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City Partnership Helps Aging in Place Applicants

City of Rohnert Park Foundation and Habitat Sonoma County partnered through a \$5,000 grant to help Rohnert Park low-income senior homeowners with critical home repairs. Three RP residents, so far, received much needed construction repairs and updated safety measures to their home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions only outside repairs were done at this time. When restrictions lift, Habitat will return to repairing indoor safety issues.

1) Joyce V.—Habitat took a holistic approach in helping Joyce with future safety needs entering/exiting her home. She recently began using a walker and asked for her unsteady stairs to be repaired. Seeing this would only fix the immediate need, the Habitat team and Joyce decided an accessible ramp was a must to meet her future needs.

2) Linda K.— Removed and replaced old, rotted stairs safely leading to her home entrance. Linda no longer worries about injuries leaving/arriving home.

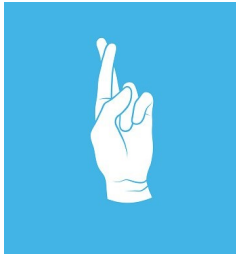
3) June S.—Replaced four hard to open/shut single pane warped windows. And painted home exterior to prevent continuing weather damage. She can now live safely in her home for years to come.

* In Sonoma County, senior citizens make up one in five people yet represent 48% of cost burdened households. The County Area Agency on Aging has cited the need for increased home modification services to allow seniors to stay housed in place. Despite this, Sonoma County lost 88% of State and Federal funding for housing production and preservation from 2008 to 2018. Additionally, barely 2% of American institutional philanthropy goes to aging programs. According to The Foundation Center, this number has not changed substantially in the last 20 years, even though baby boomers (age 65+) are the fastest growing age group in the U.S.A.

Habitat of Sonoma County is happily helping senior citizens in need through our Aging in Place Critical Repair Program!

*Statistics pulled from Sonoma County, County Area Agency on Aging, and Foundation Center websites.





WISH LIST

Habitats' Aging in Place critical home repair team is in **need** of a secure mobile workstation **van** due to program high demand, ease and proficiency, and tools and project material security.

The AiP/Neighborhood Revitalization program is rapidly growing. The team of volunteers and Habitat staff wish to have a secure van with an area for tools and organized shelving, a roof rack for building materials, and a trailer hitch.

With an organized van volunteers and staff will find exactly what they need quicker with labeled shelving, tools safely secured in their stored spots, and accessible building materials easily accessible on the roof rack. And **most important**—safe parking will no longer be an issue with

secure locks protecting valuable tools.

Van ideas: 2010 or newer, less than 100,000 miles, in good condition. Van photos are examples of their wishes.

If you'd like to help please contact: Megan, Program Assistant at 707.578.7707 x124 or m.hennessy@habitatsoco.org.

HELP FILL THAT VAN! The Aging in Place team needs carpentry tools. A wish list of measuring, cutting, painting, drilling, and cleanup tools to fill that van awaits.



Anything you donate through our AmazonSmile Wishlist, helps off-set our costs, enabling us to use every dollar possible to fund our mission of building affordable homes and completing more home repairs.

Thank you!



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- Visit smile.amazon.com/charitylists.
- Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Customers who are not already signed-up for AmazonSmile will receive a prompt to do so.
- Shop Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County.
- Select and donate items from the list.
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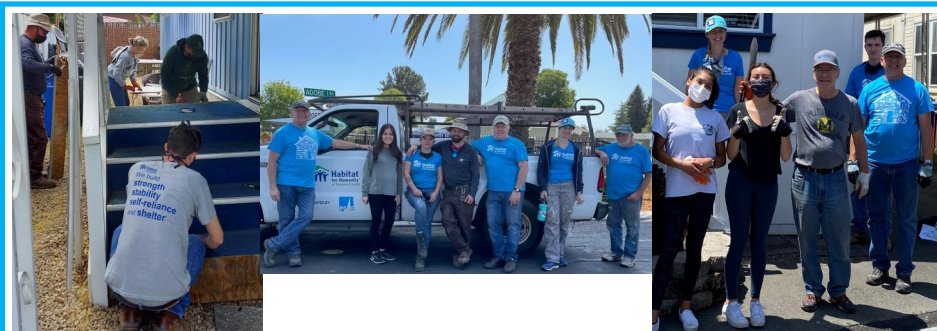
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Meet Megan. To help keep up with the pace of the Aging in Place critical home repair and Neighborhood Revitalization programs we needed an enthused, articulate, compassionate and organized person to join the Habitat team. And we're lucky to have found the perfect fit!



Hello! My name is Megan Hennessy, and I am the Aging in Place and Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Administrative Assistant. I originally grew up in Sacramento but came to Sonoma County to go to Sonoma State University. After graduating in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Business Management, I joined the Habitat for Humanity team. After gaining more experience with another local construction company, I decided to accept this rewarding position and returned to Habitat. I absolutely love the work we do and the community we work with, I couldn't stay away long! It's very rewarding to be able to work with a warm and welcoming community daily.

For information about these programs please contact Megan at 707.578.7707 x124 or m.hennessy@habitatsoco.org.



Neighborhood Revitalization —On May 14 & 15 Habitat partnered with SPARC, Inc. (Services & Programs Assisting Residents in our Communities) on two neighborhood revitalization projects. Twenty-one volunteers along with Habitat board members, and Habitat staff provided stair/deck replacement, yard cleanup, gutter repair, and junk removal for 33 families, 12 in Santa Rosa and 21 in Rohnert Park. **Thank you to all the volunteers for coming out to help, your hard work made a difference in someone's life.**

Habitat for Humanity ReStore **Habitat ReStore of Sonoma County** is a reuse store that accepts donations and sells home improvement items to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter in Sonoma County — a good deal for you, your community, and the environment.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: Closed

Donations:

Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



**In Loving Memory:
Jack Blankenship**

In June 2021, we lost a dear loved one, Jack Blankenship, AKA “Mr. Habitat.”

Jack was involved with Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County since the year 2000. He enjoyed being involved with the construction of Habitat homes, mentoring HFHSoCo families, and founded the HFHSoCo ReStore out of his garage in 2003 to use the proceeds to purchase building materials for the Habitat homes.

He solicited everything from building supplies, appliances, furniture, vehicles, and donations. You name it he would sell it with all ReStore proceeds going towards home building. Jack was the best at what he did and now ReStore is in a 17,000sq ft warehouse. Driveway to warehouse; his hard work paid off. Jack's dream came true!

Jack was widely respected throughout the Habitat family and was a positive influence on each and every person he met. He is greatly missed by us all.

Donate a Home or Land

Do you have **land** or a **home** you want to **donate**? Do you believe that hard-working families deserve affordable, stable housing? Even in Sonoma County, where the views are as breathtaking as housing costs? If you want to **donate** your **land** or **house to charity**, Habitat of Sonoma County can maximize your generosity by turning your donation into affordable housing for a deserving family.



WHAT KIND OF HOUSE OR PROPERTY IS BEST?

What is the best kind of house or property to [donate](#)? Often, the best property is an existing home that requires renovation. Another is residential lots with utilities at the property. Both assist us in keeping projects on budget. We will work closely with you to figure out whether your property might be a good fit. For more information about how to **donate land** or **a home** that needs renovation, contact us at info@habitatsoco.org.

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