



## Building Momentum

Twenty-four years ago, just a year after becoming a Habitat for Humanity affiliate, we dedicated the first house to Christie, our very first homeowner. Through financial stability, made possible by prudent choices and an affordable mortgage, she credits Habitat with empowering her to lay a foundation for life. Since becoming a homeowner, Christie has successfully raised her children as a single mother, while progressing professionally as a military veteran, college graduate, and public servant.

Fast-forward thirteen years to 2012 and the historic dedication of the **25th Habitat EJC house**. Homeowner Hillary was also able to build on the financial stability that her home afforded her. Independent by 2020, she sold it back to Habitat - so that it could be made available to another Habitat family.

The pivotal **50th Habitat house** was quietly sold during the pandemic shutdown in 2020, with sound results. Moving into an affordable house and establishing stability allowed Ingrid and her daughter to prevail safely and securely at home.



*2012: celebrating homeowner Hillary  
and our 25th home dedication*



*2020: Ingrid and her daughter move  
into the 50th completed home*

Upon reflection... It took thirteen years to build the first 25 Habitat homes in our community and bring stability to as many families. Working smarter, the next 25 were built in just eight. And barely four years later - stepping up to meet the advancing challenge, we are steadfastly on target to build 75 homes in 25 years!

As the end of 2023 rapidly approaches, we're looking ahead to 2024 and home #75. This appreciable momentum is a clear reflection of the generosity and commitment of our growing community, and your willingness to invest time and money in permanently affordable housing to solve our local housing crisis.

**We are eager to celebrate #75 and invite you to help us make it happen!**

**Donate Today**

More details to come. For now, in our 25th year, we're thinking about just how successfully we have come together to grow a more stable and healthy community in East Jefferson County.

# Construction Update

In September we completed the six homes at Landes North. These homes stand for the generosity of our community through volunteer hours and in-kind donations, contributed cash, and donated talent.

Each home was sponsored by an individual, group, or organization. Heartfelt appreciation and gratitude go to the **Dream Weaver Foundation**, the **Habitat Board & Board Alumni**, the **“Truck Guys” and their spouses**, the **Estate of Ted Rogers (and his family)**, and the **Cross Charitable Foundation**. Their generosity bridges a significant gap to cover the cost of building these six homes.



When combined with the permanent-affordability policy that Habitat EJC has instituted, and the affordable mortgage taken on by our partners – it is our **volunteers, donors, and sponsors** who stand out – as **the key** to the six new homes at Landes North.

More appreciation goes to the donors whose substantial generosity underwrote the land purchase and infrastructure needed for building these homes: **First Fed Foundation**, the **L.S. (Sam) Shoen Foundation**, **SiteWise (Marc Errichetti)**, **Terrapin Architects (Richard Berg)**, and several anonymous donors.



Today, Habitat is building on both Cliff and Eddy Streets in Port Townsend, recycling a home at the Birkenfeld Community and home repair projects will begin soon!

## To Mason Street and Beyond!

In 2022, Habitat EJC and the Jefferson Community Foundation (JCF) joined forces to secure ownership of a 17-acre land parcel in Port Hadlock, Washington. This pioneering and cooperative venture has garnered noteworthy attention for Habitat EJC. Our story was recognized by Habitat for Humanity International as significant, given our size and location and chosen from among 1,100 affiliate organizations to tell our story. Executive Director, Jamie Maciejewski delivered a presentation titled **“From Zero to 150 at Warp Speed: How One Habitat Is Responding to its Community’s Bold Ambitions”** sharing the core element to the success of this project: **cultivating extensive community relationships and demonstrating a history of achievements.**

Check out the video on the Habitat EJC News Page about our rural community's efforts to tackle affordable housing in East Jefferson County.



# Twenty-Five Years, Then and Now

Habitat EJC was founded in 1998 by a trailblazing group of dedicated volunteers. Over the past Twenty-five years of serving the community, the impact we have had on East Jefferson County is tremendous.

To celebrate, we'd like you to join us on a journey through the past, as we make our way to the future.

Habitat Volunteers Jean Camfield, Margo Garton and Cameron McPherson have volunteered for Habitat for a total of 72 years now, and they're still volunteering!

This month, they were all granted the highest award a Habitat EJC volunteer can receive - a golden hammer. They're pictured below, close to the store's founding and right before they were given their awards in September.



*Habitat Volunteers Jean, Margo, and Cameron*



*This year they received their Golden Hammers*

First-ever Habitat EJC homeowner Christie Apker is pictured below to the left in 1999 when she bought the first Habitat home. And, here she is presenting at the 25th Year celebration. Thanks to Habitat, Christie has been able to raise her children in a safe environment, return to school, start a brand-new career, and spend countless hours volunteering for the public good.



*Christie in 1996, pictured here at her home dedication ceremony*



*Christie in 2023, presenting at a Habitat EJC 25th Year celebration*

# Landes North Homeowners Move In!

In the final week of September 2023, we gathered together to welcome the fifth and sixth Habitat partner families as they took occupancy of their new homes at Landes North.

These home dedication ceremonies officially concluded this promising undertaking to build six permanently affordable Habitat houses in rural East Jefferson County.

These community events for Garnett, as well as, Taylor, Karim and their children were particularly momentous occasions.

As we celebrated their great efforts and the transfer of keys, we reflected upon all of the families who took occupancy this year. And we thought about you, our dedicated and generous community, who gave your talent, time, and treasure to bring permanent affordability to our community and welcome these industrious new homeowners.

Thank you for joining Habitat EJC and contributing to our collective vision to bring permanent affordability to life in East Jefferson County. You truly are the key to this successful project and we look forward to sharing more wonderful stories as our new neighbors prosper and grow.



*Taylor and Karim*



*Alicia*



*Garnett*



*Kari*



*Neil*



*Donita*



*Together We Grow Community*

## Upcoming HomeBuild



Home repair projects will begin soon and with a newly launched build project on Eddy Street, there's lots to do!

If you're interested in joining us for any of these builds, please contact [volunteer@habitatejc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatejc.org)

## Have You Planned Your Estate?

National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW) is October 16-22 and was established to raise awareness about the significance of having a well-structured plan in place to safeguard one's assets and the well-being of their loved ones. Every October, this initiative serves as a reminder of the vital necessity establishing an estate plan.

Estate planning is important as it ensures that your wishes are carried out, your loved ones are taken care of, and your assets are managed efficiently both during your lifetime and after your passing. It can provide peace of mind and financial security for you and your family. If you are interested in learning more, we recommend visiting [www.naepc.org](http://www.naepc.org) for resources and additional information.

# We Won!

## We are Best of the Peninsula— Again!

We are thrilled to announce that Habitat EJC has been awarded as the Best Furniture Store and Best 2nd Hand Shop in Port Townsend!

Additionally, we are humbled to have been recognized as the runner-up for the Best Nonprofit category. This is an incredible honor, and it speaks to the outstanding support we have received from our amazing community of volunteers and staff.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who cast their votes in our favor. It is your unwavering support that has made this achievement possible. These "Best of the Peninsula" awards are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team, and we are profoundly grateful for your continued recognition within our community. Thank you!



# Volunteer With Us

Would you like to give back to our community, meet new friends, and possibly learn some new skills at the same time? We invite you to join us at an upcoming build event. We have several upcoming projects this fall.

Help build a better future for East Jefferson Community. Reach out to Amy to learn more and get involved, 360-379-2827 or [volunteer@habitatejc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatejc.org).



*Volunteers at a recent home build project.*

# Donate Your Car

## Calling all used vehicles!

Net proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will help build and repair affordable homes right here in East Jefferson County.

We are looking for used cars, trucks, vans, SUVs, boats, and motorcycles in good condition. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate, or are interested in learning more, please contact us at 360-379-2827 or email [info@habitatejc.org](mailto:info@habitatejc.org).



# Shop Our Store

One of the many joys of shopping at our store is that you never know what treasures you will find... like high-quality artwork. In September, local art collector Will Laidlaw donated several pieces from his collection – all collectible pieces and priced very affordably.

Your contributions of furniture and household items play a pivotal role in making a positive impact on those who require assistance the most, while also providing crucial support to families within our community. We hope to see you shopping in our store soon!

**Hours:** Monday — Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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