



Imagine needing a home during a pandemic



"We are grateful for a program like Habitat for giving us the opportunity to own a home and stay in this city we love." The Un Family

Dear

The year 2020 has been a tough year for so many that it has often overshadowed the good. We are experiencing a world wide pandemic, seeing the effect it is causing on our daily lives, on peoples' health, jobs, schooling, the economy and adding too much unrest. Yet on the other hand, we are also experiencing the good. There is an outpouring of kindness and a willingness to come together to help others as shown by you, our supporters and partners. **Because of this, we are able to continue to renovate 11 Alpine Street in North Billerica AND begin our 50th and 51st homes at 930 Main Street, Concord.**

The Reh family was living in a small apartment in a busy downtown Lowell neighborhood where four of the girls slept in one bedroom and the youngest daughter shared a bedroom with her parents. There was very little room for privacy as the girls grew. *"Our older girls really needed some space to have their privacy,"* shared Ngay.



After waiting patiently, the Reh family sign the home mortgage and closing document papers.

There was no outside area for the girls to play and no place to do homework. They looked forward to moving into their new home which would provide space for the family to spend time together, study and play outside in the back yard.

As the pandemic took hold in March, two families were waiting for their homes to be completed. Volunteers stepped up the effort and completed the houses, enabling the Reh and Un families to close on their homes and move their families into a safe, affordable home.

Imagine the relief they felt knowing that they would be safe and healthy especially during this challenging time.

We also watched as a number of our Habitat families lost their jobs, struggled to put food on the table and pay their mortgage. Never did they ask for help, but nonetheless, many of you reached out with donations to help. Because of you, families have more stability, children have a brighter future and our communities are stronger.

One thing our families can be thankful for is **YOU!**

The impact of homeownership is life changing...

It starts when parents are chosen as Habitat homeowners and begin to help build their own home and change the direction of their children's lives. These homes, built by everyone coming together as a community, enabled their children to have the quiet space to do school work, relax and reflect.

Hannah was young when she moved into her Habitat home. Now, 10 years later when asked how having a home changed her life, she shared,

"Having a home, is an extra comfort in my life, that makes everything, including school work, a little bit easier."



2020 High School Graduates Hanna, Noah, Sonny, Phwe

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES - Join us in wishing Hanna, Noah, Sonny and Phew, all the best as they go on to college and pursue their dreams.

Habitat for Humanity and you, our donor, are providing the "hand up" not the hand out to affordable homeownership that families want and need.

Help continues during COVID-19 to keep our seniors safe in their homes.

We continue to reach out to our seniors and veterans through our Critical Home Repair program. So far this year, repairs have included replacing roofs and windows, providing lighting in a dark stair case, fixing broken stairs and installing handicap ramps. Our dedicated volunteers are always up for the task.

For 63 years, Shelia has lived in the house she grew up in and has cared for others as a nurse. After retiring she gave back to the community by volunteering for first graders as well as at the Senior Center. As the years rolled on, Shelia was not able to keep up with the maintenance on her home and was not sure where to turn for help. Shelia saw a write up in the senior center newsletter and she said *“it felt like a godsend. This was the first time I had ever asked for help and here was my answer!”*

It wasn't long before work began on repairing Sheila's unsafe basement stairs, installing new handrails, and replacing the leaking basement windows and a broken storm door. Sheila now has peace of mind and is thrilled with the results.



Smiles from Shelia and the Tuesday Crew team of volunteers who made her home safe.

“This year, I will be able to bring up the “Christmas Village” which I have not been able to put up in the last couple of years. That always brings me such joy. I just cannot thank Habitat enough and all the members of the team who helped to get this accomplished. THANK YOU!”

Thanks to the support of our community, seniors like Sheila are able to remain living safely in their homes and Habitat is able to carry on its mission of ensuring that everyone should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

We are grateful for your help and we hope you will support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell build more homes and provide more critical repairs in 2021.

Your gift will provide a much needed home for the Amador family in Billerica and two additional families at 930 Main Street, Concord, along with thirteen critical home repairs. Be the change for sixteen more families!



The Amador Family standing in what will be their family room.

HOME IS MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE! THANK YOU.

In partnership,

Jeff Brem
Board President

Brenda Gould
Executive Director



Starting in 2021, Habitat's 50th & 51st home will be at 930 Main St Concord.

P.S. We rely on funds coming from the local community. **We can't do it without YOU!**

For 29 years we have been privileged to be builders, not only of houses, but of families, lives and hope. With your support we will continue to work safely side by side with those in need to build a home of their own.



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