

**NEWBERG AREA HABITAT'S  
YEAR IN REVIEW**

January of 2024 was the official start of the construction of the two homes at 717 North College Street. Security fencing was placed to secure the lot and rough-in plumbing was completed. The two families chosen were able to see the dreams of their new homes become more of a reality as they started to help with the build every Saturday.

Construction of these homes continued throughout the year and now are framed, sided, and painted with the work to be completed on the inside and move-in date slated for early 2025.

During February, Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH), and affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) was awarded three different grants: \$60,000 from Rural Ready funding, \$5,000 from The Oregon Association of Realtors HOME Foundation grant, and an HFHI Strategic Planning grant. The Rural Ready funding is given to eligible rural Habitat affiliates to cover site and infrastructure work while the HOME Foundation grant is

specifically given to organizations that increase homeownership in Oregon. The Strategic Planning grant provided free consultation and \$5,000 technology support while guiding NAFH in creating a 3-year strategic plan.



Newberg Area Habitat's 30th Anniversary was official in March. This was also the month that the board kicked off the strategic planning process. Libbie Bailey was hired and started as the new administrative assistant and she is currently in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Buildings at 1201 E. 5th Street were demolished as the first step in preparation for two homes to be built in 2025.

Both Shannon Selah, director, and Libbie Bailey, administrative assistant, prepared the

Homeownership Information Session in April. The public session informed the 17 families that attended about the eligibility requirements, and the documents needed to complete a homeownership program application. The application round opened for a third home to be built at 717 College Street that will house another deserving family.

In May, NAFH was awarded Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) LIFT funds of \$400,000 which will help with costs to build the two homes at 1201 E. 5th Street. Newberg Habitat has received this funding before to aid site work. The purpose of these grants is to build affordable homes for purchase by Oregonians earning up to 80% of the area median income. Terry McElligott also began writing the monthly newsletters that are being sent to organizations and individuals throughout the NAFH service area each month.

David Reeder was hired as manager of the Healthy Homes program during the month of May, and repairs began in June. This program provides funding for needed



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Miche McCausey - Construction Supervisor  
David Reeder - Healthy Homes Repair Manager

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home repairs to low-moderate homeowners in order to repair health and safety issues. Homeowners contact the Habitat office and David schedules a whole home assessment before a home qualifies for the repair work.

After months of work done by a task force and the board, the 3-Year Strategic Plan was approved in July. This plan creates a clear vision for achieving NAHFH goals and maps each year's progress to build momentum for the succeeding years. Jerome Spencer, a Newberg resident who models the values of Habitat and building community, was hired as the new ReStore manager. NAHFH also had an entry at the Newberg Old Fashioned Festival parade towards the end of the month.

OHCS awarded a Language Access and Community Outreach and Engagement Grant to NAHFH in August. The funds outlined in the grant will be used to address racial disparities and language barriers. The grant will allow NAHFH to purchase signage for the main office and ReStore translated into Spanish. Also, a new website will be translatable to Spanish and feature accessibility options.

George Fox Serve Day is an annual event in Newberg in September, and NAHFH is thankful to the 20 students that volunteered their time to help at the build site and ReStore. September was also the

month that NAHFH kicked off their new website design. With summer coming to a close and most volunteers wrapping up summer travel, NAHFH held a volunteer appreciation event to celebrate and award individuals for the many hours given to the community throughout the year. A third family selected for the 717 College site was notified of their selection during September as well.

October brought two new employees to Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity. Miche McCausey was tapped as the new Construction Supervisor and Jeremy Shockley would become the new bookkeeper. Miche has a background in remodeling, handywork, and mural art. Jeremy worked as ReStore manager previously and returned to



contribute to NAHFH in this flexible role. Homeowners were honored during a BBQ picnic event at a local park, and Social Goods hosted a Happy Hour event that raised \$4000 for the affiliate.

Through cooperation with Habitat Americorps, NAHFH began recruiting for two AmeriCorps service

member positions in November. Both positions will focus on the volunteer program. NAHFH will welcome William Troyer as Community Outreach Coordinator in January. They also began the process of fundraising for a collaborative multi-use building project in Dundee, a partnership with Newberg First United Methodist Church and Head Start of Yamhill County. The project will feature classrooms for almost 50 children ages 0-5 and four Habitat homes.

Shannon Selah was the guest speaker for the City Club's December 3 presentation. She has worked hard to add needed staff to help grow the Newberg organization within the past year and is proud to share the accomplishments of the affiliate as it continues its mission of providing affordable housing for the community and its citizens. During 2024, 85 active volunteers collectively donated 3,165 hours. And lastly, the ReStore grossed \$240,000 through the end of November with the help of community members who made donations and shopped at the store.

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



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