



2026 Summer Newsletter



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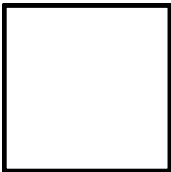


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Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.
Mission: Putting God’s love into action, Palouse Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.



No hammer required. Just the nails.
Your gift builds homes. Give Today.



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Habitat Happenings



JUNE 13 2026
OPEN LATE UNTIL 8PM!



MOSCOW chamber of commerce + visitor center

Volunteer Picnic

Sunday, June 28
12:00 - 2:00 PM
PCEI, 1040 Rodeo Dr, Moscow

Short program & potluck
All are welcome!



Look for us at the 4th of July Johnson Parade, Lentil Festival on 8/15, and Palouse Days on 9/12.
Plus POP-UP ReStore Truck at Community yard sales:
Potlatch, 6/20
Palouse, 8/1
Genesee, 8/8



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

50% OFF SALE

*Excludes paint and Artwalk art

Laughter, Denim, and Full Hearts. Beans ‘n’ Jeans Builds Community & Raises the Roof for Affordable Housing



On April 18, over 375 community members, including guests and volunteers, gathered at the SEL Event Center with one shared goal: helping local families build brighter futures through affordable homeownership.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, sponsors, bidders, volunteers, and guests, Palouse Habitat's annual Beans ‘n’ Jeans BBQ Dinner and Auction raised \$217,000, surpassing its fundraising goal and advancing the vision of building three homes annually. The evening's “Raise the Roof” appeal generated an incredible \$100,000 in support of that goal.

But the impact of Beans ‘n’ Jeans began long before the doors opened. For months leading up to the event, local businesses and individuals donated auction items, experiences, and prizes, and volunteers gathered items, built centerpieces, and committed to baking desserts.

With support ranging from Event Sponsor Avista Foundation and Homebuilder Sponsors Banner Bank, WSECU, DABCO Property Management, and Columbia Bank to every denim-dressed attendee in the room, the evening reflected the spirit of a community committed to action.



Honoring longtime supporter Doug Kenyon as our 2026 Habitat Hero.



By the Numbers:

- \$217,000 raised to support affordable homeownership.
- 338 guests gathered at 40 tables.
- 30 volunteers,
- 10 Vendors, 7 PHfH staff members,
- and full Board participation helped make this event possible.



“The excitement in the room was incredible,” said Deanna Bren, Palouse Habitat Development Director. “What stood out most to me was the culmination of seeing so many people come together because they believe every family deserves a safe place to call home. The funds raised will have a lasting impact for years to come.”

That momentum has already become reality. In May, Palouse Habitat celebrated two home dedications, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony, and purchased an additional lot.

Beans’n’Jeans is what community looks like when people come together to build hope, stability, and homes.





New Staff

Scott Bolyard, Construction Site Supervisor

Garfield, Washington, native Scott Bolyard has spent most of his career in construction and remodeling.

After serving in the Navy, he owned and operated his own maintenance and repair business for more than three decades, building a wealth of experience and a reputation for quality work while serving the rental housing community before later expanding into remodeling. After years of running his own business, Scott was ready to focus on the part of the work he loved most: working alongside others, building with his hands, and seeing a project come together from start to finish. The opportunity with Palouse Habitat felt like a natural fit, and one he couldn't pass up. "When I saw the posting at Palouse Habitat, I thought, 'What a great job to have,'" Scott shares. "So far, I have not been disappointed. What a great place to work!"



Handing off the keys to the new Pullman homeowners, Jake and Shayla.

Sustainable Paint Solutions at the Palouse ReStore

The Palouse Habitat ReStore proudly offers high-quality, eco-friendly paint from Recolor and Visions Quality Coatings. These remanufactured paints combine performance and sustainability to help reduce waste while supporting local building projects. We carry a range of options, including chalk, interior, exterior, direct-to-metal paint, and latex-based stain—plus brushes, rollers, and other basic painting supplies for a convenient one-stop shop. Every purchase helps keep usable materials out of landfills and supports affordable housing in our community.



Opening Doors On the Palouse

During May, Palouse Habitat celebrated the completion of two homes, first for Jake and Shayla in Pullman, and most recently for Sam and Ramon in Palouse. Both families have now achieved the stability and opportunity that come with homeownership. We also gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony with Jeffrey and his service dog, Jojo, marking the start of another exciting build. In addition, we recently partnered with Austin and Charity and their growing family, whose home construction is scheduled to begin later this summer in Uniontown. With one more home build planned for this fall, 2026 is shaping up to be one of Palouse Habitat's most active years yet. Thanks to the support of volunteers, donors, and community partners, more local families are finding a place to call home. Stay tuned—there's more to come.

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New Board Members

Mike Heston



Mike first came to the Palouse as a WSU student in 1979 and has been serving the community since. Following a distinguished career in the fire service, including 12 years as Pullman Fire Chief, he retired in February 2025. These days, Mike remains as active as ever. Whether volunteering at the ReStore, supporting Scouting America and the Pullman Lions Club, or showing up for community events, Mike remains a familiar face across the Palouse. His forty-year commitment to service continues to make a difference.



Renee Ellsworth

A lifelong Latah County resident, Renee Ellsworth brings deep community connections, and a heart for service to the Palouse Habitat board. Raised in Deary and a University of Idaho graduate, she has spent 27 years with Columbia Bank building relationships and supporting the communities she calls home. After a hiatus, we are delighted to welcome her back for a second term on the Palouse Habitat board and are grateful for the experience, perspective, and enthusiasm she brings.



SCAN ME



Groundbreaking
From right to left: Palouse Mayor Tim Sievers, PHFH volunteer Brent Bradberry, PHFH Construction Site Supervisor, Scott Bolyard, Future Homeowner, Jeffrey Gardner & his son Reuben



Friendly rivals: PHFH volunteer Brent Bradberry and future homeowner Jeffrey place their wager on the upcoming Army-Navy game.

Home Safe Home

Palouse Habitat's Ramps & Rails volunteers have been hard at work. For the past three years, this team has averaged 45 accessibility ramp and handrail installations annually, helping neighbors remain independent in their homes. Support from the United Way agencies serving Whitman and Moscow-Latah County, the Women's Leadership Guild, and a generous private investor provided the tools and dedicated work truck that keep the crew moving. To learn more or join the volunteer crew, scan the QR code.

Every Home Starts with Land

We are grateful to Sand Road Land, operated by the Druffel family, for their generous land donation, creating



a perfect opportunity for a new home in Palouse, WA. Do you know of buildable land for a Habitat home? Please contact us. We'd love to hear about it.

A Meaningful Way to Honor Another

For longtime Palouse Habitat supporter Connie Hall, giving is a way to recognize the people who make our community stronger. Throughout the year, she makes gifts in honor of volunteers, staff members, and friends whose efforts deserve recognition. "I make donations to honor dedicated volunteers and staff as a meaningful way to say, 'You are appreciated,'" she says. "It's a way to recognize the people who quietly make a difference every day." Connie also makes memorial gifts when family members or friends pass away. "Flowers fade," she says, "but a donation in someone's memory creates something lasting. Even when I can't attend a service, I can let a family know their loved one meant so much to me that I made a gift in their honor. What better way to help build a better life for another person?" Honor and memorial gifts are a meaningful way to celebrate a special person while helping local families build brighter futures.



Anne Sumption
Trish Verdal
Ken Hall
Karen Dempster
Marjorie Blodgett
Cari Kappler

These gifts celebrate the people who enrich our lives—those we cherish today and those we lovingly remember. Each tribute honors someone special while helping build a better future for others. To learn more about making an honor or memorial gift, please contact our office.