Volunteer:
New volunteers are always welcome! Volunteer orientations are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at noon. Please call Marie at (541) 549-1193 or email her at marie@sistershabitat.org to R.S.V.P.

Donate:
Donations are greatly appreciated! Mail to Sisters Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 238, Sisters, OR 97759 or donate online at www.sistershabitat.org

Apply:
We accept applications year-round for Homeownership and Home Repair Programs. Contact Marie at (541) 549-1193 for more information or download the Qualification Guides from our website at: www.sistershabitat.org

2017 Annual Report
Seeking to put God’s love into action.
Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

FAMILIES

- Four new homeowner families were selected and 6 families are currently working on sweat equity.
- Six partner families participated in financial and homeowner education classes.
- The Cornwall family paid off their 25-year mortgage. They are the third Habitat family to pay off their home loan.
- Four homeowner families participated in the 17th annual “Creation Vacation,” at Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp. Supported by the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, the camp provides the opportunity for families to spend four days together participating in a variety of activities.

Equal Housing Opportunity

Volunteer & Family Services
Marie Clasen

Construction
Darleene Snider

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Words to the Wise:
• In 2017 the Sisters Habitat volunteer construction team built two Energy Star certified homes which were purchased by the Benson and Holmes families. To date Sisters Habitat has provided homeownership opportunities to 63 families.
• The Heart of Oregon YouthBuild students worked with Habitat to build a third energy star home purchased by Clara Eberius.
• Our Home Repair team fixed the roof and painted Shirley Sweatt’s home with help from Thrivent Builds Volunteer and funding.
• Sixty-Four construction volunteers worked a total of 6,277 hours in 2017.
• Students from University of Minnesota helped build with the Holmes and Benson Families during Spring Break.
• The High School construction class framed and raised the walls of Sharyn Benson’s and Becky Connor’s homes. The construction class has built the walls for six homes to date.
• The seventh annual Women Build Week was held in May of 2017. More than 50 women worked on landscaping and drywall installation on the Broderick, Lantaler, Holmes, Eberius and Benson homes.
• A team of fifteen Sisters Habitat volunteers participated in the Cambodia Big Build in November, helping to build homes for 23 families in Battambang, Cambodia.
• A team Habitat RV Care-a-Vanners helped paint in August. Construction Manager Darleene Snider hosted them at her house for a memorable solar eclipse potluck party.

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83 cents of every dollar raised for Sisters Habitat went toward our programs. Habitat Homeowners paid $85,600 in property taxes to Deschutes County. $118,000 was donated by individuals including 6 monthly donors. Habitat Homeowners paid $150,000 in mortgage payments which will go toward building more homes. $21,800 was received from the Housing and Urban Development, Self Help Opportunity Program. A $5,000 grant was received from Lowes to help purchase materials for Women Build Week. A $10,000 challenge donation was matched by fundraising efforts of the Habitat Board of Directors. Funds went toward building homes for the Benson and Eberius families. The St. Charles Foundation provided a $2,000 grant for the Holmes home.

Committee members are working hard making plans for a combination Thrift Store, ReStore and office building. Design work and planning for a capital campaign has begun. Don Reed was hired as our Store Director, a new position that oversees the operations of both stores and will work to integrate operations in anticipation of our future single store.

44 new volunteers joined Sisters Habitat this year. More than 240 volunteers helped Habitat in the Thrift Store, ReStore, on the construction sites and served on the board or various committees. The 9th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was held in August at which 4 additional volunteers were recognized for contributing more than 1,200 hours of service to Sisters Habitat. There are now a total of 100 volunteers in the 1,000 Hour Club. 68 volunteers were honored with President’s awards for volunteering 100 or more hours. Helen Jack, Guadrun Kohak and Ellen Oliver were honored with the President’s Lifetime Service Award for serving more than 4,000 hours. To date, 7 volunteers have earned this distinction. Long-time building volunteer and President’s Lifetime Award honoree Bob “the builder” Harris passed away last September. He is greatly missed.

VOLUNTEERS

MONEY MATTERS

• The Oregon Association of Realtors provided a $5,000 grant toward the Heart of Oregon (Eberius) home.
• Two Oregon Community Foundation donors provided $4,000 toward the Heart of Oregon Home.
• The 11th annual Gingerbread Trail raised more than $1,250.
• Sisters Habitat contributed $18,000 to Habitat for Humanity Cambodia and $10,556 to the Habitat for Humanity Ivory Coast building 6 homes as part of Habitat International’s tithe program. To date, Sisters Habitat has provided funding for 107 homes abroad.

SISTERS STORES

Thrift Store

• Raised $299,355 and contributed $169,260 to Sisters Habitat.
• Hosted the 16th Annual Christmas Shopping Day for 18 selected elementary school students.
• 99 people volunteered 8,130 hours in the Thrift Store.
• Contributed clothing and household items to 27 families in need referred by the Family Access Network (FAN).
• Donated 205,280 pounds (5,127 bags) of surplus clothing to rural Oregon towns.

ReStore

• Raised $279,353 and contributed $77,700 to Sisters Habitat.
• 52 people volunteered over 4,245 hours in the ReStore.
• Kept 950,000 lbs of materials out of the landfill.
• Contributed items to 6 families in need referred by the Family Access Network (FAN).
• Gave more than 57 sleeping bags and tents to homeless people and collected items for the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter.
• Donated over $500 in goods to other Sisters and Central Oregon Nonprofits.