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Dear Friends of Habitat,

It is the time of year when we reflect and are grateful for family, friends, and a warm home. This year, three families are thankful for their Door County Habitat for Humanity-built homes. Three more are happy to stay in their homes using a Habitat RampUp accessibility ramp. Another twenty-five families appreciate Habitat Critical Home Repairs that keep them warm and dry. DC Habitat is grateful for our volunteers who've helped all these families. But we are also humbled as we could have helped even more with additional financial and volunteer resources.

The need for affordable housing in Door County continues to increase as our community adjusts to inflationary pressure. Habitat works hard to provide families with the security and stability of affordable homes and home repairs. We need your support to meet the growing housing challenges. With costs at record levels, our ability to provide services will be restricted without your increased financial support.

On average, even with volunteer labor, building costs for each home constructed by DC Habitat for Humanity run nearly \$200,000. Unfortunately, the growth of Habitat services and these rising costs exceed our current financial resources. Yet, as we grapple with inflation's impact on our work and growing demand, we remain committed to providing families with the foundation of Homeownership and Home Repair services. To put it simply: we need <u>you</u> to ensure that Habitat can support the needs of Door County families.

Your gift of **\$10,000** to DC Habitat for Humanity purchases a reusable, temporary ramp for a senior with mobility issues. A gift of **\$5,000** funds a Habitat Home Repair, which can mean **the** difference between a condemned house and winterized shelter for a family in need. A gift of **\$1,000** helps build a safe place children can call home. Gifts of **\$500**, **\$100**, **\$50**, or **\$20** bring hope to future homeowners. Decent and affordable shelter is something we all need to thrive. With your financial help today, you are giving a family an opportunity to build a better life and Habitat an opportunity to build our Door County community.

Your financial support matters to all of us who work and volunteer at Habitat for Humanity. More importantly, you impact the Door County community and the families we support.

Sincerely,

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