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Habitat of Sonoma County and Fire Safe Sonoma A Two for Two in Sonoma County

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, leaders from two nonprofits serving Sonoma County met to discuss how two different programs, Habitat’s Aging in Place Critical Home Repair and Fire Safe Sonoma’s Fire Prevention Safety programs could work together to benefit more people in our beloved community.

Ah-ha!

Habitat’s Aging in Place Critical Home Repair program enables seniors and/or people with disabilities to age safely, independently, and comfortably in their home. By providing affordable home repairs, AiP preserves home ownership and gives low-income adults the choice of where they wish to grow older. Our skilled construction staff and group of volunteers perform work such as wheelchair accessible ramps, flooring replacement, wood rot repairs, and more.

At Habitat, we demonstrate our passion and dedication through our actions. Since relaunching the AiP program in 2020, we’ve completed 71 projects.

And...

Fire Safe Sonoma, providing over two decades of service offering fire prevention safety education in response to the continuing threat of wildfires. The disastrous wildfires in California, in the past several years, have caused the loss and destruction of countless communities, homes and lives and this trend is likely to continue.

Much of Sonoma County is considered by CAL FIRE to be a High Fire Severity area so Fire Safe Sonoma is offering low-income homeowners free home assessments. This includes a step-by-step walk-through of the property and provides guidance, tips, and resources to educate the resident about areas in and around the home that are more vulnerable to wildfire.

Starting October 3, Habitat of Sonoma County, in partnership with Fire Safe Sonoma, are incorporating fire prevention and safety services into the AiP program. Services offered include, free home assessments, replacement of smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, fuel reduction, and air vent screen replacement.

With this new partnership the AiP program will provide a more inclusive, much needed service throughout our community. Thank you, Fire Safe Sonoma!

If you or someone you know needs critical home repairs, please visit our website www.habitatsoco.org and reach out to repair@habitatsoco.org.

If you or someone you know is interested in fire safety prevention, please visit Fire Safe Sonoma’s website at www.firesafesonoma.org.



Notes of Gratitude

I am writing to thank you all so much for the recent repairs done to my house. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for everything that was done to help me! Everyone was so kind and the repairs were well done. You all are amazing and will always hold a special place in my heart. Take care and keep up the good work of positively impacting the lives of the people you help. **Sharon**

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all your help with your Aging in Place program with Habitat for Humanity. Julie and her team did a wonderful job, and I am forever grateful to all of you. Thank you so very much!
Kindest regards, **Phyllis**

Dear Megan, A very big thank you for all your kindness and help with your Aging in Place Program and Habitat. I was overjoyed to hear about the program and how much it has changed my life and helped me in general. You made the process really enjoyable and all the workers and volunteers have warmed my heart! **P. A.**



HELP CHISEL OUR WISHLIST DOWN! The Aging in Place construction team of volunteers and staff were extremely busy completing over 18 home repairs since our Spring 2022 newsletter. As you can imagine everyday tools such as tape measures, paint brushes, tarps, hammers, screwdrivers, etc., are always in demand. And, we have more homes in the pipeline in need of our service, repairing and preserving.

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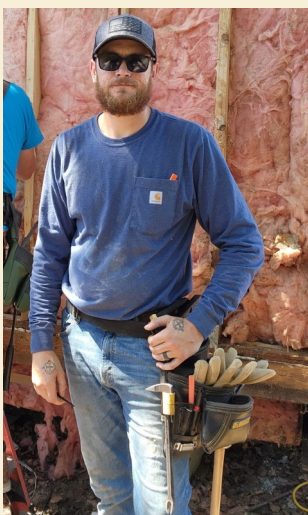
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Meet Nathan. With the participation of so many marvelous volunteers and a steady supply of applications; the Aging in Place critical home repair and Neighborhood Revitalization program needed a new inside person!

Hello, my name is Nathan and my part in all of this is Construction Site Manager of the Aging in Place critical home repair and Neighborhood Revitalization programs. There is nowhere else like Sonoma County, it has always been my home. I served several years for my country in the United States Navy, but to have the honor of serving my home county, that is a true blessing! What I enjoy the most about Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County, is the like-minded individuals that gather for the pure pleasure of carpentry. I am optimistic that my contribution will make a positive impact to the community that we all care about.

For information about these programs please call (707) 291-3891 or email repair@habitatso.org. Thank you.

Neighborhood Revitalization — Habitat was delighted to partner with SPARC, Inc. (Services & Programs Assisting Residents in our Communities) once again on a neighborhood revitalization project in Rohnert Park. May 20 & 21, 16 Habitat volunteers and staff provided entryway stair replacement, yard cleanup, junk removal, and four ADA compliant garden beds for all families to enjoy.



A **BIG** thank you to everyone that helped!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."— Margaret Mead



The perfect gift for a loved one or yourself!

Do you know someone who loves to shop at our Habitat ReStore? Or someone who is moving into a new home or apartment?

By purchasing a ReStore gift card, you will help sustain our work in Sonoma County as we bring communities together to help families in need of decent, affordable, and safe housing. It makes a thoughtful and flexible gift for birthdays, Christmas, or just to show you care.

Purchase a gift card or three inside our expanded store today!

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: 10:00am–6:00pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm
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Monday – Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Habitat of Sonoma County welcomes:



Matt Bartlett
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Chuck McPherson
Joined 6/22



Doug Garrison, EdD
Joined 8/22

Habitat of Sonoma County appreciates:



Michael Adler, a nine-year dedicated advocate for affordable housing board member. Giving of his time, sharing his business and personal knowledge helped Habitat succeed through restructuring the affiliate. We are grateful for his time on the board and thrilled that he chose to remain a volunteer consultant for Habitat.

Thank you Michael!



COMING SPRING 2023

Habitat's 1st Annual Rock the Block

Habitat for Humanity is proud to partner with the City of Rohnert Park in completing home repairs and hosting a community clean-up during this annual two-day event!



STAY ON THE LOOK OUT

Further information to be released as details are finalized. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities will be available.

Email: info@habitatsoco.org

Considering Donating Stock



When you donate locally, your gift will continue to grow right here in Sonoma County!

While time, money and housing supplies are the most common donations to Habitat, there are several other ways to give as well, including donating your stocks.

This is a fast and simple process which can be done through an electronic transfer, or certificates can be donated through the mail.

Donations of stocks allows us to ensure that even more families have a safe, affordable place to call home. The housing crisis presents an ever-growing need, and we use everything at our disposal to respond. For more information about how to donate stock or inform of your generous donation please contact Jacqui Salyer at (707) 806-8484 or email j.salyer@habitatsoco.org. *Thank you for your support.*

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WE CAN BUILD**

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