



Raising the Roof

Welcome to the New Year! Your support ensures that Habitat can continue to build affordable homes in Pasco County. Your help means that families in need of affordable housing can build and buy their own home. Having a safe place to call home means the world to Habitat families, who have struggled with finding housing which allows their families to flourish. If you have questions about how YOU can support Habitat, visit our website to find out more.

[Visit our Website](#)



Breaking Ground

Mike and Charlotte Arnold gathered with Habitat staff and friends to break ground on their new Habitat home on December 10, 2020. A groundbreaking ceremony is just one way that Habitat joins in with partner families to celebrate the building of their affordable home.

No Habitat home could be built without the dedication of donors, volunteers and friends who support Habitat partner families as they begin the journey to home ownership.

Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco is building a home for the Arnold family on Buford Avenue in Dade City. The home will be handicapped accessible in order to allow the Arnolds to age in place.

Habitat hopes to complete the home in the spring of 2021. While Habitat has been able to continue to build affordable homes during the pandemic, the cost of building has risen due to the lack of volunteer help. Habitat welcomed volunteers back to the site in November by adhering to safety guidelines for COVID

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Volunteers Start the New Year Right

Habitat Pasco relies on volunteers to support our mission. Future Habitat homeowners build their homes in partnership with volunteers, which helps to keep the homes affordable. We welcome volunteers of all skill levels; no experience is required.

Volunteers, like these employees from KIA of Wesley Chapel, are a treasured part of Habitat's culture. By volunteering with Habitat Pasco, you can be a part of the change you want to see in your community.

Because of your help, whole neighborhoods improve and completely transform. Through this transformation, families achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life.

While the pandemic has slowed progress, continuing to build is a priority for Habitat Pasco. Habitat staff knew that they needed to find a way to bring volunteers back to the job site safely. Following guidelines from the CDC and Habitat for Humanity International, volunteers have slowly found their way back.

Groups can be no larger than 8, they must wear masks and practice social distancing. Habitat has added wash stations at every job site, along with hand sanitizer and wipes.

For more information about how your business, church or civic group can get involved by volunteering, contact [Jere Ferguson](#) or 352-567-1444.

DONATE



Words of Encouragement

During December, a plain building stud was dropped off at Advent Health, Central Pasco Realtor Organization, Kia of Wesley Chapel, Lexus of Wesley Chapel and Toyota of Wesley Chapel. These Habitat supporters asked employees and customers to sign the stud with messages of hope.

The finished studs turned out to be a work of **heART!** Signatures, drawings and encouragement graced the studs, which will find a home in a

Habitat house.

These businesses found that it was a great way to engage staff and customers in the work that Habitat does in Pasco County. You can still take part in this effort. For a \$100 donation, Habitat will be happy to drop a stud by your church, business or school.

For more information about sponsoring a Habitat stud, contact Melissa at mparks@habitatpasco.org or make YOUR donation [ONLINE](#) or mail to 37220 Meridian Ave., Dade City, FL 33525



The Habitat ReStore



Declutter with the ReStore

Don't hesitate to [contact us](#) ahead of time if you are unsure if your item meets our guidelines or if you have something that is NOT on our list that you think would be of value to our customers. Questions? Contact Jenny restore@habitatpasco.org or **813-395-6994**

Drop off

- Drop off donations up to an hour before closing.

Free pickup

- Free pickup service for larger approved donations. We can usually pickup these larger donations within a week. We are unable to haul away trash, and some donations may be declined because of safety concerns, facility limitations or marketability. Schedule by calling **813-395-6994**.

Deconstruction

- Demolishing an existing home? Avoid additional trash hauling and disposal fees while receiving a tax

You Can Make a Difference!

