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Palouse Habitat for Humanity receives \$15,000 from Wells Fargo to help build the home under construction in Palouse, Washington

Moscow, ID (October 15, 2024) -- The Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded \$15,000 in funding to Palouse Habitat for Humanity (Palouse HFH) to build a home in Palouse, Washington. Palouse HFH is one of 179 local Habitat for Humanity affiliates awarded grant funding through the 2024 Wells Fargo Builds program to increase access to affordable homes across the U.S.

The grant to Palouse HFH will help build the Jones family home in Palouse, Washington. The home is designed to fit Kaylee and her six children comfortably and affordably.

Last Thursday, October 10, Wells Fargo volunteers from the Lewison and Moscow offices joined Palouse HFH volunteers to prepare for pouring the foundation of the Jones family home.

"We appreciate Wells Fargo's partnership, supporting affordable home building with both funds and helping hands," said Jennifer Wallace, Executive Director of Palouse HFH. "The Wells Fargo volunteers bring terrific energy to the build site. This makes the 10th Palouse HFH home that Wells Fargo has supported, a total of \$150,000 towards building affordable homes around the Palouse."

"Welcome Home is part of Wells Fargo's broader commitment to housing affordability. Starting September 1st, The Bank of Doing engages employees around the world to participate in volunteer opportunities that support accessible, affordable, and sustainable homes and communities. We were so excited to partner again this year with Palouse Habitat for Humanity, building on a 10-year legacy supported by our team in Northern Idaho", shared Lauren Hornett, Vice President of Philanthropy & Community Impact, Wells Fargo.

Nearly one in four households in Washington State spend over 50% of their income on housing, and the number of families around the Palouse who struggle to afford housing costs is on the rise.

This funding is part of a \$6.375 million donation to Habitat for Humanity International through the 2024 Wells Fargo Builds program to support the construction, renovation and repairing of more than 290 families in communities nationwide.

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.

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For more information on Palouse Habitat for Humanity and ways to support its homebuilding mission, visit their website, <u>palousehabitat.org</u>, follow them on Instagram Facebook, call 208.883.8502 or email <u>director@palousehabitat.org</u>.