

2025 Winter Newsletter



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Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.
Mission: Putting God's love into action, Palouse Habitat for Humanity builds homes, communities and hope.

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You don't need to swing a hammer to help build a home, you can buy the nails!
Donate today to make it possible.

Bring Joy to The World

A Message from Our Executive Director,
Jennifer Wallace



As the holidays approach, I am reminded how much this community can accomplish when we come together. Because of your support, more local families have a safe and affordable place to call home.

Since 1992, Palouse Habitat has completed twenty three homes and has three more underway. Our Home Repair team has finished 302 projects, helping nearly 515 of our neighbors stay safe and independent in their homes.

This season, our goal is to raise \$130,000 by December 31 to finish the three homes currently under construction, start three more early next year, and expand our Home Repair Program to offer more in home assistance with simple repairs so event more neighbors can remain safely housed. Your support keeps that work moving. It builds homes, hope, and a stronger Palouse community.

Thank you for helping make that possible. Together, we can help our neighbors know the joy of a safe, affordable home.

Habitat Happenings

LOYALTY PROGRAM

New

SIGN UP AT CHECKOUT

For every \$1 you spend, you earn 1 point. Redeem your points for discounts on purchases.

Earn up to 50% off

WE ARE HIRING

HOME REPAIR SUPERVISOR

- Full-time, open until filled
- (208) 883-8502
- <https://palousehabitat.org>

You're Invited!

Palouse Habitat Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec 7 12:30 - 3:30 PM **1912 Center, Great Room**

Participate in our Ugly Sweater Contest!

Sign up to bring a dish to the potluck

Gifts Given in Honor and Memory

These gifts celebrate loved ones, both those we remember and those we recognize for the difference they make today. Each tribute is a meaningful way to honor someone special while helping build safe, affordable housing for families right here in our community.

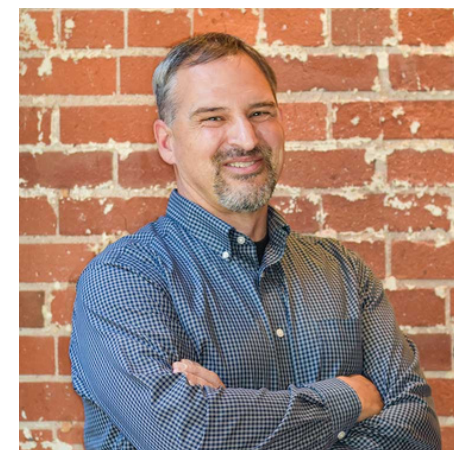
Gifts in Memory

Rich Levensgood
Larry Gilstrap
Bob Harvey
Dwane Benson



New Board Member

Mark Watson



Mark Watson is a Certified Public Accountant with 20 years at Hayden Ross, PLLC in Moscow. He previously served as Financial Officer for the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council and specializes in individual tax, governmental auditing, and agricultural taxation. Mark holds a BS in Agricultural Economics from UIdeaho and is active in several other organizations.

ReStore Update



We're proud to offer remanufactured paint from Recolor and Visions Quality Coatings. From interior and exterior paints to stains, direct-to-metal coatings, and chalk paint, our selection delivers great results while supporting sustainability.

Don't forget to join our Customer Loyalty Program to earn points each visit and enjoy perks throughout the year. When you check out, you can also round up your purchase to support the ReStore Voucher Program—small change that makes a big difference.

Holiday Closures

The ReStore will be closed Christmas week so our team can enjoy time with loved ones.

Ornament Hunt: December 16–20

Join us for a festive in-store scavenger hunt! Find hidden ornaments and enjoy discounts on your purchases—fun for all ages and a great way to celebrate the season.

New Staff Grant, ReStore Cashier



Grant joined the ReStore team as a cashier after moving to Moscow from Flagstaff, Arizona. With associate degrees in English and Creative Writing, he's a storyteller at heart and is currently finishing the first draft of his debut novel. When he's not at the register, you'll likely find him reading or running Dungeons & Dragons games for friends.

Construction Update

We've had a busy fall on the build sites! In an effort to stay ahead of winter weather, much of our recent work has focused on home exteriors. We are now working on interior finishes—flooring, cabinets, and millwork—at both Kaylee's home in Palouse and Jake's home in Moscow. The Namauu family's home in Pullman is following closely behind. Stay tuned for upcoming home dedication ceremonies!

Home Repair Update

Our faithful ramps and rails crew is at it again this year with 21 ramp installs to-date, not including handrails, repairs, and even a couple of minor siding and roofing fixes. Our request queue is booked out through January, so our staff and volunteers are staying busy!



Thinking about volunteering? The build site and home repair program are growing and we need your help to keep serving our community! Reach out today to learn more: volunteer@palousehabitat.org.

Old Staff, New Job

Quentin, Volunteer Coordinator



We are eager to announce that Q is adding Volunteer Coordinator to his career here at Palouse Habitat for Humanity. "To be able to work/help this incredible Non-Profit has brought me more joy than I can express. Between the Pickup/Delivery Crew and all the Volunteers I get to work with, they have an outstanding community helping them succeed." Q says that his first few months have been very exciting and informative, and he can't wait to continue to build homes in our community!

Thank You for an Incredible Year PHFH Board of Directors

As we wrap up another year of building together, we're filled with gratitude for everyone who makes Palouse Habitat's mission possible—volunteers, donors, shoppers, and community partners across the Palouse.

Your generosity has built homes, repaired porches, installed ramps, and given hope to neighbors who needed it most. Every hour, every dollar, and every kind word helps us keep building a stronger, more connected community.

Here's to another year of homes, communities, and hope!



Endowed Giving with Innovia

Thank you Jaiden Wagner with the Innovia Foundation for your help with this article

Palouse Habitat is looking ahead. In 2020, we took the critical step to open an endowed fund with the Innovia Foundation, a way for supporters to give that will ensure the future of Palouse Habitat's homebuilding and repair work.

The Innovia Foundation has been the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho since 1974, partnering with generous people to respond to our region's needs and opportunities. One of the most powerful ways to give at Innovia is through an endowment—a fund that endures to benefit local needs, causes, and organizations for generations to come.

When an endowment is established, the gift is invested to grow

over time, with the potential to distribute a set amount each year. The remaining balance continues to grow, allowing the initial investment to provide support in perpetuity. Innovia manages more than 650 endowed funds, including Palouse Habitat's fund.

An endowed fund of \$3 million would ensure the future of Palouse Habitat home building and home repair programs in Whitman and Latah counties.

Innovia encourages the residents of our region to consider participating in their 5% Campaign. If everyone in the Inland Northwest planned to leave just 5% as a legacy gift, we would invest \$2 billion back into our communities. Learn more at innovia.org/5-percent.

To make a gift of cash or other assets to the Palouse Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund, contact Innovia at 509-624-2606 or email giftplanning@innovia.org.

Year One



A fund is established with a **\$100,000** and makes a **\$4,000** payout a year later.

Initial gift grows & pays out a board-approved spending allowance each year.

15 Years Later



The fund made **\$69,174** in cumulative payouts, and has a **\$134,587** endowed fund balance.

Original balance is growing & payouts are being distributed. The impact has nearly **doubled!**

30 Years* Later



The fund made **\$162,272** in cumulative payouts, and has a **\$181,136** endowed fund balance.

Original balance & payouts distributed continue to grow. The impact is nearly **3.5 times** the size of the original gift.

*Projections assume annual return of 7%, supporting fees of 1.00% and an annual distribution rate of 4.0%.

SAVE THE DATE

In-Person Event
April 18, 2026

Online Auction
April 13-18, 2026

