



# Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity®

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## ASOCIARSE CON HABITAT PARA REFORZAR LA COMUNIDAD

Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH) es el afiliado local de Habitat que sirve a las comunidades de Newberg, Sherwood, Dundee, St.

La organización tiene su oficina principal en Morton Street, gestiona el ReStore en Meridian Street y se asocia con voluntarios y familias seleccionadas para construir casas con una hipoteca asequible. Lo que muchos ciudadanos quizá no sepan es que la mayoría de los trabajadores de Hábitat son voluntarios. Hábitat para la Humanidad depende de los ciudadanos que dan de su tiempo y talento para cumplir su misión.

Jimmy Carter, el 39º presidente de Estados Unidos, se unió a las filas de voluntarios de Hábitat para la Humanidad en la década de 1980. Él y su esposa, Rosalynn, dedicaban tiempo cada año a la misión de Hábitat para la Humanidad y creían que desarrollaba un sentido de asociación con las familias. Creía que Hábitat reunía a miembros de la comunidad que lo tenían todo con aquellos que deseaban un hogar propio, y que al construir y trabajar juntos, se creaban asociaciones que fortalecían una comunidad. Jimmy Carter, que recientemente celebró su centenario, fue voluntario durante 35 años y afirmó que su trabajo con



Hábitat para la Humanidad fue una experiencia que le cambió la vida.

La directora ejecutiva de la NAHFH, Shannon Selah, estaría de acuerdo con el Presidente Carter. Shannon estudiaba arquitectura en la universidad en 2009 cuando necesitaba unas prácticas. Rick Rogers, director ejecutivo jubilado, le ofreció la oportunidad de trabajar como voluntaria. «Me criaron para ser voluntaria, pero una vez que empecé mis prácticas, me picó el

gusanillo de Hábitat. Formé parte del comité de construcción y más tarde del comité de selección de familias, de la junta directiva, de la presidencia de la junta y ahora de la dirección ejecutiva. En Hábitat ayudamos a la gente en el momento de su vida en que se encuentra, sin juzgarla».

En la actualidad, la filial cuenta con dos programas de construcción para ayudar a las familias con bajos ingresos: La construcción de viviendas nuevas y/o rehabilitadas y la Iniciativa Hogares Saludables, que se centra en mantener sanas a las familias de bajos ingresos mediante la realización de reparaciones y mejoras esenciales en el hogar. El actual presidente de la junta, Norm Daviess, empezó a trabajar como voluntario cuando vivía en Nuevo México trabajando para las Fuerzas Aéreas y

se ha convertido en un fiel voluntario en las obras de construcción durante los últimos 24 años. Como él dice: «Me enganché como voluntario. Llegué a conocer a la familia y les ayudé a construir su casa. Puede que llegara a casa cansado y con los músculos doloridos, pero me sentía muy bien porque también estaba devolviendo algo. Durante mi semana de trabajo, estaba deseando volver a la obra el fin de semana siguiente». A Norm se le puede ver ayudando en la obra de College Street todos los lunes, miércoles y sábados.

Otros voluntarios de Newberg tienen múltiples habilidades que comparten de buen grado. Una de ellas es la vicepresidenta de la junta, Paula Kriz. «Me encanta formar parte de un grupo de trabajo que coloca a familias en hogares y les proporciona un refugio seguro. Ver cómo se construyen las casas desde cero es sencillamente increíble». Paula trabaja como voluntaria en la obra los lunes y miércoles, y en la ReStore de jueves a sábado. En el ReStore, puede estar limpiando los artículos donados, poniendo



precio a los artículos para exponerlos o ayudando a los clientes que vienen a comprar a la tienda. En palabras de Paula, «Esto simplemente me da alegría, y me encanta trabajar con el mejor grupo de Habitat en el condado de Yamhill».

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### Habitat Staff

Shannon Selah - Executive Director  
Libbie Bailey - Administrative Assistant  
Jeff Council - Construction Supervisor  
David Reeder - Healthy Homes Repair Manager

### ReStore Staff

Jerome Spencer - ReStore Manager  
Joel Ricks - Assistant ReStore Manager

### Officers of the Board of Directors

Norm Daviess - President  
Paula Kriz - Vice President  
Chandler Schur - Secretary  
Storr Nelson - Treasurer

Humanity to practice their faith. Habitat's mission also inspired him to start the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project which has built more than 4,000 homes across the United States and 14 other countries.

Every citizen has skills that Habitat could put into action: technical skills, technology skills, customer service, construction, painting, marketing, bookkeeping, organizational skills, and more. Consider becoming a Habitat volunteer. Join the ranks of Newberg Area Habitat volunteers and use your talents to help others. "We live in a small community and helping our neighbors locally is a way to come together to build a house that makes our community stronger," Norm continues to remind people.

NAHFH has a goal of adding fifty (50) more regular volunteers within the next year. By adding more construction and repair volunteers, this area affiliate could fulfill its goal of building multiple houses each year. Volunteering just one day a month makes a difference. For more information, contact Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity at (503)-537-9938 or [info@newberghabitat.org](mailto:info@newberghabitat.org).

**Volunteer on the Build Crew or Repair Work For Healthy Homes**



**Mondays and/or Wednesdays  
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## **PAULA KRIZ AWARDED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

After her retirement of 24 years with Newberg School District, Paula Kriz was helping her mother donate some furniture at the ReStore in Newberg. It was then that she

decided the ReStore might be a good fit for her. Within a couple of weeks, Paula stepped in at the Habitat ReStore which has led to ten years of faithful service. She remembers the first years at the old ReStore building, "We would freeze in the winter and melt in the summer in that 600 square foot building." Now the Newberg ReStore located on Meridian Street is a 10,000 square foot storefront.

If you visit the ReStore any Friday during the month, you will see Paula greeting customers, rearranging furniture for displays, or cleaning merchandise. Sometimes she is tinkering with some of the appliances that have been donated. "Over the years, I have become proficient at fixing things. I've worked on washers, dryers, and air conditioners."

Paula

remembers one of those early days at the ReStore when she was asked to deliver an item to the construction site. The workers asked her about helping on the construction crew. That was in 2018, and since then she has added two more additional days a week of volunteering for Habitat. "I am lucky to work beside a very smart crew who have continued to teach me something every day. Initially I didn't know how to frame or side a house, but now I have those skills. I have used them on all six houses I have helped build."

Paula has been an integral part of Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH) throughout her ten years. Currently she is the vice president of the local board who assesses policy and funding options for the organization, oversees the decision making, and provides guidance to the director for day to day functions. She had served on the Family Selection Committee, and this year was tapped as the chair of this group. Once the family is selected for a build, Paula takes special care helping these selected families by working beside them during construction, and then helping families as they transition into their new homes.

"Each new house has a dedication ceremony where the family, the Habitat builders, the mayor, the board members and Habitat director welcome the family into their home. We also have some type of potluck celebration afterwards because they are our newest members of our Habitat community. This process brings me joy, and I love seeing people get their home after all the work the Habitat crew and the family have put in together to make the dream become a reality."

Paula Kriz logged a total of 369 volunteer hours this year. She challenges herself to be a contributing member of the community and knows her work makes a difference. "Jimmy Carter is one of my heroes and such an inspiration." In fact, Jimmy Carter honored Paula by sending her a personalized letter dated November 2021 to thank her for her continued help in providing affordable

housing for those in need within the Newberg Community.

Can you spare a half day once a month? Would you like to be part of a construction crew but are afraid you don't have the skills? Does working at the ReStore interest you? As Paula would say, "We need community members to be part of our team. Many of our volunteers are retired, and we have some very good college student volunteers. Just know, if you show up, you will be welcomed. There is no judgment."

Paula spends her free time swimming, traveling and spending time with family. She is extremely proud of her daughter who lives in Sherwood and has realized her dream of becoming a veterinarian. Next year, Paula and her husband are planning to fly to Iceland and then cruise to some European countries. Then she will be right back volunteering both at the ReStore and construction site!

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
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