

A man with a mustache, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and plaid shorts, is kneeling on a wooden floor. He is smiling at the camera while holding a paintbrush and dipping it into a white bucket of paint. The bucket has the number '20' on it. In the background, there is a white wall and a blue ladder.

every partner

helps build homes
and community

Largest banking partnership
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Samson (pictured) & Margitu
New homeowners in 2017



Dear Friends,

Many hands make the work light, whether you're raising a wall or raising a community.

I am so grateful summer is here and new partners have joined us for the first time. Plus, many partners who've been with us for decades are back because they believe so strongly that we can improve lives, neighborhoods, and our entire community through building homes with our partner families.

Partnerships truly power Twin Cities Habitat. More than 16,000 people volunteer each year, including 400+ who work on Regular Crews or at Habitat ReStores—some more than 100 days a year!

At our annual Volunteer Summit in April, I was thrilled to share the news of our exciting partnership with Bremer Bank. Bremer will be the mortgage capital partner in the new Habitat Home Loan Impact Fund, the largest banking partnership ever for Habitat (up to 500 mortgages over four years).

The fund is an innovative way to more than double the number of families who will become homeowners through Habitat. It is only possible because of partners like you. Your generous gifts ensure families receive the same affordable mortgage we have always offered—no family pays more than 30% of

their income to own their Habitat home.

Just like when we created A Brush with Kindness with Valspar in 1999, we are once again leading the way in piloting a growth model for affiliates across the country.

Unlocking the full potential of the fund will require a 33% increase in philanthropic gifts over five years. I am grateful for all your gifts, but I ask that you increase your support to multiply the number of families we can partner with.

As I ask this, I think about the young girl in a pink party dress who I saw at a home dedication in Hugo in April. She raced through her new home to her bedroom. The joy on her face was priceless as she hopped across the floor like a bunny. Finally, she will have a place to play, a place to study, and a place to call her own.

Gratefully,

Sue Haigh, President & CEO
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Sue Haigh (front in blue) at our **Volunteer Summit** in April. Some volunteers give more than 100 days a year. Thank you! Find the right opportunity at tchabitat.org/volunteer.



every home is dedicated with love.



Margitu (above, holding her youngest daughter) and Samson (installing flooring in his bathroom on the cover, and below, right) enjoy walking to the playground near the Habitat home they purchased in Blaine. They proudly proclaim themselves Minnesotans and are excited that their three daughters now have a place to play and a community of welcoming families around them. The family plans to save so they can open a small business of their own. During their home dedication, Samson thanked Habitat volunteers for putting God's love into action. He also told their **Site Supervisor Terra Lumley (pictured)** how much he appreciated the support she'd offered every step of the way. Join us for a home dedication. Find dates and details at tchabitat.org/events.



habitat partners



Andersen Corporation has supported Twin Cities Habitat's mission for more than 20 years. **Jay Lund, CEO of Andersen, and his wife Gail** helped hang drywall during the CEO Build in 2016. The couple is personally involved in bringing new corporate and philanthropic partners to our mission.



"When you provide a family with a foundation, you can build so much from there."

Jay Lund
CEO of Andersen Corporation



Jeanne

Bremer Bank has agreed to the largest banking partnership in Habitat history by supporting the new Home Loan Impact Fund (up to 500 mortgages for families over four years).

Bremer Bank CEO Jeanne Crain says, "Habitat has never shied away from doing something aspirational, but they're going to need a lot of volunteer and financial support to reach these goals."

Your gift can unlock the potential of this new fund and more than double the number of families that can partner with us on buying an affordable Habitat home.

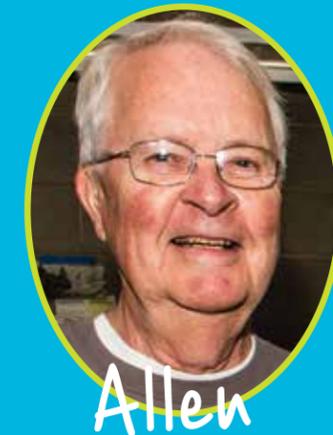


Minneapolis-based Thrivent Financial is the number one sponsor and builder of Habitat homes across the country—its members will help build four homes in the Twin Cities this year.

Thrivent CEO Brad Hewitt helps organize the Senior Pastor Build, which brings new faith leaders together each year to volunteer on Habitat homes.



Brad



Allen

Thank you, **retiring volunteer Allen Otte**, who has been with us for more than 25 years of service! He's been a part of countless homes, and has helped repair tools at our warehouse for the last several years. Volunteering is a great way to give back and stay young doing it. Find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you at tchabitat.org/volunteer.

thank you, sponsors & guests



You made the 2017 **Hard Hat and Black Tie Gala** the most successful ever!

Guests were treated to fabulous live and silent auctions, red carpet photo opportunities, creative fashion, sumptuous dinner, games, prizes, and dancing to the music of *The High and Mighty Band*.

Save the date of April 7, 2018 for next year's gala. New location: The Depot in Minneapolis

raise the roof

Monday, **August 7**
Minneapolis Golf Club
2001 FLAG AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

tchabitat.org/golf

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Join the
Habitat Young
Professionals
Network for food,
drinks, music,
games, and more!

raise a glass

for tomorrow

Thursday, June 15 @ 5:00 p.m. Purchase tickets for \$20 at tchabitat.org/glass

every woman

can impact this generation *and* the next

5 Reasons to Join Women Build

1. Volunteering is fun

Bring your friends and push yourselves in a safe, supportive environment. Women Build supervisors are great teachers and find tasks that fit everyone's comfort level.

2. Impact families for generations

Habitat homeowners say their kids are healthier, do better in school, and feel more connected to the community since buying their homes. See the study at tchabitat.org/impact.

3. Make great connections

Women Build volunteers are great people (and they know other great people). Get to know them.

4. Get healthier

Volunteering is great exercise, but it also builds the social bonds critical to good health. A study found volunteers spend 38% fewer nights in the hospital.

5. See our world through new eyes

Social barriers fall and real connections get made when you volunteer with Women Build.



Lowe's sponsored the **National Women Build Week in May**. Locally, volunteers helped a widowed mother and grandmother paint and repair her St. Paul home. Join us this summer as we build on homes across the metro: tchabitat.org/womenbuild.

Women of Habitat

Hope Builders

Fundraising Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Hilton Minneapolis

PUSH YOURSELF

Ride in the *Habitat 500*

July 9-15

7-day, 3-day, and 1-day routes available.

Details at habitat500.org





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Customer Appreciation Sale

Saturday, June 24

Thank you, shoppers!

As patrons of Twin Cities Habitat ReStores your purchases are building Habitat homes. Last year, sales helped to fund the construction of **6 new homes**, and kept **700 tons** of material out of landfills!

30% OFF

everything
on June 24

Or use this coupon to save 25% off any single item at 510 W. County Rd. D, New Brighton or 2700 S. Minnehaha Ave. Minneapolis ReStore locations. Not good with other offers. Limit one per customer. Valid through 9/2/2017. CODE: <3SHOPPERS

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