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Volunteer Newsletter

Hello Volunteers!

March is upon us and hopefully the snow is behind us! With the upcoming time change means more daylight to keep us busy here at Habitat SKC! There are many ways to stay connected with us and I want to take a few seconds and share updates and ways to stay involved with Habitat and the communities we serve.

- *Caroline Keck, Volunteer Coordinator*

Ways to Get Involved Today:

Homeowner Services

Family Selection Committee

We are looking for volunteers interested in participating on our Family Selection Committee. This position involves helping the Homeownership Department with scoring and evaluating pools of Habitat applicants and determining who will be selected for upcoming new construction projects. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact evelin.martinez@habitatskc.org

Become a Family Support Partner!

We are in need of volunteers to become a family support partner for our upcoming projects and partner families. Family support partners are long-term volunteers who coach, mentor, and act as a liaison to our partner families, they can work alongside families as they complete their sweat equity hours. If this sounds like a good fit for you please email donna.adair@habitatskc.org for more information!

Translators Needed!

Habitat will be building homes in the Ellensburg area and in a new outreach effort we want to reach as many folks as possible! We have Spanish and Vietnamese covered, but need our flyers translated in as many languages as possible! We will pay \$50 per page. If you are interested please reach out to Evelin Martinez at evelin.martinez@habitatskc.org.

Homes for Sale!

Habitat is expanding rapidly throughout King County and now Kittitas County! If you or someone you know thinks they may qualify for the program, we are currently accepting applications for our Build Sites. Check out buyhabitat.org for more details on how to get started and our available homes.

Volunteering

Winter Warriors 2021

Our construction and repair/resale sites operate year-round and the winter can be the toughest season for volunteers and homeowners. Starting in January every time you volunteer on a Habitat SKC construction or repair/resale site not only are you giving your time and effort, but earning prizes! We are calling on you to keep our projects on track during this cold and wet time of year – it's a great time to be freezin' for a reason! Find more information on our [Winter Warriors](#) webpage.

Advocacy Stories

We are looking for stories, 400-500 words max, about "**What Habitat Means To You**", and why you volunteer. If you would like to submit a story, along with a photo of you volunteering, please email Alex Wyatt at alex.wyatt@habitatskc.org.

One more way you can help even from home is by joining our Habitat Action Alerts team! We're going to need all the help we can get – particularly with this historic legislative session that we are facing – so please, [click here](#) and add yourself to our Habitat Action Alert Team or text "SKC" to 52886!

Covid-19 Update

For anyone interested in Construction volunteering, please go to our new [Volunteer Safety Guideline](#) webpage where you can find all the information you'll need to know about what we're doing to safely keep our projects moving forward.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated in support of the families we serve! The Resiliency Fund has been established to support partner families who may be uniquely impacted by Covid-19. Habitat will consider support based on the severity of need, with funds helping its existing homeowners with their mortgage payments if needed. For those currently in the pipeline to purchase a home, funds will assist them with their rental payments so credit standings stay intact. Please consider supporting our homeowners here: **Resiliency Fund**

Habitat Stores

Our **Stores in Auburn, Southcenter, and Bellevue** are open to the public from Tuesday through Saturday with adjusted hours of 10am-6pm, and sell new and used donated home goods, building materials, furniture, appliances, and a lot more. Our Stores accept donations from the public, which can be scheduled by individuals or organizations, and we'll even come pick them up!

Individual volunteering is slowly opening back up at our three stores! Spots are limited and volunteers are expected to follow all of our Covid Guidelines.

More information on our Store locations, hours, and to shop online can be found

here: <https://www.habitatskc.org/store/>

Anyone is welcome to schedule a home pick-up here:

<https://habitatskc.vonigo.com/external>

Upcoming Events

You're invited! Join us on June 3rd for our annual Beyond the Build Virtual Luncheon!



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beyond the build

2021 Habitat Seattle-King County Annual Luncheon

the importance of home

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Featuring Matthew Desmond, the winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, the 2017 PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award, and the 2016 National Book Critics Circle Award for *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*

"Without stable shelter, everything else falls apart"

-Matthew Desmond

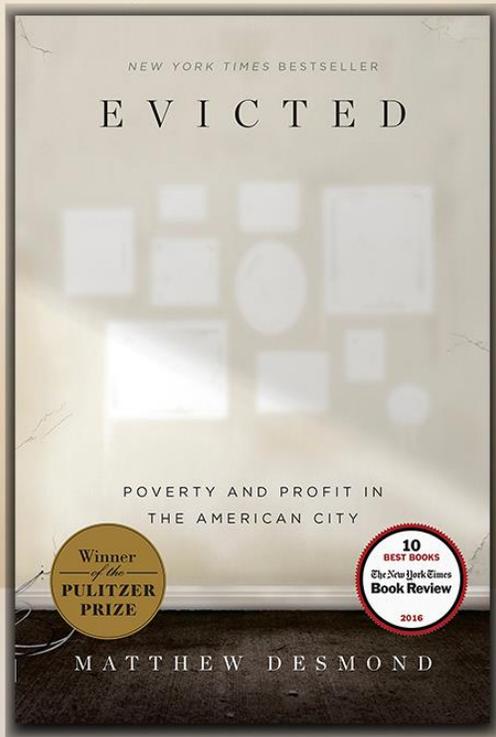
Table Captains Needed!

It has never been easier to be a **Table Captain** for the **Habitat Beyond the Build Event!** Invite one guest or 50 to jump online with you on **June 3 at noon** to learn about affordable homeownership and hear from our keynote speaker, **Matthew Desmond**, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of the bestseller ***Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City!***

To learn more contact NiCole Anderson (nicole.anderson@habitatskc.org or 206-577-7919) or register today at www.habitatlunch.org.

Beyond the Build Virtual Book Club

Mar 25, Apr 15, May 13
6:30pm



***Evicted* Virtual Book Club**

You're invited to join our first-ever Virtual Book Club where we'll be discussing "Evicted", the Pulitzer Prize-winning book that follows eight families in Milwaukee as they navigate poverty, economic exploitation, and the complexities of the eviction crisis in America. The book's author, Matthew Desmond, will also be the keynote speaker at this year's Beyond the Build Benefit Luncheon on June 3rd.

Please click here: <https://www.habitatskc.org/btb-bookclub/> to learn more, and register for one of our three guided discussion sessions to add your voice to the conversation.

Space is limited, so be sure to register today!



Virtual Home Tour

Monday March 8 @ Noon



International Women's Day - Virtual Home Tour

Join us in celebrating **International Women's Day on March 8th at 12:00 pm noon** with an inspiring virtual home tour of one of our Lake City townhomes! They are nearing completion, and we wanted to invite you all inside to learn more about the homes, the people who built them, and the families that will be calling them home.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. As many know, women working in trades can expand women's role in the economy, decrease inequality, and improve women's access to skills and education. During our video tour and conversation, we will be highlighting:

- The all-female AmeriCorps construction crew who have been building at Lake City this year
- A female head of household family that will be buying one of these homes
- The work, materials, and features that go into the modern, green, and efficient homes we build

In Washington, 1 in 7 households pay half or more of their income on their home. Women are disproportionately affected by this severe cost-burden and make up a larger share of U.S. households living in poverty. At Habitat for Humanity we know that safe, affordable housing means that individuals and families can thrive. However, women face challenges that make it more difficult to access this basic need. Join in and listen as we talk about how Habitat has partnered with women and empowered women to take the path of home ownership.

You don't want to miss this engaging discussion and celebration of the women of Habitat!

Mark your calendars for **Monday, March 8th at noon**, and **register for free** by emailing:

Alex.Wyatt@Habitatskc.org to receive your link to the Zoom Webinar. Use the subject line: Women Build Home Tour

Women Build Week 2021

Mark your calendars! Our annual Women Build week will be taking place May 1st - 8th! Join us with our community of Seattle - King County women and organizations as we come together to empower one another, make an impact, and change lives! For more details [click here](#) or email caroline.keck@habitatskc.org.

Site Updates

Build Sites that are open to volunteer shifts operate Wednesday-Saturday starting at 8:45am and wrapping up around 3:45-4pm. Individuals must be 16 or older, those under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian (21+) throughout the volunteer shift. Typical group capacity is 2-20 volunteers, though it does vary by Build Site and build calendar. For individual and group scheduling please contact Caroline Keck at caroline.keck@habitatskc.org.

Help us beat the Friday slump - our sites are wide open on Fridays for individuals and groups!

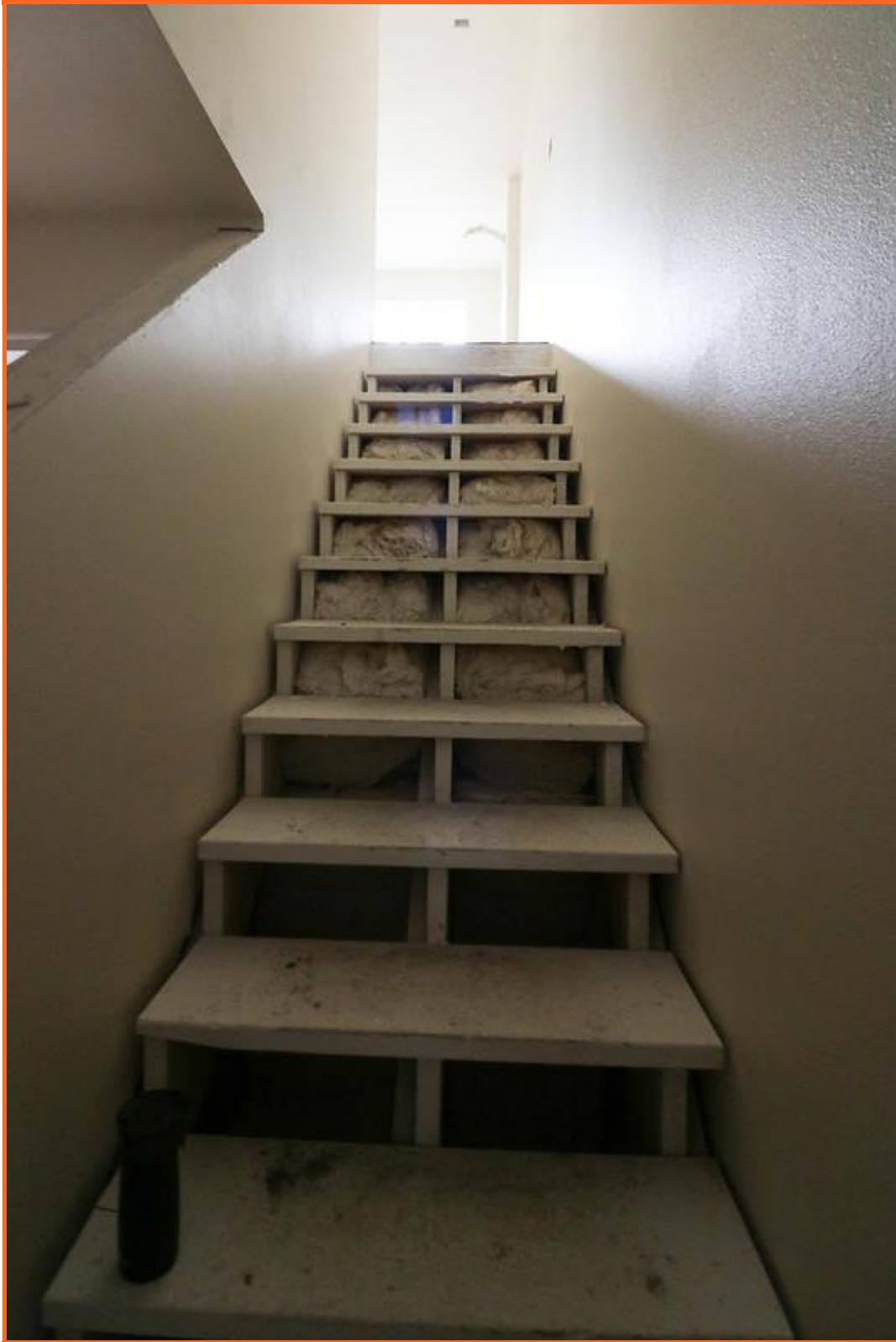
La Fortuna - Renton

Work at La Fortuna is moving along quickly! The siding for the first building has begun and the framing for the second building will be wrapping up before the roof trusses are delivered.



Lake City

Lake City is now open to individual volunteers! The drywall for the first two buildings has been completed and the crew is working on flooring in the units. Demolition for Lake City phase 2 has begun and foundations for that will follow.





South Park

South Park may not be volunteer friendly, but it is 13 more affordable housing units in King County! All 13 units have been framed and South Park is going through plumbing and electrical inspections.



Copper Pines

Copper Pines is situated in our Loyal Heights neighborhood and the 7 townhomes are highly anticipated! The framing has begun and will continue throughout March.



Thank you for all you have done and continue to do in support of **Habitat for Humanity Seattle – King County**, and the greater communities we serve. We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time, and look forward to seeing you all again soon!