community builders, ensuring that Santa Fe continues to grow stronger, united by the shared goal of affordable housing.

## Oshara Village Townhomes

For over 14 years, Santa Fe Habitat has been creating affordable housing in the thriving community of Oshara Village. Our next chapter in this journey brings new townhomes, thanks to the support of a local attorney who helped us secure the final commercial parcels for residential development. These homes will enable more families to lay down roots, build generational wealth, and become part of a growing, interconnected community. Our work extends beyond building houses—we're fostering relationships and helping our community flourish. As we grow together, we strengthen the bonds that make Santa Fe a place of opportunity and belonging.

## Land Donation at Mesa Vista Street

At Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity, our commitment to building strong, sustainable communities is deeply rooted in partnerships. The donation of over 6 acres of land on Mesa Vista Street by local real estate developer Carlos Garcia and his wife exemplifies the power of collaboration. This generous gift, supported by Mayor Webber and the City of Santa Fe, will provide the foundation for 25 new Habitat homes. With help from NV5 for engineering and design, and crucial funding from Senator Martin Heinrich's office via HUD, we are turning vision into reality. This partnership will not only create homes for families in need but also foster generational wealth and strengthen the fabric of Santa Fe. Together, we are transforming lives, building community, and creating a brighter future for all.



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