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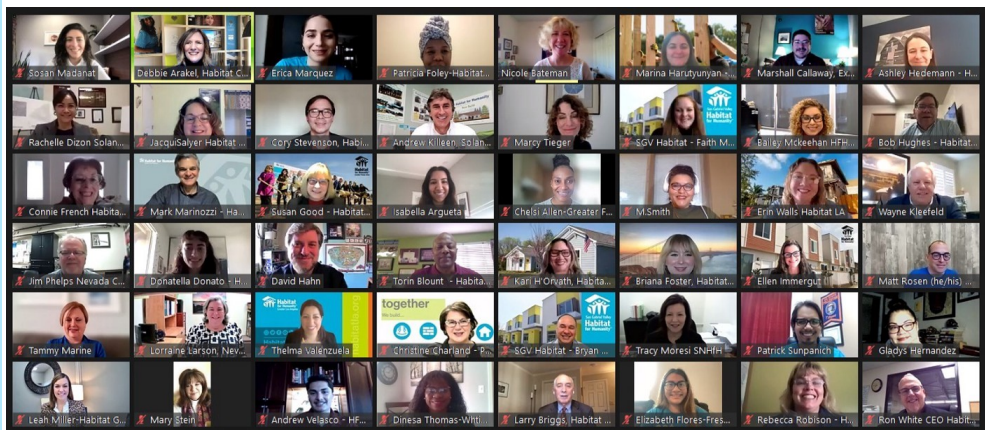
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a decent
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Habitat for Humanity of California Virtual Advocacy Day 2022

Wednesday, January 19 Habitat SoCo joined over 100 representatives (not all pictured) from our sister Habitat affiliates across the state of California to meet with state policy makers and ask for their support to create more affordable homeownership units.



California's proposed budget shuts out working families from a pathway to homeownership. We joined together to urge lawmakers to address the crucial need to support construction of affordable homes.

Collectively, and individually we were heard. Several Senators and Assemblymembers were eager to support our Homeownership budget asks and CalHome related legislation. Wayne Kleefeld {Habitat SoCo CEO} and Jacqui Salyer {Habitat SoCo Dir. of Programs and Funding}, along with sister affiliate Habitat Napa/Solano County spoke with Senator Bill Dodd and Senator Mike McGuire on these important issues. Both are all in favor for affordable homeownership.

Affordable homeownership provides stability and increases resiliency as evidenced during this pandemic. Only 7% of Habitat mortgage holders were late on their mortgage payment between March 2020 and August 2021, and 0 were at risk of foreclosure.

These are significant immediate outcomes, and we gained a lot of momentum around HOMEOWNERSHIP!!!!

WE ASKED—YOU ANSWERED

Thank you!



Meet “Boxy Lady” Habitat of Sonoma County’s new to us 12’ box truck.

Habitats’ new mighty team member weighing in at approximately 8900 lbs., with plenty of space just waiting for construction material to complete its next repair. And looking fabulous in her new wrap.

Julie, AiP Program Manager, and volunteers handcrafted built-in shelving, tool organizers, and secure storage.

We asked for a secure box truck for our Aging in Place Critical Home Repair program. And you answered.

Thank you!

Cars for Homes Donation Program

Our “Cars for Homes” **car donation** program is a great way to get rid of your old vehicle and ensure that we have a world where everyone has a decent place to live! We accept almost all types of vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, farm equipment, and construction equipment. When you **donate your car to Habitat for Humanity**, you’re helping us build homes alongside Sonoma County families.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DONATE MY CAR?

When you **donate your car to Habitat for Humanity**, we will either sell it to a licensed dealer at a wholesale auction or take it to an auto salvage yard. Cars that are sold at auction are reused for transportation. Those taken to salvage are stripped of all reusable parts and then crushed, shredded, and recycled into steel. This keeps a significant amount of steel out of our landfills and saves enough energy yearly to power around 18 million homes! Habitat for Humanity receives funds for each **car donation**. We receive more than 78% of the gross revenue generated from vehicle sales every month – all of which goes to support our work!

Cars for Homes™ accepts a majority of cars, trucks, boats, RVs and other vehicles with proper title and ownership information, and makes the arrangements to have your vehicle, keys and title picked up for processing. Net proceeds generated by donated vehicle sales are used by Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County to build homes in partnership with families in our community.

Donating a used car is quick, easy and may be eligible for tax deduction purposes if you itemize (consult the IRS or your tax advisor for details).

To donate your car call toll free 1-877-277-HFHI (4344).





Habitat Sonoma County further embraces our mission by collaborating with community residents and partners to maximize resources and improve quality of life in the entire neighborhood with our Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

This year, we are once again partnering with SPARC, Inc. (Services and Programs Assisting Residents in our Communities) on two neighborhood projects: both in Rohnert Park. If you are interested in volunteering on one of these two neighborhood projects May 20 & May 21 from 10a-2p, please contact Megan Hennessy at m.hennessy@habitatsoco.org.

New Partner!

Hansel Auto Group reached out to Habitat of Sonoma County offering to support our mission with a \$2,500 donation. And, Toyota is matching their gift for a total of \$5,000.

It gets better!



The Hansel team will join us at one of our future critical home repairs benefiting the Aging in Place program.

We look forward to spending time with you soon Hansel Auto Group. **Thank You!**

FOUR AFFORDABLE HOMES COMING TO SEBASTOPOL

Habitat of Sonoma County is awaiting approval from the City of Sebastopol on its next build. A four-home development in the heart of Sebastopol.

All four of these homes have been designated as affordable housing. Tell us more you say:

- ◇ Four—three-bedroom, 1.5 bath homes
- ◇ 1350 square feet
- ◇ Single car garages
- ◇ 2 stories
- ◇ Garage top Garden
- ◇ Front Porches



These homes are located within a half mile of the Sebastopol Plaza, business district, parks, outdoor events, farmers market as well as multiple school locations, public transportation, grocery stores and retail shops. It is an excellent location for the development of new housing opportunities for low and very low-income first-time home buyers.

When approved, Habitat hopes to break ground in 2022.

Photo: 12/21 Revised Architect rendition of Sebastopol homes



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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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Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9am-5pm

Sunday: Closed

Donations:

Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm