REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2015

Dear Friend,

I have been working at Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis for well over a decade – and during that time, I have had the privilege to work alongside hardworking, determined people who were born without the economic advantages so many of us take for granted. These are people who often work 2 jobs to support their families…mothers and fathers who want the same thing for their children that anyone wants: a safe and nurturing environment to call Home. Through a simple opportunity to build and then purchase a home of their own, Habitat Saint Louis Homebuyers gain a foothold toward security which has lasting benefits for themselves, their children, and generations yet to be born.

I have also witnessed the outpouring of generous support from individuals, churches and companies who share Habitat Saint Louis’ vision of a community where everyone has a decent place to live. We are dependent on these gifts of volunteerism and financial support…and we strive to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our contributors.

As recipients of your investment, we are committed to providing you with a transparent and accurate accounting of how your contributions have been used to further our mission to create affordable housing opportunities for working families of modest means in our community. We are especially proud this year to announce that 86 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to program costs, with only 14 cents per dollar going towards administrative costs. You can be assured that your contribution to Habitat Saint Louis creates life-changing economic stability for families…and by extension, creates a stronger Saint Louis for us all.

As you read through the 2015 Report to the Community, please know that we are deeply grateful to you for your part in each and every accomplishment you have helped us achieve through your support. And please – if you have any questions about the contents of this report, don’t hesitate to contact me at 314-371-0400.

Sincerely,

Kimberly McKinney
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis
NEW CONSTRUCTION

TIFFANY
CARONDELET
UNIVERSITY CITY
DUTCH TOWN

REHABS

SPANISH LAKE
FLORISSANT
KIRKWOOD
SAINT LOUIS CITY
JEFFVANDERLOU

“I’ve been volunteering with Habitat Saint Louis for 15 years because I really believe in the mission. It is a privilege to be a part of the positive change that happens when someone is given the chance to go through the steps necessary to become a Habitat homebuyer. We’re not just building walls and houses...we’re creating HOMES.” - Kathy Ryan, Friday Crew Volunteer
INDIVIDUALS SERVED - BY THE NUMBERS

- **5,000** Phone calls from people seeking help out of a bad housing situation. All were either offered the opportunity to fill out a pre-screening application for Habitat Saint Louis’ homebuyer program or resources more suited to their situation.

- **3,116** Pre-screening applications mailed to people who expressed interest in our homebuyer program.

- **877** Applications which were filled out and returned to our office.

- **94** Prospective homebuyers whose applications were accepted into consideration for our program.

- **25** The approximate number of individuals or couples currently living in substandard housing who will be chosen each year by our Family Selection Committee to partner with Habitat Saint Louis to build and then purchase affordable safe homes for themselves and their families.

- **20** Children who are now growing up in a safe, secure, permanent home because their parents resolved to create a better life for them by becoming homeowners through Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis and made that dream come true in 2015.

- **13** Homebuyers who each completed their 350 hours of sweat equity service and then closed on 10 homes in 2015 (3 couples, 7 individuals).

“*Buying a house through Habitat gave me ease of mind. Everything is new, so I don’t have to worry about any big expenses right away. I’m not just paying rent anymore – I’m paying money towards my children’s future and leaving them a place to call home after I’m gone.*”

- *Latasha, 2015 Homebuyer*

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Your support is the reason that 33 people who once lived in cramped, overpriced often dangerous rental properties are now forging a better future in a safe and affordable home that is theirs forever. Thank you for being a catalyst of change for these deserving, hardworking members of our community.
New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) accounting principles require that actual income will not be recognized as revenue until the end of a 7-year compliance period.

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis' financial records were audited by CohnReznick.
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Dave Wakeman
Bob West
Stephen Westbrooks

“T am passionate about the success of the St. Louis region, and quality, affordable housing is a cornerstone of healthy, equitable and vibrant communities. Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis is on the frontline, making affordable housing accessible.”

- Stephen Westbrooks, Board of Directors
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2015 Keystone Society Partners

**Patron ($2,400 - $4,999)**
- Jim Beckmann Memorial Fund
- Amy B. Berg
- Bland Family Foundation
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- Rasshelle Burton
- Robert C. Byrne
- Commerce Bancshares Foundation
- Dorothy and Jim Jacobsen
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- Kevin and Kimberly McKinney
- James C Moranville
- Pattye C. Taylor-Phillips and Matt Phillips Sr.
- Realty Executives of St. Louis
- St. Coman Church
- St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Parish
- David Straight and Carol A. Giles-Straight
- Walmart Foundation
- Dorothy Walters
- Charlotte Williams

**Member ($1,200 - $2,399)**
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**Buildable Hours Teams ($5,000)**
- CliftonLarsonAllen

**Builder’s Club Teams ($1,500 - $5,000)**
- Accenture
- Dufresne Spencer Group
- NVIDIA
- Lumiere Place Casinos and Hotel
- Mercy JFK Vince
- Plancorp
- SSM Healthcare
- Twain Financial Partners
- Summit Strategies Group
- PapaCo
- Regions Bank
- Rockwell Automation
Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

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