

every family

deserves a place to call home.

Multiply Habitat opportunities for Twin Cities families!

PLUS:

Can a guitar signed by Prince build a house?

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Twin Cities
 **Habitat for Humanity®**

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Nhia and son, Kendrick
Habitat homeowners since 2015



Sue Haigh (in blue) congratulated **Samy and Betelhem** on purchasing their new Habitat home in Hugo.

Samy is showing off the framed *Golden Rule* all new homebuyers receive. It states how 12 different faiths each share the common theme of compassion for others.

We welcome all people—whatever their background—to be a part of our mission of eliminating poverty housing from our community.



Dear Friends,

We are so much stronger when we work together.

I'm reminded of this heartwarming fact each spring as basement foundations are poured on new Habitat homes across the Twin Cities and thousands of volunteers like you turn out to raise walls alongside our homebuyer families.

Recently, I heard someone say that living life to the fullest is a team sport. I couldn't agree more. I invite you to come out and build with us again soon and join our Habitat team to experience this joy for yourself!

You will see people from different backgrounds, faiths, and political viewpoints working together. It affirms my belief that the things that divide us can be overcome by our shared sense of humanity and our optimism.

The Twin Cities is blessed to be a community that cares for all its residents. To maintain this, we must recommit on a regular basis to do even more for our neighbors. That's why we're committing to more than double Habitat homeownership opportunities for families in the years ahead.

To pursue this audacious goal, we're partnering with community banks to access more mortgage capital for families in remarkable ways. But, we won't be able to multiply the impact without your support.

Think about what your gift can do: it will mean twice as many Twin Cities families reaping the benefits of safe, affordable homes; twice as many children in healthy housing ready to succeed in school; twice as many families with stable finances able to plan for the future.

Right now, Habitat families are putting in sweat equity hours, going through one-on-one financial coaching, and learning everything it takes to be a successful homeowner in the Twin Cities. Please think about how you can be a strong partner in supporting their work. Thank you for all you do!

Sue Haigh

P.S. I hope you can join us at our annual **Hard Hat & Black Tie Gala at the RiverCentre** on Saturday, April 8. I promise it'll be a fun and inspiring night! Ticket information is online at tchabitat.org/gala.



thank you, thrive



celebrating

11 years of partnership

80 Habitat Homes Built



9 houses in 2016 alone!

129 Home Repair Projects Done



Over \$8.5M in Funding Raised



With more funds, we can serve more families!

*Data pertains to work and support provided through the end of 2016.



Thrivent Financial and its members will be partnering with Twin Cities Habitat to sponsor and build five homes for local families to buy in 2017. Learn more about this partnership at tchabitat.org/thrivent.

Thrivent also sponsors Twin Cities Habitat's paint and repair projects and neighborhood partnership events. Learn about neighborhood revitalization activities that you can be a part of this summer at tchabitat.org/nr.





every visit
makes spring cleaning matter.

Donate items to a Habitat ReStore!
Your donated goods will help build homes.

20% OFF
your purchase
before June 30

Valid through June 30 at 510 W. County Rd. D, New Brighton and 2700 S. Minnehaha Ave. Minneapolis ReStore locations. Not good with other offers. Limit one coupon per customer. CODE: HSPRING17

We can't do our work without you!



Hope Hensley volunteers with a big smile on her face every week at the Habitat ReStore in Minneapolis. More volunteers are always needed to help with stocking merchandise, running the register, driving the donation truck, and repairing items. Half-day shifts are available. Email volunteer@tchabitat.org to find a volunteer opportunity that fits your life. You can and do make a difference!



Congrats **Don Gustafson** on **100,000 miles** in ReStore's donation truck. Donate large items from your home and Don will pick them up. Schedule at tchabitat.org/pickup.



We're hiring AmeriCorps!

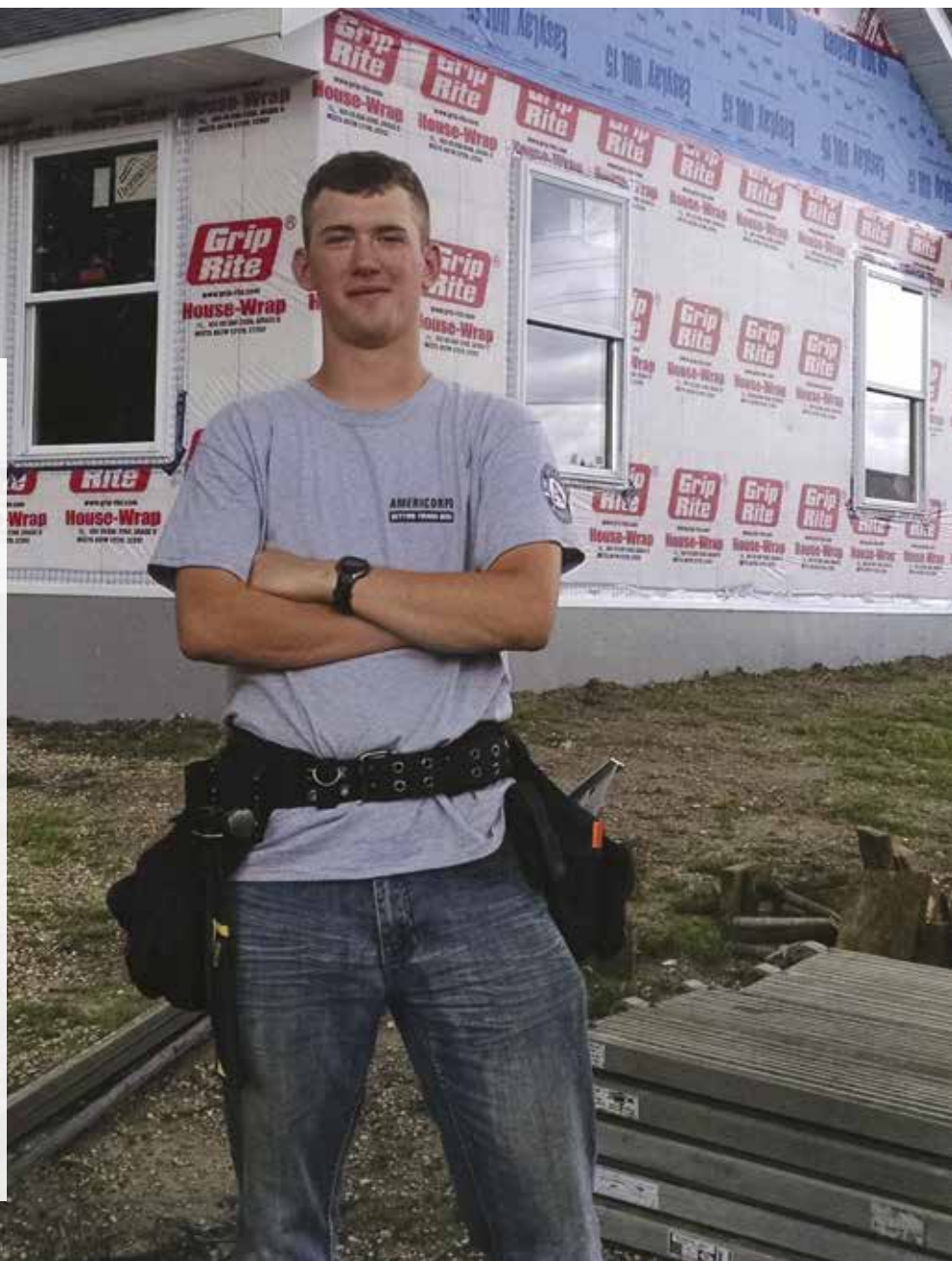
We want great people who are looking for a great opportunity. Know someone who could serve Twin Cities Habitat?

Benefits:

- Living allowance
- Education award
- Student loan forbearance
- Great job training
- Health insurance

6-month and full-year positions available.

Learn more at tchabitat.org/ameriCorps.



JOIN US AT THE

Minneapolis Convention Center

April 1, 2017 (No foolin'!)

*ALL proceeds benefit Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. Get a 10% discount on tickets at tchabitat.org/festival. Promo Code: *habitat**



Be a Housing Hero

Join us for **Habitat on the Hill** at the **Minnesota Capitol on Tuesday, April 18, 2017**. You can have a great impact by meeting face-to-face with your legislators. Register for this free event at tchabitat.org/hill.

every mile counts

Habitat 500, July 9–15. Full-week and three-day rides. One-day ride on July 9. Participants ride alone, organize teams, or ride with friends and family.

Register at habitat500.org



Nancy Schuelke is a Twin Cities Habitat Board Member, donor, and Women Build volunteer.

every woman can build community

Join Women Build by gathering your friends and sponsoring a day of building homes, friendships, and community. Email womenbuild@tchabitat.org to get started.



After retiring, **Russ Felt** volunteered in the Habitat offices and used his **IT expertise** to help streamline our construction processes. Then he started volunteering as a builder. Now, Habitat **Site Supervisors like Melissa** are showing him everything that goes into building Habitat's quality homes.

every volunteer matters



Pam Wheelock started as Chief Operating Officer at Twin Cities Habitat. She jumped right in to getting her hands dirty during an **All Staff Build Day** in January.

Sign up to volunteer today at tchabitat.org/volunteer



Hard Hat & Black Tie

April 8, 2017 at the St. Paul RiverCentre

Live Auction
PREVIEW



▲ Autographed Prince
Guitar from 1984–1985
Purple Rain tour



▲ Week Stay in Kauai



▲ 2017 Indian Scout



Tickets available at tchabitat.org/hhbt2017