

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

At the beginning of the 2019/2020 fiscal year, the Habitat for Humanity of Grant County Board of Directors sat around a table ready to have hard conversations about the future of Habitat in Grant County. Many questions were asked, such as: Is there a great housing need in Grant County? Are we duplicating a service where we could pool more resources together? Does it make sense for Habitat to be here? Will the community continue to support the mission?

Looking at Habitat's 27 year history at that time of building 53 homes and periodically performing some critical repairs while hundreds of families continued to reach out for help, it was clear that the need existed in Grant County. As more research was done, the truth of the state of housing availability and affordability in Grant County couldn't be denied. As due diligence continued on the quest for answers, the board spoke with many other nonprofits and realized that the services being offered by Habitat were unique. This led the to the final and most ambiguous questions: Does it make sense for Habitat to be here? Will the community continue to support the mission?

After spending time as a team putting strong foundations and a goal-focused strategic plan into place, I am overcome with gratitude to boldly report that in 2020/2021 Habitat is strong in our community. In the midst of a pandemic and more uncertainty than ever, <u>Habitat is able to continue to focus on the importance and significance of providing and maintaining affordable homes for our neighbors in Grant County</u>. We couldn't have done this without the heart, dedication, and grit that makes up the Grant County community. Thank you for blessing this organization and the families we serve.

I look forward with excitement to see what Habitat will grow to accomplish over the next 5 years, and I hope that you do too! Buttany House





Habitat partners with local families who are interested in working with us to purchase a home with a no-profit, no-interest mortgage. Each Habitat home is a collaboration of volunteers contributing hundreds of labor hours, visionary donors providing essential funds, and our partner families, who invest their own sweat equity. All of this results in the opportunity for a better future for their families. Each of these parts are integral to turning ordinary houses into extraordinary Habitat homes.

In 2020/2021, two families who partnered with Habitat Grant County walked through the doors of their homes for the very first time. Rachele and Danny persevered in the middle of unprecedented challenges to give their families a healthy and stable place to grow.

'Home' is where these families can now dream and manifest their goals for the future. Congratulations, homeowners!

## **PARTNER** FAMILY

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# VOLUNTEERING

Habitat brings people together to build resilient communities in this county we all share. Without the dedication of our many volunteers, Habitat could not do what we do. Our volunteers save us on labor costs. provide education for our homeowners, provide leadership and governance to our organization in order to uphold our values, and so much more. Habitat is ever-grateful to each one of you.

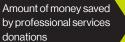
#### THANK YOU!

250+ Individuals who volunteered with Habitat to build a home or in an adminstrative or leadership capacity.

2,500+ Total number of hours donated by our volunteers in

2020/2021

\$29,795

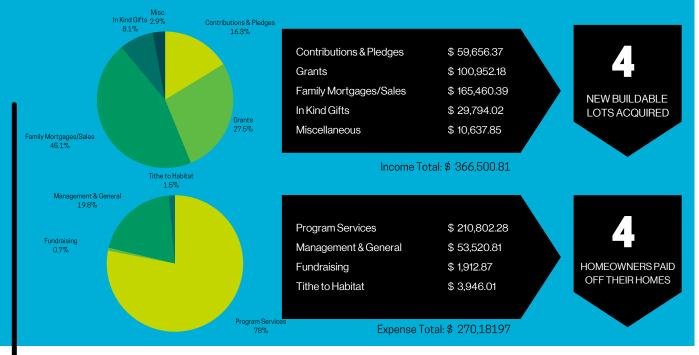






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### **BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

Jerry Whitton joined the Board of Directors at Habitat's inception into Grant County in 1993. Jerry has served Habitat in many different roles since that initial Board Term and has lead the organization to long term success and sustainability serving the families in Grant County.

Jerry embodies the mission of Habitat and has offered steadfast leadership, wisdom, and a strong foundation of faith allowing Habitat to thrive and continue to grow.

While 2021 was his last year serving on the board, Jerry's legacy at Habitat lives on through the many people he has connected to the Habitat mission over the years. We are grateful and honored to be placing a bench at Matter Park in Jerry's honor as a permanent token of his dedicated service.

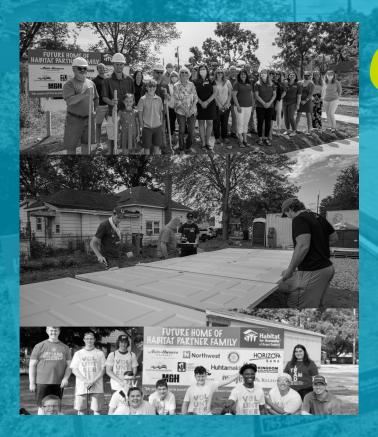
#### **LEGACY SPOTLIGHT** M A R Y W H E E L E R

Mary Wheeler served in some capacity at Habitat for Humanity in Grant County from it's inception in 1993 and throughout the next 25 years. While Mary had many roles serving her time with Habitat, her longest standing role was as the Executive Director. Mary managed the many ups and downs of working in nonprofit leadership and ultimately brought Habitat to the success seen today. Without Mary's dedication, hard work, and leadership within Habitat, Grant County and all the families served would not be able to celebrate the success that is Habitat today. Mary created the foundation for Habitat to grow and evolve into something that will forever change lives in Grant County.

Habitat for Humanity of Grant County is honored to share and continue Mary's legacy within the organization and the community. This fall, a bench will be placed in Matter Park to serve as a reminder of Habitat's gratitude for Mary's long time service and dedication to the Habitat mission.

"Mary had a special heart for Habitat families and devoted her soul to the work of changing families lives by providing them a decent shelter." - Jerry Whitton, former Habitat Board President.





No matter the location of the build site, the religion, gender or ethnicity of the homeowners or volunteers, there is a sense of authentic community that links Habitat partners. It's exactly this kind of shared commitment that has sustained Habitat for three decades, and, similarly, it will be a renewed commitment that's necessary to meet the challenges ahead. I don't have to remind you that the need for decent housing is immense. Our tenacity is equally vast.

> - Johnathan Reckford, CEO Habitat for Humanity International



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