Indian River
Habitat for Humanity®

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and at Indian River Habitat for Humanity, it was a meaningful opportunity to recognize the incredible individuals who give their time and talent to help build homes, community, and hope.

Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. From working on construction sites to supporting ReStore operations and special events, their dedication makes a lasting impact on local families' journeys to homeownership. Every hour volunteered helps move our mission forward—and this past month was a chance to say a well-deserved "thank you."

To celebrate, staff came together to create a handmade appreciation banner and card filled with messages of gratitude. Volunteers were also treated to Chick-fil-A biscuits and sweet treats as a small token of our appreciation.

We are so grateful for the passion and commitment of our volunteers. Their support continues to build strength, stability, and opportunity across Indian River County.

Women Build Wrap Up: A Month of Impact

Women Build 2026 brought the community together for a powerful month of fundraising, volunteerism, and advocacy in support of affordable housing.

Launched in honor of International Women's Month, the campaign empowered women to lead through hands-on building, fundraising, and outreach. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, ambassadors, and sponsors, Women Build 2026 raised an impressive $170,760 to help create new homeownership opportunities for local families.

Highlights included the March 5 kickoff event, *Hard Hats and High Heels*, and a high-energy wall-raising on March 7, where more than 90 women helped raise the walls of three future homes. Throughout the campaign, 158 volunteers contributed 745 hours on site, keeping construction moving forward at Gifford Gardens.

This year's success was made possible in large part by a generous $125,000 grant from Publix Super Markets Charities, along with strong growth in sponsorships and individual giving.

Women Build continues to demonstrate the power of community and the impact of women in building strength, stability, and hope for families in Indian River County.

Stay tuned post celebration events as we get closer to home dedication towards the end of the year.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Our ReStore Operations Manager

Jay Laudano, our ReStore Operations Manager, has accepted a new position near to his heart. We are grateful for his many years of dedicated service and leadership with Habitat, and for the positive impact he has made on our organization and community.

We wish Jay continued success in this next chapter!

As we say farewell, we are beginning the search for a new ReStore Operations Manager. Interested candidates can view the job posting here.

Habitat Home Celebrations:

Shaylin and Tyler's Wall Raising!

When: April 11, 2026

Home Sponsor: The Moorings

Tamara's Dedication!

When: April 17th

Home Sponsor: Dyer Auto Group & John's Island Club

Trinity's Wall Raising!

When: April 18th

Home Sponsor: Ken and Mary Potter of Grand Harbor

Dominique's Dedication!

When: April 25th

Home Sponsor: John's Island Club

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