Indian River
Habitat for Humanity®

March Momentum: Women Build 2026

WOMEN BUILD
2026

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Women Build 2026 is off to an inspiring start!

The month-long campaign began with the Women Build Kickoff Party on March 5 at Hogan Yards, where Women Build Ambassadors, local supporters, and community leaders gathered to celebrate and build excitement for the weeks ahead.

Just days later, on Saturday, March 7, more than 90 women came together for a powerful wall raising for future homeowners Leidrika King and Cortney King.

The wall raising marked the first major milestone in the construction of these sisters' homes, which will soon provide stability and new opportunities for both families. During the ceremony, Women Build Ambassadors, sponsors, and volunteers lifted the first framed walls into place—symbolizing the strength of a community coming together to support affordable housing.

"This wall-raising ceremony represents not only the construction of a home-it symbolizes the power of community, compassion, and collaboration," said MJ, Publix store manager, on behalf of Publix Supermarket Charities, the premier sponsor of Women Build 2026.

Since this inspiring start, several volunteer groups have already stepped onto the build site, continuing the progress. With more build days still ahead this month, the momentum and excitement continue to build alongside the homes themselves.

Thanks to the incredible dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, and Women Build Ambassadors, Women Build 2026 is already proving to be a powerful example of what can happen when a community comes together with a purpose.

Follow us on our social media pages to receive the latest updates on home builds, home dedications, and the continuous impact of Women Build.

Supporting Sponsors:

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Women Build 2026 Recap

Missed the action? Take a look at our Women Build 2026 Kickoff Party and Build Day photo galleries to see the highlights from an incredible start to the campaign.

A Record-Breaking Presidents' Weekend

Habitat Tennis
Have you signed up to play and support Habitat?

This Moorings-Habitat Classic weekend was one to remember. Thanks to the incredible generosity of The Moorings community, a five-day fundraising effort resulted in an extraordinary $1.2 million raised to support our mission.

Throughout the weekend, residents and supporters came together through a series of events and gatherings, such as golf tournaments, bridge, mahjong, croquet, and tennis. Each event centered around one powerful goal: helping more families achieve safe, affordable housing.

The impact of this support will be transformational. These funds will help us build seven more homes, adding to the whopping total of 109 homes sponsored by the Moorings community in Indian River County.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone at The Moorings who participated, donated, and championed this event. Your commitment to our mission will create lasting change for years to come.

Introducing Our New Board Members

We are pleased to welcome Carol Keen, Michele Miller, Jessica Schmitt, and Judith Zappala as new members to our Board of Directors. Each brings valuable professional expertise, a commitment to service, and a shared passion for strengthening our community through affordable homeownership.

Together, they represent a diverse range of backgrounds-from business and finance to community engagement and nonprofit leadership. Their perspectives will help strengthen our organization as we continue expanding our programs and serving more families throughout the region.

We are honored to welcome these four women to our leadership team and look forward to the ideas and energy they will bring to our work.

To read the full bios of our board members, click here.

Habitat Home Celebrations:

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Dieumene Larose and Jean Pierre's Wall Raising!

When: March 21st at 7:30 AM

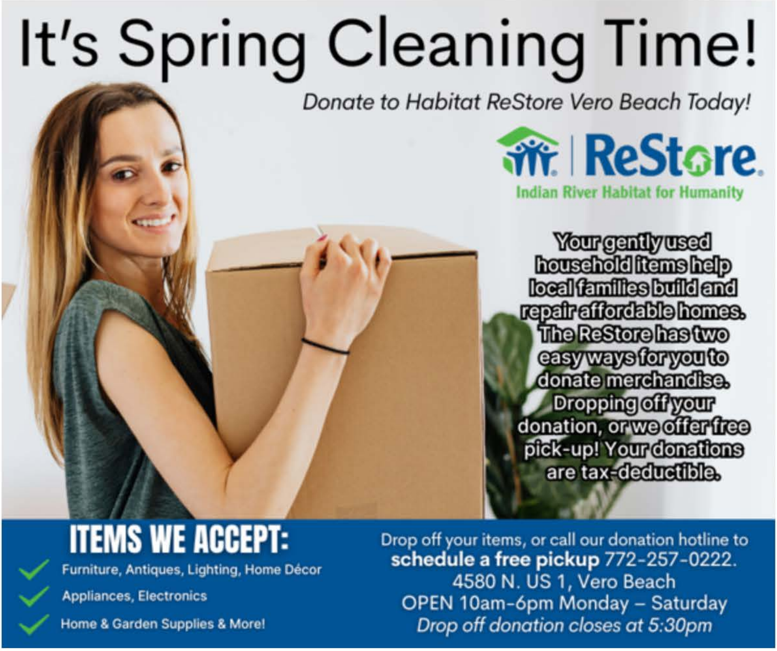
Home Sponsor: The ReStore

Thalia Lockett's Wall Raising!

When: March 25th at 7:30 AM

Home Sponsor: The Moorings

Shop the store that builds homes!



It's Spring Cleaning Time!

Donate to Habitat ReStore Vero Beach Today!

ReStore
Indian River Habitat for Humanity

Your gently used household items help local families build and repair affordable homes. The ReStore has two easy ways for you to donate merchandise. Dropping off your donation, or we offer free pick-up! Your donations are tax-deductible.

ITEMS WE ACCEPT:

- ✓ Furniture, Antiques, Lighting, Home Décor
- ✓ Appliances, Electronics
- ✓ Home & Garden Supplies & More!

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Drop off donation closes at 5:30pm

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