## Habitat for Humanity Luncheon 2023

On Thursday, June 8 members of BLNR and active employees attended the Habitat for Humanity "Beyond the Build" fundraiser luncheon at the Seattle Convention Center. This uplifting event featured a number of interesting speakers. Seattle mayor Bruce Harell spoke about the need for decent, affordable housing in Seattle. Habitat homeowners described how the stability of homeownership allowed their children to go on to college and lead successful lives.



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One homeowner described how she and her husband's college loans prohibited them from buying a home in the open market. They had to live in an RV for some years with four children. An opportunity arose to obtain a Habitat house and now the family is thriving. The keynote speaker described community-led efforts to transform her neighborhood in the South Bronx area. Habitat speakers also described a new goal to build 200 new homes per year – an incredible and inspiring goal!

The BLNR organization made a \$1000 donation at this event again this year.



Habitat for Humanity thanks BLNR for a \$1000 gift

This donation was 100% gift-matched by luncheon sponsors. In addition, a 50% Boeing gift match request was submitted to Boeing via the "Your Cause" website. With both gift matching contributions BLNR's donation amounted to \$2500. A big thank you to the BLNR team that made this donation possible. This is a significant contribution to help Habitat for Humanity provide decent affordable homes for low-income families.