Indian River Habitat for Humanity

Women Build is in Full Effect!

WOMEN BUILD 2026

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Women Build 2026 is in full swing!

Energy and excitement are building as this year's Women Build teams come together in support of safe, affordable homeownership. Women from across the community are stepping up, not only to raise walls, but to raise critical funds and awareness for families working towards stability in Indian River County.

Our incredible Women Build Ambassadors have stepped up hugely, helping drive team-building efforts, community engagement, and sponsorship outreach for the campaign. Through their dedication and enthusiasm, they are not only raising critical funds to support affordable homeownership in Indian River County but also inspiring others to get involved and make a tangible difference.

We are especially grateful to Publix Supermarket Charities, our Premier Sponsor for Women Build. Their generous support provides a strong foundation for this year's efforts and demonstrates their ongoing commitment to investing in the strength and stability of local families.

We would also like to thank our Trusses and Foundation Sponsors- Bill and Mary Becker, Andy and Helen Bowler, Gene and Jean Cravens, Idlewild Branks, and PNC Private Bank. Partnerships like this make it possible for Women Build to continue growing its impact year after year.

Thanks to the leadership of our Women Ambassadors and the generosity of the sponsors, Women Build goes beyond building homes. It builds hope, opportunity, and a brighter future for Women Build to continue growing its impact year after year.

While spots are filling quickly for the March 7th Women Build Wall Raising, those interested in building still have the opportunity to sign up throughout the month of March. To learn more, please visit the Women Build event page or contact Joleen Garcia at jgarcia@irchabitat.org.

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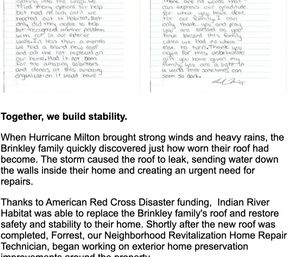
Neighborhood Revitalization:

Stability starts with a home.


Dear Donor,
My name is Sarah Brinkley
I'm an American Veteran
and I'm married to Jeremy
Arnold, and I have five
children. Around our home we will
be having another baby in
September. We are both enough
to be parents to our
family, but were blessed
to have our roof leaking
in multiple areas which has
caused us to have to
spend our money on repairs
that we can't afford
because our mortgage
payment is so high.
We have been trying
to find a place
we can afford
but with the current
market it is
impossible. Our
mortgage payment
is more than
half of our
income. We
are blessed
to have
found this
organization
that is
willing to
help us
and we are
so grateful
for every
thing that
is being
done for
our home.
We are
so thankful
for the
amazing
volunteers
and donors
in this
amazing
organization
it would
have

Then a very short time
before, our house was
flooded. We lost all
of our belongings. I
had to throw
away my
children's
toys, and
the next
morning
the mold
began
growing
in our
home.
Our
mortgage
payment
is so
high
that we
can't
afford
to live
in a
safe
home.
But
our
family
loves
our
home
and
we
want
to
live
in
this
home
because
this
is
the
only
place
we
have
been
able
to
call
home.
Thank
you
so
much
for
giving
you
are
blessed
in
your
time
because
this
family
cannot
say
that
we
have
a
place
we
can
call
home
and
we
are
so
grateful
for
this
unbelievable
gift
you
have
given
my
family.
We
are
so
happy
to
be
a
part
of
this
amazing
program.
Soon
to
come.
Sincerely,
Sarah

Together, we build stability.

When Hurricane Milton brought strong winds and heavy rains, the Brinkley family quickly discovered just how worn their roof had become. The storm caused the roof to leak, sending water down the walls inside their home and creating an urgent need for repairs.

Thanks to American Red Cross Disaster funding, Indian River Habitat was able to replace the Brinkley family's roof and restore safety and stability to their home. Shortly after the new roof was completed, Forrest, our Neighborhood Revitalization Home Repair Technician, began working on exterior home preservation improvements around the property.

Throughout the project, the Brinkley family's gratitude was constant. Each day Forrest worked on site, they thanked him for the work being done to protect their home. Their appreciation was especially heartfelt through the letter pictured above, along with drawings created by the two children for Forrest to proudly hang in his office.

In addition to completing the exterior work, Forrest also took time to share helpful maintenance tips with the family so they can continue protecting their home in the future, including guidance on caring for their water pipes.

Stories like the Brinkleys' family remind us that home preservation is about more than repairs- it is about helping families feel safe, supported, and confident in the place they call home.

We're Hiring!

We are currently hiring a Volunteer Engagement Coordinator! Our current Volunteer Coordinator, Dani Dominique, is transitioning into a new role as our Communications and Advocacy Manager. This position will strengthen how we share our story, engage our community, and advocate for the mission and impact of Indian River Habitat for Humanity.

The Volunteer Engagement Coordinator works closely with community members, corporate groups, and partners to recruit, organize, and support volunteers who make our work possible.

Learn more about the Volunteer Engagement Coordinator Position here.

Habitat Home Celebrations:

Gina Balacano

Wall Raising: Feb. 18th

Home Sponsor: Orchid Island

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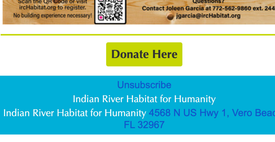

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