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- Palouse Habitat for Humanity (Palouse Habitat) is a non-profit 501 C 3 affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International (Habitat International). It was formed in 1992 to serve Latah & Whitman counties.
- Habitat International is a non-profit nondenominational Christian housing ministry, founded in 1976, whose mission is to put God's love into action, bringing people from all walks of life together, no matter their religious views, to build homes, communities, and hope. Over 39 million people have been helped by Habitat housing programs globally. Locally, 354 people have benefited from our home build and repair programs.
- Palouse Habitat has built 22 homes: Albion (1), Colfax (1), Genesee (3), Moscow (6), Palouse (3), Potlatch (2), Pullman (2), & Uniontown (4). The next home will be in Palouse, WA.
- Unless designated "for local use," Palouse Habitat tithes 10% of donations and income to Habitat International to build homes in Guatemala and in disaster response areas like Haiti and Nepal. Our tithe has built 61 homes overseas and we were recognized by HFHI as a "Top Tither" in 2020 & 2022.
- Habitat is a hand up, not a handout. Our future homeowners are selected based on need, ability to purchase the home, and willingness to help build the home with 300-400 hours of "sweat equity." Habitat follows federal fair housing law, and serves individuals regardless of their faith, ethnicity, age, etc.
- Habitat partner families buy the home for a 0% interest income-based mortgage held by Palouse Habitat. The promissory notes include protections against short-term home sale profits. These mortgage payments help build the next home.
- A typical Habitat home is 1200 sqft, with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The next home will cost \$170,000 for Palouse Habitat to build. Habitat homes are built with energy star standards and accessibility in mind. They can be modified to fit the future homeowner's household size and needs. Volunteer labor keeps Habitat homes affordable. In a normal year, 200 community members volunteer 3000 hours to build each home.
- Unless materials and land are donated, Palouse Habitat purchases building materials with gifts from local donors, fundraisers, funds raised at the Surplus Sale and monthly mortgage payments from current homeowners. Our largest fundraiser is Beans 'n' Jeans, a dinner and auction which raised \$145,000 last year.
- Funds donated to Palouse Habitat support the Palouse area economy. Palouse Habitat purchases home building materials from local vendors and hires local licensed contractors. Habitat homeowners pay taxes like any other homeowner, supporting local schools and government.
- The Palouse Habitat Home Repair Program helps low-income homeowners with simple repairs and improvements. We focus on accessibility modifications, including ramps, steps, handrails, etc. Since we launched the program in 2013, we've completed 177 projects that have served 306 individuals around the Palouse.
- Palouse Habitat operates the Surplus Sale, a volunteer-staffed thrift store in Moscow, which sells donated home improvement and decor materials. Anyone can shop or donate, and proceeds help build Habitat homes. In 2022 we completed 11,750 individual sales, grossed \$229,515 and kept 298,370 pounds of material out of the landfill. That's almost the same weight as two Habitat homes! New volunteers are welcome.