

Palouse Habitat for Humanity invites the public to celebrate its volunteers and its 30th Anniversary at the annual Volunteer Picnic this Sunday

Moscow, Idaho. (September 21, 2021) — Palouse Habitat for Humanity will celebrate our volunteers and our 30th Anniversary this coming Sunday, September 25th from 2-4:00 pm at the PCEI patio, 1040 Rodeo Dr. in Moscow. Current and former volunteers and supporters from the public are invited to join us for the potluck picnic and short program.

Since we were founded in 1992, Palouse Habitat has grown from building one home every 2-3 years to building a home a year. We've added programs to offer accessibility improvements for low- and very low-income homeowners and assistance for those in crisis housing situations with vouchers to shop our Surplus Sale, a thrift store for home improvement materials, tools, furniture and appliances. To date, the "reduce-reuse-recycle" Surplus Sale has repurposed 825 tons of material, keeping it out of local landfills, as well as raising funds to support Palouse Habitat programs. That's the same weight as 82 Habitat homes!

Since 1992, together with our volunteers and supporters, Palouse Habitat has built 22 new single-family homes and completed 165 home repair projects. Those houses are home to 342 of our neighbors, friends and family. Seventy-three children have a safer place to grow up. Through our tithe to Habitat for Humanity International, our supporters have built 60 homes in Guatemala.

We wouldn't have reached these milestones without the dedicated support of community volunteers. Up to 400 community members a year lend a hand on the build site, building ramps or at the store. The gift of their time and talent helps keep Habitat homes affordable. We depend on them all, but once a year we recognize two with the Helping Hands award, and we will award a special Above and Beyond award to a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to Habitat's mission.

About Palouse Habitat for Humanity

Palouse Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and has been building simple, decent, affordable housing in Latah and Whitman counties since 1992. Our mission is to put God's love into action, bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Palouse Habitat typically builds 3-bed 2-bath 1200 sqft energy efficient ranch-style homes. One home is currently under construction in Moscow and Palouse Habitat is taking applications for the 2023 home to be built in Palouse, WA. Habitat homes are built with volunteer labor and help from the future homeowner. Habitat homeowners are selected based on need, willingness to help build the home (including up to 500 hours of "sweat equity"), and specific income criteria including the financial ability to purchase the home from Palouse Habitat after completing their partnership requirements.

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