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Habitat, Now more than ever.

Despite the changes taking place in the world all around us, the work that we do at Indian River Habitat remains consistently important and necessary. While we are thoroughly passionate about the work we do and have an understanding of its importance, in recent months, many of us have commented that it feels like one of the primary needs this mission fulfills – a safe, decent, affordable home – has suddenly become more urgent!

As you read this annual report, we hope that the inspirational stories contained in these pages will remind you of the impact that your giving and support have on the families we serve.

At Indian River Habitat, we believe that:

- We empower those with a need for affordable housing in providing a hand up, not a hand out;
- **Shelter for all** is worth focusing on;
- Everyone needs to **hear about the need** for a safe, decent affordable place to call home;
- All should be **treated with dignity** and provided hope;
- Affordable homeownership should be **individually** transformational, and the change that occurs should be sustainable.

The unprecedented times in which we find ourselves seem to cause many of us to reminisce about pleasant memories of times past. Regardless of our individual situation, we can all think of and count at least one blessing. For us, that blessing is

We are tremendously thankful for **you** and your partnership at a time such as this - now more than ever.

Gratefully,

Sheryl S. Vittitoe, President & CEO

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Can you remember watching the evening news earlier this year and hearing, "in order to help minimize the spread of this virus, officials may ask residents to shelter in place..."

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Now more than ever, we need you. hether it's looking out at what used to be a sea of familiar faces now masked with anonymity; birthday parties existing on an 11-inch computer screen or clocking in to work from your kitchen table; it seems as though time will forever be marked by pre and post COVID-19.

As we continue to adapt, we find ourselves relying on and supporting one another in new ways. For example, over the past several months, we've become more mindful about our essential workers and the critical services they provide. We've become even more eager to say, 'thank you,' and have been more intentional about praying for their protection and safety. Despite the great outpouring of gratitude and support, the uncertainty so many of us have felt over the

past few months is very familiar for working families in our community.

Even before the pandemic, families were faced with the difficult task of making tradeoffs in order to meet out of reach housing costs. Post COVID-19, they continue working in industries deemed "essential" to include health care, food production, and transportation, despite the associated risks of the continuing public health crisis.

Even though the families we serve at Indian River Habitat are diligent and persistent, they cannot change their circumstances in their strength alone.

As this global health crisis continues, families with whom we partner, need a hand up now more than ever.

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scholarship

n 2008, Raliyah Dawson was about 10 years old when her mom closed on the family's Habitat home. Later, when it was time for Raliyah to begin college, Indian River Habitat's Scholarship Program for Habitat homeowners and their dependents helped the family meet the associated costs of a post-secondary education.

As a Habitat Scholar, Raliyah has demonstrated excellence throughout her college career. A first-generation graduate, Raliyah successfully completed the nursing program at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) in May 2020, graduating with high honors.

For most students, college is not without hardships. Late-night study sessions, carefully selecting a major and trying to take advantage of all that campus life has to offer requires mental dexterity.

Toward the end of her final semester in college, Raliyah received a call that informed her of the passing of her dear grandmother. As if that news wasn't hard enough to digest, the memorial service was scheduled the weekend before Raliyah was expected to take two heavily-weighted exams.

Nevertheless, Raliyah persisted; she wanted to make her grandmother proud. Not only did Raliyah walk away from FGCU with a nursing degree, but she also received the prestigious FGCU Award for Outstanding Academics, Leadership, and Community Service.

Now a college graduate, Raliyah has returned home to Vero Beach. Her next step – becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Indian River Habitat's Scholarship program is comprised of individuals, similar to Raliyah, who are resilient in their efforts of achieving higher education. Established in 2009, Indian River Habitat's Program serves 20 to 24 scholars



RALIYAH DAWSON

School:

Florida Gulf Coast University

Graduation Date:

May 3, 2020

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Awards:

Honors, FGCU Hall of Fame Award

"My worth as an individual is measured through my ability to grow in my development as a well-rounded, civically engaged leader in my community."

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Homebuyer Profile

Meet Rita Register

Closed on Habitat Home: May 28, 2020

Rita Register is a caseworker at Children's Home Society; an occupation requiring Rita to engage closely with parents and children. This is a critical career year round, but the need to maintain the welfare of children, and provide adequate counsel is paramount, especially during a public health crisis. Rita has a heart for her community and strives to do the best she can to help them.



Veterans Build

obert Blanchard, a veteran of the Vietnam war, and his wife Janet, sit proudly on the front porch of their home. Blanchard has a sense of calm surrounding him, despite the various sounds of clanking and buzzing whirling about from home repairs being completed through Indian River Habitat's Home Repair Program.

Blanchard mentions his faith and believing in the overall good in people.

In Vietnam, Blanchard was awarded three Purple Hearts. Returning home brought about its own challenges, but with time, things got easier – especially after Veteran Blanchard met his wife, Janet. The two have been married for 40 years, share 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Family is everything to them.

In 2016, the Blanchards bought their current home in Sebastian. Even then, the home was already in need of repairs.



front of the house to peel off.

Water was seeping through the siding of the house, the hot water heater was leaking, and plumbing in the kitchen and laundry room

needed repair.

"The house was a total wreck," Blanchard said. Unfortunately, Robert and Janet could not afford the cost of needed repairs. To cope, Veteran Blanchard adopted a "do-it-yourself" approach, frequently visiting the hardware store and relying on his own ingenuity.

A Home Depot sales associate noticed the frequency of his visits and informed Blanchard about Indian River Habitat's Home Repairs Program, offered to veterans through funding provided by The Home Depot Foundation.

The "Veterans Build" is one component of Indian River Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization (Home Repair) Program.

Through this Program, Indian River Habitat provides affordable home repairs to qualifying low-to-moderate income families. Critical repairs or home preservation projects can include roof work, air-conditioning maintenance, or replacement, wheel chair accessibility, ramp installation and exterior paint touch ups.

While Habitat's Repair Program is open to anyone who meets eligibility requirements, we strongly encourage veterans to apply. According to the National Low Income
Housing Coalition, 2.5 million veteran headed
households are at least 55 years of age. Of
which, 24 percent have housing cost burdens,
and are more likely to have a disability
requiring home modifications to improve
accessibility and address other needs.
Following the completion of repairs on
their home, Veteran Blanchard said, "what's
been done for me and my wife has been a
Godsend."

Annually, Indian River Habitat serves at least 70 Indian River County families through its Home Repair Program.



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Bob Bauchman

"While housing is just one of the key necessities of life, the lack of an affordable dwelling can negatively impact other needs. For example, having to spend an inordinate amount of one's income on housing limits the ability of a family to provide adequate food and clothing."

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Empowered Women, **Empower** Women!

hen the Indian River Habitat affiliate began in 1991, so did Habitat for Humanity International's Women Build Program. In 2003, Lowes became the Program's lead corporate sponsor, nearly doubling the program. This year, during the week leading up to International Women's Day, Indian River Habitat joined 235 communities from all over the US, Canada, and India, to build awareness and spotlight the need for affordable housing.

On Saturday March 7, 2020, Indian River Habitat, in partnership with local Lowes Heroes, brought together women from a diverse cross-section of our community, to help begin the construction of 2 new Habitat homes!

At break time, the group of women volunteers joined in celebrating the new home dedication of a multi-generational family of women (pictured here on the left). What better way for the women builders to see firsthand the impact their advocacy yields in the lives of fellow women in our community.

Current Habitat homebuyers worked alongside the Lowes Heros, local government representatives, volunteers and Habitat staff, learning new skills while helping to inspire Habitat homebuyers - many of whom represent femaleheaded households.

The Women Build event began with light refreshments, and "Circle Up," a special Habitat tradition that marks the start of every build day.

Susan Adams, County Commissioner, Dori Stone, President of Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, and Connie Poppell, Indian River Habitat Board Chair, are among those who participated in the annual event.

"Some people are surprised when they learn about the crew of women builders at Indian River Habitat. For me, the ultimate reward in being part of this crew is the opportunity it gives me to help build dreams that might otherwise be out of reach. Witnessing a family's joy, especially after having learned their story and working alongside them on the construction site - this is what keeps me coming back." -Leslie Balcerak, Women Build Crew since 2007

If you would like to raise a hammer to spotlight the need for adequate housing for local families, Indian River Habitat's Women Builders welcome you to join them!



David Johnson

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In 2002, Justine Johnson and her family relocated to Vero Beach after her grandparents retired from Massachusetts. Justine attended Vero Beach High School and now, as an adult, is eager to establish her own traditions and build a strong foundation for her daughter Sophia, and son, Wesley.

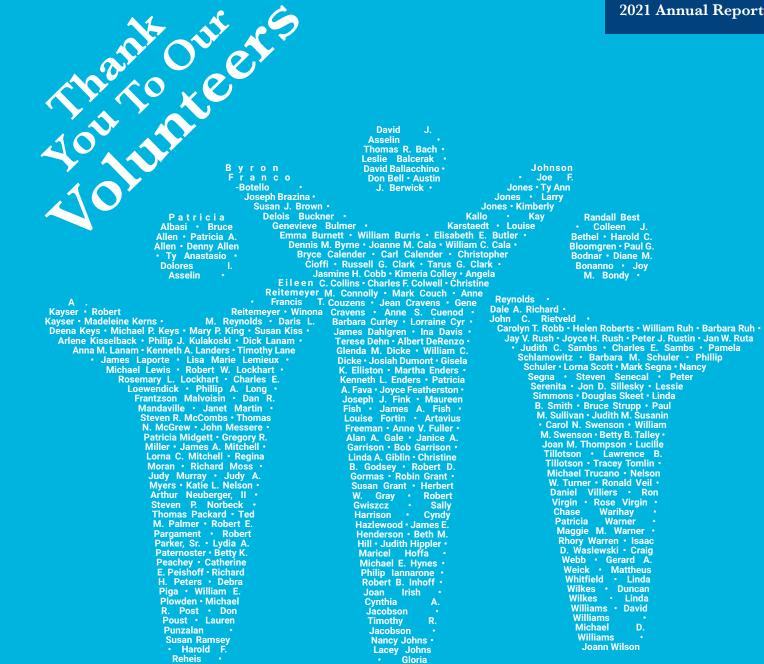


Justine and her children have temporarily moved back in with her mother. However, Justine's former apartment was infested with mold; located on a busy street; and required her to spend more than 30% of her income on rent. With the daunting health and safety concerns, coupled with unaffordability -Justine knew something had to change.

While volunteering on a build site with Dyer!, where she's currently employed as an accountant, Justine reconnected with a former boss who encouraged her to also join the program. Justine applied and was accepted on August 9, 2019. With homeownership, Justine is looking forward to providing her children with the safety and security that comes with being in a family-owned home!

After moving in, Justine plans to go back to school to earn a Bachelor's in Finance.





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As Indian River Habitat approaches its 30-year anniversary, we reflect on God's goodness and recall the integral role that our local community of faith has played in the life of this Affiliate.

At the Affiliate's founding in 1991, and for the next eight years, Community Church offered office space for our program's operations. This longstanding church support however, did not end there. In 1995, First Presbyterian Church sponsored its first Habitat home. Two years later, Trinity Episcopal Church and Church of God by Faith co-sponsored the Colson family home, Indian River Habitat's seventh new home build. In 2004, the Circle of Faith initiative, a coordinated effort by the faith community to work together on an annual faith build, completed its first Habitat home. Homeowner, Mrs. Hicks, closed on that inaugural Circle of Faith home build in June of that year.

This past year, our Circle of Faith collaborative drew together members from First Presbyterian Church, Community Church, Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church, Vero Christian Church and Christ Church. From our founding to years beyond, we stand proud and with gratitude for the Christian roots of our institution, with God's love being displayed and deeply threaded within everything we do.











Habitat homeowner, Angelica Cruz (pictured below), has lived in Fellsmere since early childhood.

A renter all of her adult life, Angelica was ready to put her name on a place of her own, with the hope that by taking the leap toward homeownership, she would also encourage her daughters to do the same someday.

Angelica needed an affordable home solution due to overcrowding in the mobile home she previously shared with her daughters, Maritza, 19, and Ana, 16. The mobile home became even more crowded after Maritza had a baby girl.

On top of overcrowding, the Cruz's home experienced water leakage each time it rained. With Florida having rainy seasons, this could lead to mold problems and safety concerns for the growing family.

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Fellsmere





BOARD MEMBER

Isabel Marron

Hope is the only thing stronger than fear. Knowing this, I am passionate about Habitat because of the hope and support that Habitat gives to working families in need of access to the opportunities that an affordable home provides.

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Angelica was determined to make homeownership a reality. "I really wanted to give up, but Jeff [Indian River Habitat's Director of Impact and Outreach] encouraged me to keep going," Angelica

Angelica currently works as a crew leader with LSP landscaping and is finally in the home she has always longed for! She looks forward to the day she can pay off her mortgage and show her daughters they, too, can do anything they put your minds to, so long as faith never leaves.



Why Habitat?



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Staff Spotlight



Charlie Shain

Charlie Shain's journey with Indian River Habitat began in 2011 at the Habitat ReStore. After a year working as a ReStore Warehouse Assistant, Charlie begin transitioning his focus to construction. Charlie worked as the Affiliate's Construction Supervisor of the Neighborhood Revitalization program before landing his current position as Construction Manager. In his newest role, Charlie provides key leadership to ensure excellent operations in all aspects of construction, full home rehabilitation, and minor/major home repair programs.



Barbara Middleton

Barbara Middleton has been with Indian River Habitat for three years as the Affiliate's Controller, and this year has been promoted to Director of Finance. As Director of Finance, Barbara will expand her role to include Human Resources, Information Technology as well as Habitat's finances on a broader, more strategic level.

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Everyone and everything needs a safe habitat. At Indian River Habitat for Humanity, we work to put God's love into action by helping make homeownership possible. At Habitat, we build family, community and serve as a support system for families who are in need and are willing to put in the hard work required to make their dreams come true.



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Meet Christina Selph

Closes on Habitat Home: Nov 24, 2020

Christina Selph is a project administrator at a local construction company where she does clerical work, office organization and assists three contractors. Christina is a single mother to two children, an 11-year-old son and four-year-old daughter who have both struggled to cope with virtual schooling and not being able to interact with peers. Christina juggles raising her children and working, while also completing the requirements of Habitat's homeownership program.



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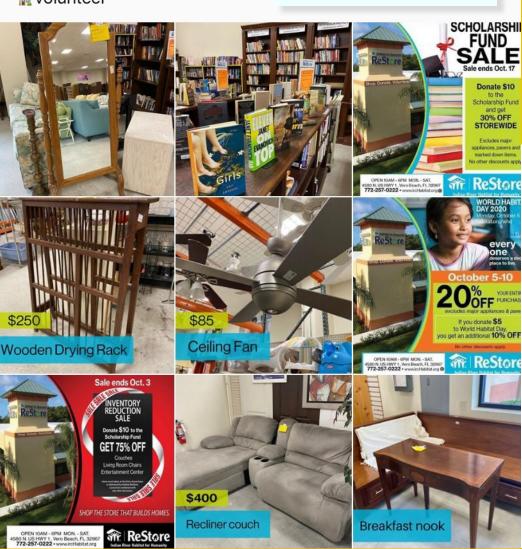
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Love to browse that store. You never know what you might find.





Indian River Habitat builds, renovates, and repairs houses. Of equal importance is the transformation of individuals, families, and communities. This is the "building hope" and "now more than ever" aspect of our mission.

-Sheryl S. Vittitoe, President & CEO



Did you know 1-in-3 Habitat homes are built by the Indian River Habitat ReStore?

When you shop or donate, your contributions go toward Habitat's mission of providing safety and security through shelter!





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BOARD MEMBER Martin Bireley

Habitat for Humanity offers a hand up through home ownership. For many people who thought that they would never realize the American dream of owning their own home, Habitat offers them that opportunity. Seeing a family achieve their goal of home ownership through hours of hard work and sweat equity is heartwarming and inspiring.

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Letter **From** The **Board**

Despite these unnerving times, I believe we can remain hopeful that in the midst of it all, good things are happening. In this Annual Report, we placed a spotlight on families in the program. Families rich in love, goodness and tenacity that have aspired to have a safe haven of their own. Your support, now more than ever, has not only helped build that sanctuary and place of comfort for these families, but has also helped to shape those very qualities within them.

May we all, in whatever way we can, offer our time and our service to one another so that God's love is visible in us.

Connie S. Poppell, Chair Board of Directors

Why Habitat?



Jim Beindorf

I chose to be involved with Habitat for Humanity because of the long-term impact this work makes basics, personal finances, and most importantly, a spiritual foundation for their family. These not only change the lives of the homeowner but also the lives of their children, creating an impact that covers even the

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Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) forms its headquarters in Americus, Georgia. Construction on HFHI's first Habitat house begins in San Antonio, Texas.

1991-99

Indian River Habitat's first office is a shared workspace with Community Church. Homes Built: 18

2001 -

Andy Bowler recruited & appointed Indian River Habitat's first President & CEO

2005 —

Construction of the 'Home Center,' later renamed the Habitat ReStore, is completed.

2011 —

Construction of the **Burnham Administration** Center is completed.

2018 ____

Indian River Habitat recruits and appoints Sheryl S. Vittitoe as President & CEO.

2020 =

Indian River Habitat celebrates milestone 400th new home build in Indian River County.

1968

Out of the Koinonia Farm experience, the concept of partnership housing is created – housing centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build decent, affordable homes.

-1991

HFHI completes its first all women-built house in Charlotte, North Carolina

Indian River Habitat for Humanity is established and becomes affiliated with HFHI in September 1991.

Dave Pearson named as Executive Director.

1999-01

Indian River Habitat purchases first office space. Homes Built: 41

2003

Indian River Habitat purchases property that houses the Affiliate's campus to this day.

2009

Indian River Habitat establishes Scholarship Program for Habitat homeowners and their dependents.

2010-11

Indian River Habitat establishes Neighborhood Revitalization (Home Repair) Program.

■2016

Affiliate celebrates 25th anniversary. The ReStore expands, adding an additional 10,000 square feet to its facility. Homes Built: Over 300

Much to celebrate... More to come!





In September 2021, we are looking forward to celebrating 30 years of serving Indian River County. These past 30 years, we have built more than 400 newly constructed homes; have served thousands of families by providing a home repair; and have provided summer camp, after-school, and post-secondary educational scholarships for hundreds of Habitat homeowners and their children.

-Sheryl S. Vittitoe, President & CEO



Douglas Vitunac

The attraction to Habitat is that Habitat provides tangible, long term housing

Why







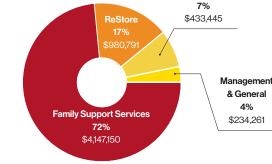
FINANCIALS 2020 Annual Report

Breakdown of Revenue & Expenses

Fundraising

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020





Total Expenses \$5,795,647

Revenue

Contributions	\$ 1,717,2
Mortgages	\$ 1,940,1
ReStore	\$ 1,904,1
Other Income	\$ 890,4
Total	\$ 6,451,9

Family Support Services	\$ 4,147,15
ReStore	\$ 980,79
Fundraising & Development	\$ 433,44
Management & General	\$ 234,26
Total	\$ 5,795,64

\$ 656,333 Net assets, end of year

\$ 12,645,211

Total Revenue \$6,451,980



BOARD MEMBER

Tom Matesic

What attracted me to Habitat was an opportunity to give back to my community in a most meaningful way. We know that a safe and secure home is an important foundation, not just for the families for our community as a whole. For me, getting to see the new homeowner's face on the day they can move in to their new home is priceless. I am grateful that I get to be a part of that happy day. I am proud to be a part of the Habitat for **Humanity family!!**





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Increase (decrease in net assets)
Net assets, beginning of year

\$ 11,988,878

In 2020, the average monthly mortgage payment for a 3 bedroom/2 bath Habitat

home is \$610

per month

Out of 1,100 Habitat for **Humanity Affiliates in the US, Indian River Habitat** ranks among the top

at minimum wage of

to be able to afford a

at fair market rent*

modest 1-bedroom rental

week an

would need to

individual

in performance with the number of families we serve!

79 percent of extremely low income renter households have severe cost burden^t

† Statistics provided by National Low **Income Housing Coalition** (NLIHC) nlihc.org

*The Fair Market Rent is HUD's best estimate of what a household seeking a modest rental home in a short amount of time can expect to pay for rent and utilities in the current market



BOARD MEMBER

Rene Donars

"Not many of us are aware of the lack of affordable housing in our community. Few speak of it, and fewer attempt to address the problem. But, Habitat is out there every day doing something about it. 400 homes to date speaks to these efforts."

Why

Habitat?

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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John's Island Club

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Masteller, Moler & Taylor Megan Candler Gallery Mills, Short & Associates **New Balance**

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