



November 16, 2023

Dear Friends of Door County Habitat for Humanity,

As 2023 comes to an end, I want to take a moment to say thank you for all your support and prayers which have enabled us to build another year.

Habitat's 30-year history in Door County is wide reaching to families, children, and seniors including 49 new homes and 120 home repairs impacting 496 people including 176 children. In addition, to date, we have installed 5 temporary and reusable accessible ramps to assist Door County elderly residents ambulate in and out of their homes, allowing them to age in place in the comfort of their own home. Volunteers have invested almost 130,000 hours in the Door County community from Washington Island to Southern Door. Habitat homes are in Sturgeon Bay, Sevastopol, Baileys Harbor, Egg Harbor, Fish Creek, Sister Bay, Liberty Grove, Ellison Bay, Washington Island and Algoma.

On October 18, Habitat held an Open House at the 49th new home build site on Cherry Court in Sturgeon Bay. This was a great opportunity for attendees to meet the Habitat team, key volunteers and community leaders, learn more about all of Habitat's services, meet a future Habitat homeowner and discuss the affordable housing challenges of Door County with community leaders.

Future homeowner Abigail Newman is excited about her new home: "Habitat has allowed the purchase of a home that would have otherwise been unavailable to me and my son. Having a solid, stable place to call home is incredibly healing". Studies show that housing can play a key role in positively influencing a family's education, employment, and health opportunities. Affordable housing contributes to thriving school systems, community organizations and civic activism.



*Pictured (left to right) at Habitat home #49: Jimmy Kaplan, Abby Newman, Jacinda Duffin and Laurie Flanagan. Paul Zeller and David Diller in background installing siding.*



While we are grateful for the year behind us, we are now focused on the challenges ahead in 2024. The cost to build a home has continued to rise and is expected to approach \$200,000 this next year. Therefore, raising significant and sustaining funds has become the top priority for the Habitat team.

A donation of \$100 can provide a light for studying, \$350 provides a window for a child's bedroom, \$500 provides a family a secure front door, and \$10,000 can provide for a reusable aluminum ramp to provide home mobility for many seniors. Every dollar makes a difference for our critical focuses of home construction, home repair programs, deconstruction projects and Ramp Up Door County.

Today, I am asking for your help. Please make a financial contribution to Door County Habitat for Humanity. Visit our website at [www.doorhabitat.org](http://www.doorhabitat.org), scan below, or use the enclosed envelope to send a check directly to the Habitat office.



Thank you for your support and wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Allen".

Lori Allen  
Executive Director  
Door County Habitat for Humanity

*If you would like more information about  
Door County Habitat, I'd love to meet with you.  
Lori*

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