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 NAME THE  
**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
 Fundraising Event  
 A New Community for East Helena

**Thursday, October 3, 2024  
 6:00–7:30 P.M.**

**Kleffner Ranch**  
 305 Highway 518 East,  
 Helena, Montana

*Please join*

**Executive Director Jacob Kuntz and the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** as they present a new community for the city of East Helena. You'll have an opportunity to help select a name for the new neighborhood.

*Appetizers, desserts and drinks will be served.*

**Please RSVP by Fri., Sept. 13th**



Or Contact Mindie  
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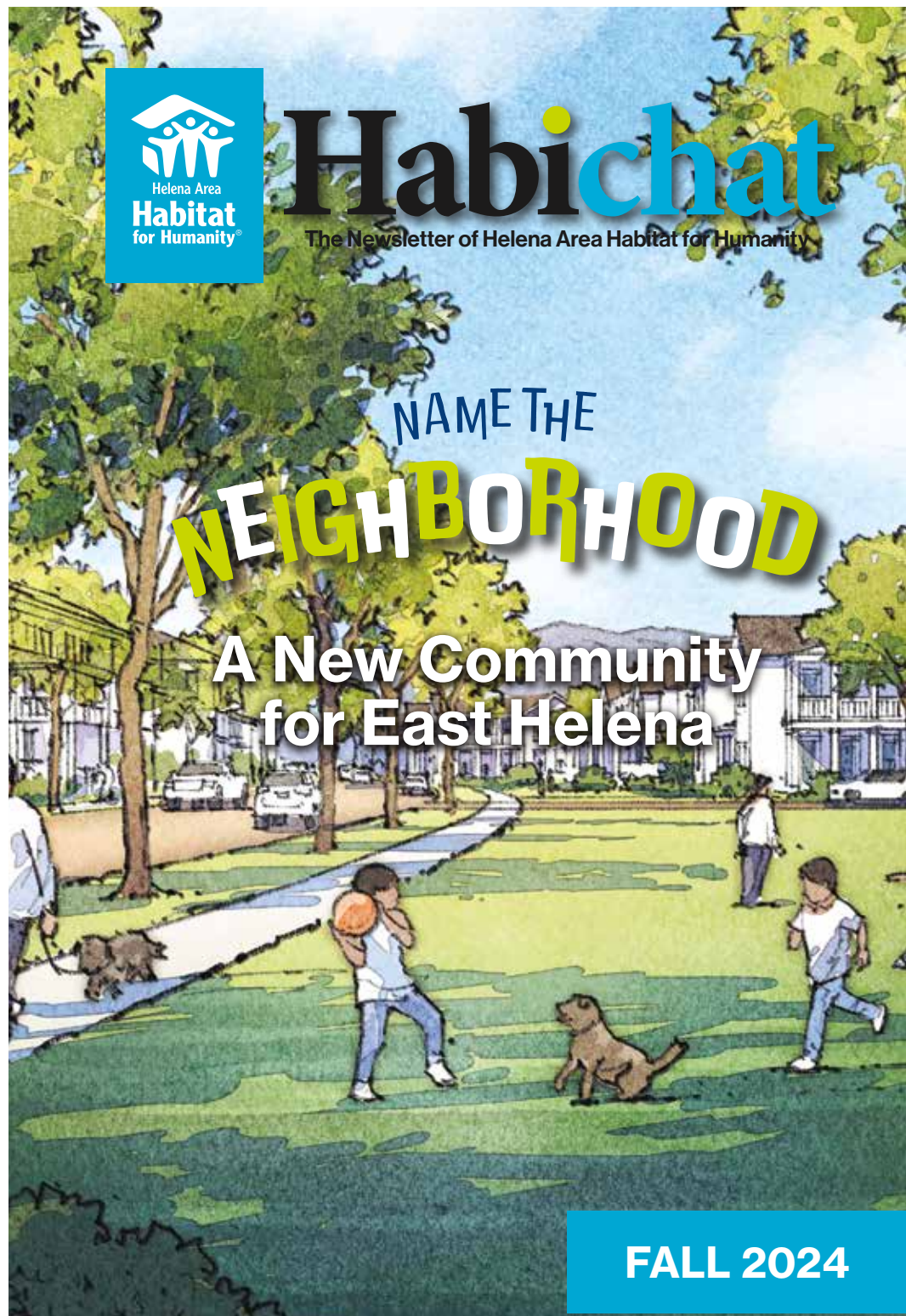
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# Habitat

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## Planning for a Subdivision

By **Jacob Kuntz**  
Executive Director

It was a busy summer for Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. We completed eight homes in Red Lodge, finalizing a 14-home development in that community, including four permanently affordable rentals.

On August 22nd, we will hand over the keys to six new homeowners in the Highland Meadows neighborhood of East Helena. We have broken ground on additional homes in that neighborhood for six new families.

We were thrilled to be included in Senator Tester's announcement of over ten million dollars for infrastructure in East Helena.

We also repaired some homes and set the groundwork for the

expansion of our owner-occupied repair program.

While all of this was going on, we started working through the subdivision application for our new development in East Helena. The design charette we hosted this past February, made possible through a generous grant from the Wall Family-

by a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the world. The subdivision application is keeping us busy as we prepare the documents to present this new vision to the city of East Helena.

As part of this work, we are in the planning process to host a series of community conversations in East Helena to hear

board will present the full vision of the community to Habitat supporters. Guests will have an opportunity to help us choose the name of the new community at this "Name the Neighborhood Fundraiser."

On November 22nd, we will host Charles Marohn, author of *Escaping the Housing Trap*, on a



Artist's conceptual drawing of a street in the new neighborhood.

Power Townsend Foundation, resulted in a vision for a new neighborhood of up to 1,700 homes for East Helena. It is the largest land development project

from the community. These conversations will begin with a fundraising event at Kleffner Ranch in East Helena on October 3rd where the staff and

book tour stop in East Helena. We are busy with planning and preparation and will have more to share with you in the months to come.

- Upcoming Events -	
Thur Aug 22	Dedication of six homes in East Helena
Sat Sept 7	Women Build
Sat Sept 21	Trolley Tour of Habitat Project
Thur Oct 3	"Name the Neighborhood" Fundraiser
Fri Nov 22	Charles Marohn, Author of <i>Escaping the Housing Trap</i> , East Helena City Hall
Tues Dec 3	Giving Tuesday

### Last Trolley Tour of the Season



**Saturday,  
Sept. 21  
9:00-11 a.m.**

**Please join Habitat staff** on a comfortable trolley bus tour of current and future projects, including a "first look" at our East Helena land.

**Please RSVP** to secure a seat on the bus:

- Register online at [HelenaHabitat.org/Trolley](https://HelenaHabitat.org/Trolley)
- Or contact Mindie at (406) 204-5602 or [MindieM@HelenaHabitat.org](mailto:MindieM@HelenaHabitat.org)



# Meet the New Highland Meadow Owner/Builders



Liz and Chrysantha



Cassie and Blake



Sadie, Mya and Kayla



Ryan and children



Nicole, Jade and Teal

(Not pictured...Derek and Family)



**Join Habitat for Humanity as We Hand Over the Keys to Six New Homes to the Owner/Builders**

*Thursday, August 22nd 5:30 p.m.*

*211 Glenfinnan Court, East Helena, Montana*



**Construction begins on six new homes on Saturday, August 17th, 2024**

## Volunteer with us!

### Build Site Volunteer Events and Opportunities:

#### Women's Day Build:

Sat., Sept. 7th, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### Join our PVC (Precision Volunteer Crew):

Every Wed., 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### Team Building

Every Fri. & Sat., 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### ReStore Volunteer Opportunities:

#### Co-Pilot Donation Pick-ups

Thurs., Fri., Sat., 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

#### Donation Receiving and Stocking

Tues.–Sat., 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**To learn more and to sign up to volunteer, contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator Jeremy Ingram:  
Jeremyi@HelenaHabitat.org or (406) 204-5669



We are getting very excited here at the ReStore for our upcoming expansion! In the coming months, we will remodel an existing building on the property to expand operations. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to follow the progress.

**Open:** Tues.– Sat. from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Free donation pickups:** Thurs., Fri., and Sat.  
To schedule a pickup, please call (406) 204-7307



# Thank You RED LODGE!

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity would like to thank the community of Red Lodge, the amazing local volunteers who contributed over 8,000 hours of labor, and our incredible partners who made it possible to build 14 permanently affordable homes.



Red Lodge Park neighborhood



## A Unique Project

This summer we put the final touches on a remarkable project. In the spring of 2020, at the height of the pandemic,



we raised the walls on the first of fourteen homes. The pilot project was the first of its kind for Helena Habitat, with hopes



for more partnerships with rural communities in the future. On August 10th, we handed over the keys to the final four homes. Our deepest appreciation for Red Lodge Area Community Foundation, Trust Montana, USDA Rural Development and those who gave their time and effort.

## -Special Thanks to-



This project would not have been possible without the leadership of Habitat's Construction Superintendent **Rex Peterson**. Thank you Rex!"



Red Lodge PVC volunteers **Rod** and **Joe** dedicated countless hours to make the dream of homeownership a reality.



Special Thanks to Red Lodge Area Community Foundation Workforce Housing Manager **Angela Getchell**. Angela supported the owner/builders throughout construction and organized some of our best volunteer groups. Thank you Angela!

## Thank You to Our Partners:

