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Habitat Answers Community Questions

Q. What is Habitat for Humanity?

A. Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in over 1,100 communities across the United States and in approximately 70 countries around the world. Habitat has served over 10,000,000 people around the world with housing needs. Habitat works toward our vision by building strength, stability, and self-reliance in partnership with people and families in need of a decent and affordable home. Habitat of Sonoma County was founded in 1984.

Q. Does Habitat of Sonoma County only build new houses?

- A.** Habitat works in a number of different ways to create decent, affordable housing.
1. Habitat provides affordable homeownership opportunities to qualifying families.
 2. Habitat preserves affordable homes by helping people repair and improve their homes and neighborhoods.
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Q. Do the Habitat Partner Families Help?

A. Yes, they do. A Habitat homeowner spends time through sweat equity helping to build his/her own home as well as the homes of other future Habitat homebuyers. It is a central principle in Habitat's mission of building community and partnering with families to provide "a hand up, NOT a handout." Providing the opportunity for our future homeowners to work alongside volunteers and future neighbors to build their homes is one of the most unique, empowering, and rewarding aspects of Habitat for Humanity. It is important for a future homeowner to give consistent, active participation on the construction site and work side-by-side with volunteers from their community.



We're Bridging the Gap

Unlike traditional builders and home loan financing institutions, Habitat for Humanity works with low-income families to determine how their mortgage can fit their monthly budget (less than 30% of their monthly income, regardless of the fair market value of the home). Then Habitat for Humanity bridges that funding gap between what the family can afford and the actual cost of the home by leveraging funds and subsidies from private donors, corporate partners, and government institutions. Partner Families work with Habitat and local lenders to purchase their first home at a price that will enable them to keep thriving!

Everyone is Welcome

We invite people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to work together in partnership with families in need. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds, repairs, and renovates homes alongside our homeowner (partner) families.



Volunteer

- Construction - Help us build or repair a Home!
- Volunteer at ReStore - Habitat of Sonoma County's retail outlet benefiting Habitat's programs.
- Support Volunteers – Office Volunteers, ambassador volunteers, grant writing.

Contact us at vol-email@habitatsoco.org.

Shop at ReStore

- New and gently used household items.
- 28000 sq ft. sales floor.
- New donated items daily.
- Proceeds benefit Habitat programs.
- 4-time Bohemian "Best Resale Store"
- Donate to ReStore.

1201 Piner Rd., #500, Santa Rosa

Click here for more info: [What's ReStore?](#)



Become a Habitat Partner

Join Habitat partners such as Medtronic, Friedman Brothers, Poppy Bank, just to name a few, in supporting home builds and home preservation.

For partnership opportunities, please contact Jacqui Salyer @ j.salyer@habitatsoco.org.



Learn more about
Habitat of Sonoma County
by
Inviting a Presenter

Spread the Word, Invite Habitat

- Presentations made to Lyons Club, employers, church groups, etc.

Contact Jacqui Salyer @ j.salyer@habitatsoco.org.



333 N. Main Street Sebastopol Affordable Home Build Update

Our 4 single-family, affordable home build is nearing the final stages of approval for building and planning permits with the City of Sebastopol. Just a few more answers

and drawing updates and we're good to go.



Habitat of Maui

We are deeply saddened by the recent wildfires that have affected our fellow Habitat chapter, Habitat for Humanity Maui. In these challenging times, we believe in the strength of unity and support. If you would like to join our efforts and support our fellow Habitat chapter, please consider contributing to their relief fund. Your contribution, no matter the size, will help us extend our compassion and support to those in need: [HELP Maui!](#)

Meet a Habitat for Sonoma County Board Member



(Duncan Garrett Photography)

Chuck McPherson, Board Member for one-year, Habitat volunteer for 10+ years

I have an extensive background in human resources and organizational development from working at Hewlett Packard (now Keysight Technologies) for several years.

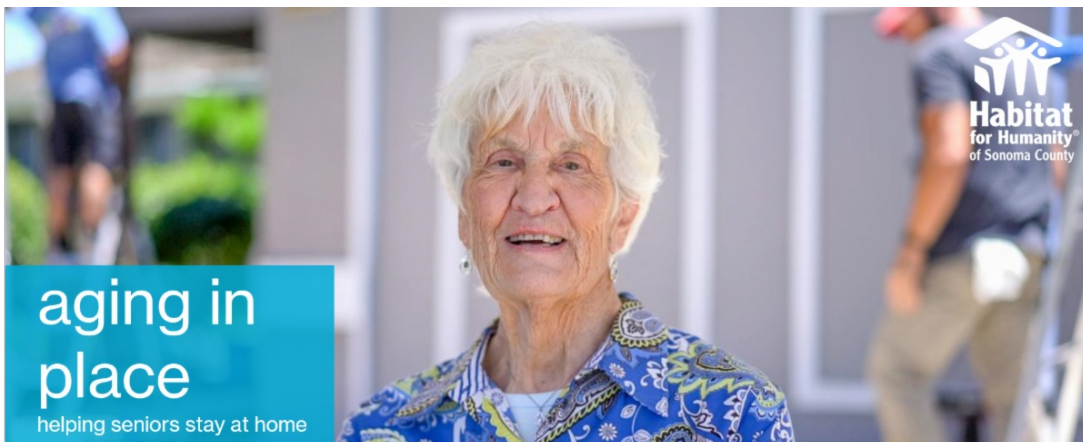
In 2003, I launched IMS Consulting and IMS TrackMeet™, management consulting firms focused on business management and collaborative technologies for small to large businesses in the financial, technology, hospitality, nonprofit, wine and education industries. In 2009, I merged IMS Consulting and IMS TrackMeet™ into Leap Solutions Group, Inc., formalizing a business partnership that began as a collaborative consulting agreement with Scott Ormerod in 2004. Leap Solutions Group is a business management and consulting firm here in Santa Rosa.

My involvement with Habitat began many years ago when I volunteered to build homes side by side with other Habitat affiliates partner families. Not only was I helping families build and purchase an affordable home, but I was building friendships. When a volunteer board position became available at

Habitat of Sonoma County I applied, interviewed, and was welcomed to the Habitat team.

I enjoy helping develop the team and occasionally work alongside the AiP staff and group of volunteers on site projects.

On my days off I enjoy spending time with my grown children and family, traveling, biking, hiking, and water skiing.



aging in
place

helping seniors stay at home

Rosa J.

Rosa needed some help with her home of 50 years. Habitat's AiP volunteers and staff did just that.

Kitchen counter crumbling – counter replaced. Flooring unstable, causing a tripping hazard – new floors. Rosa may now stay in her home longer, safer, and happier.

Older residents, veterans, and people with disabilities provide stability in their communities. We invite you to honor and assist them today by making a gift to Habitat to help us partner with older adults and support them as they age in place. Please click here: [I want to help!](#)



Habitat for Humanity®
ReStore®



It's been a whole year since ReStore expanded its sales floor by 10,000 sq. ft.. Have you seen it? It's now 30000 sq. ft.. One of the largest resale stores in Sonoma & Marin County.

ReStore is a discount home improvement store that sells new and gently used building materials, furniture and antiques. At ReStore you will find antiques, furniture, appliances, cabinets, doors, windows, flooring, plumbing, tools, garden, paint, and lighting. Inventory is donated by individuals, contractors, businesses, and wholesalers. ReStore profits help Habitat for Humanity build affordable homes, and repair homes in Sonoma County.

Come to see, stay to shop!

1201 Piner Road at Industrial #500

Mon-Fri 10-6p & Sat 9-5p

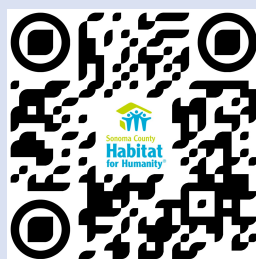
CLOSED Sunday

Donations: Monday - Saturday 10-4p

[ReStore website](#)



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