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Annual Report - 2025

Dear Friends,

This past year made one thing clear: the housing crisis in our community is not slowing down. It is accelerating. Costs continue to rise. Land is harder to access. For many working families in the Helena area, homeownership is no longer just difficult, it is out of reach.

And yet, because of you, we kept building.

During the year, nine homes were under construction, with ten more prepared to move forward this spring and summer. These are not just numbers. They are families gaining stability in a market that is pushing them out. They are parents putting down roots, children growing up in safe homes, and households finally able to plan for the future instead of just getting by. At the same time, critical home repairs allowed longtime residents to remain safely in the homes and neighborhoods they have built their lives in.

We are also confronting the scale of the challenge head-on. Over the past year, we advanced planning and predevelopment for Rose Hills, the largest and most complex project in our history. This work is not easy. It requires navigating rising costs, complex infrastructure, and significant financial hurdles. But it is necessary. Rose Hills will ultimately create more

than 1,500 homes and expand what is possible for affordable homeownership in our region.

This progress did not happen by chance. It happened because of a community that refuses to step back from the challenge. Our homeowners, volunteers, donors, partners, and staff are the reason we continue to move forward, even when the work gets harder.

The reality is this: the need is growing, not shrinking. But so is our resolve. With your support, we will keep building. We will keep showing up. And we will keep working toward a future where more families have a place to call home.

Thank you for standing with us.

With gratitude,



Jacob Kuntz

Executive Director,
Helena Area Habitat for Humanity

Financial Performance

Expenses

Program	\$4,789,054
Administrative	\$229,166
Fundraising	\$65,286

Total Expenses **\$5,083,506**

Revenue

Home/Asset Sales & Repairs	\$2,076,757
Foundations	\$655,996
Gifts-in-Kind	\$569,571
ReStore Sales	\$455,321
Individual Contributions	\$419,078
Government Grants & Credits	\$295,164
Community Support	\$63,705
Other	\$61,957

Total Revenue **\$4,597,549**

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2025

Total Assets	\$5,732,576
Total Liabilities	\$3,190,896
Net Assets	\$2,541,680
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,516,686
Restricted Net Assets	\$24,994

Local property taxes
paid by Habitat
homeowners
since 1992.

\$1.58M

It Takes a Community

The progress we made this year would not have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors and community partners. Every nail, every dollar, and every hour volunteered builds more than houses. It builds homes, hope, and community in Helena and beyond. Thank you for your continued support.

Support Helena Area Habitat for Humanity Today

We have big ambitions in the years ahead. The continued support of our community will make those ambitions a reality.

Make a donation to Helena Area Habitat for Humanity today:

Online at: helenahabitat.org/donate P.O. Box 459,
Helena, MT 59624

Interested in sponsorship opportunities for the year ahead? Contact Sydney Ausen, Director of Development and Partnerships at sydneya@helenahabitat.org or call (406) 204-7311.

Thank You to Our Community Partners

- **Wall Family Power Townsend Foundation**
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- US Bank Foundation
- Rodriguez Painting
- McCall Homes
- Finstad's Carpet One
- Valley Bank
- 406 Electric
- Stahly Engineering and Associates
- Secrease Drywall
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- Helena Home Team
- Litt'l John's Septic Service
- Ashgrove Cement Company
- Sparrow Enterprises
- Alphagraphics
- Day Spring Restoration
- A&T Fiberglass Repair

Sponsor Spotlight



Mike Wall, President of Power Townsend, presents Habitat homeowner with a hammer at a home dedication event to symbolize the hard work and determination behind each Habitat home.

Power Townsend: Powering the Opportunity for Homeownership



At Helena Area Habitat for Humanity, we are working to build a future defined by stable homes and connected, thriving communities. That work is only possible because of partners who believe that safe, affordable housing is the foundation for everything else. Power Townsend is one of those partners.

Operating in the Helena Valley since the early 1900s, Power Townsend is a fourth-generation, family-owned company with deep roots in the community. For more than a decade, Power Townsend has supported Helena Area Habitat for Humanity,

helping make homeownership possible for more than a dozen local families.

The Wall family and Power Townsend also played a key role in helping move the vision for the Rose Hills neighborhood from concept to reality. Their long-standing commitment reflects a shared belief in investing locally, supporting working families, and strengthening the Helena area for generations to come.

We are grateful for Power Townsend's continued partnership and leadership in building a stronger, more affordable future for our community.

Home Ownership Program

Foundations for the Future

This summer, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity celebrated the dedication of six new homes in East Helena. Today, that momentum carries forward as three more families are actively building the next chapter of their lives in the Highland Meadows neighborhood.

Jenna, Julane, and siblings Darian and Deandre are the current homeowner-builders partnering with Habitat to create safe, stable homes for their families. Their journeys reflect the heart of Habitat's work.

For Julane and her children, home means peace after years of uncertainty and constant moving. For Jenna, a Habitat home represents safety, healing, and the chance to build a secure future for her children. For Darian and Deandre, it offers long-term stability as they continue caring for young children in our community through their work at Head Start.

These homes are being built with thousands of volunteer hours and the commitment of families who are investing in their own futures. They are also being built because donors believe that everyone deserves a place to belong.

Because of your generosity, these families are not just building houses. They are building stability, opportunity, and hope that will last for generations.

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity built **10 homes** and had **6 more under construction** in 2025.



Julane is building stability and opportunity for her family through Habitat's Homeownership Program

Partner Spotlight

Finstad's Carpet One Floor & Home

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity is grateful for the support of Finstad's Carpet One Floor & Home, a locally owned business that has served the Helena community for generations. Known for their expertise and wide range of flooring solutions, Finstad's helps homeowners and businesses create spaces that are durable, welcoming, and built to last.

Finstad's commitment to quality and service reflects Habitat's belief that a safe, well-built home is foundational to stability and opportunity. Their support helps make affordable housing possible for families in our community and strengthens the partnerships that allow Habitat's work to move forward.

We thank Finstad's Carpet One Floor & Home for their continued investment in Helena and for standing alongside Habitat in building stronger homes and a stronger community.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Carol at the ReStore

When Carol moved to Helena, she knew she wanted to find a way to give back. With past experience working at a hardware store while she was in college, the Helena Habitat ReStore quickly stood out as a place where she could put her skills to use while supporting a mission she believes in. Nearly four years later, Carol has become a familiar and welcoming presence at the ReStore.



What keeps her coming back is the variety. No two days look the same, and that is exactly how she likes it. One shift might involve helping customers find the right item, stocking shelves, or arranging displays. Another might be spent visiting with fellow volunteers and staff. And, as Carol will happily tell you, greeting the dogs that pass through the ReStore is always a highlight.

In retirement, volunteering has brought Carol a renewed sense of purpose. While she jokes that she has never been particularly good at building things, the ReStore gives her a meaningful way to be part of Habitat's work. Each shift offers the chance to learn something new, meet interesting people, and feel useful. Volunteering has also helped her build friendships and adds welcome structure to her days.

For Carol, the most rewarding part is knowing that her time and energy help support Habitat's mission. "It's very rewarding to know that the little bit that I do is helping to build homes for families." Even small contributions add up, and she takes pride in knowing that her work at the ReStore helps make safe, affordable homes possible for families in the Helena area. When asked to name a favorite task, Carol cannot choose just one. The variety, she says, is what keeps it fun.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Rita on the Build Site

Rita's journey with Helena Area Habitat for Humanity began through a personal connection. A friend, Carl Pace, a former member of Habitat's Precision Volunteer Corps, introduced her to Habitat and invited her to volunteer on a job site. After that first experience, Rita went on to participate in several Women's Builds. She knew then that once she retired, volunteering with Helena Habitat would be an important part of her life.

Rita has been volunteering with the Precision Volunteer Corps for a little over a year. What she values most about her time on the build site is the people she works alongside. She especially enjoys working with fellow PVC members, who she describes as knowledgeable, patient, and generous teachers. Each build day brings new skills and new confidence, and Rita appreciates that there is always something new to learn.

For Rita, volunteering is deeply meaningful. As she explains, "Knowing that I'm helping a family achieve their dream of owning a home warms my heart and fulfills my passion to help others." Being part of that journey gives her a strong sense of purpose and reinforces why she continues to show up on the build site.



When it comes to choosing a favorite task, Rita does not hesitate. If it involves using a power tool, especially one she has never used before, she is eager to jump in. Learning new tools, building new skills, and contributing to something lasting is what keeps Rita coming back.

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Join volunteers like Rita on the build site or Carol at the ReStore and be part of Habitat's work in our community.

Sign up at
helenahabitat.org/volunteer

ReStore Impact: Building Homes Through Reuse

ReStore®



Over
21,000
sale transactions



345 Tons
diverted from the landfill



3,400
volunteer hours*

The Helena Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore serves as a vital hub for community engagement, sustainability, and support for Habitat's mission. As a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center, the ReStore accepts quality furniture, appliances, building materials, and household goods, keeping usable items out of the landfill while offering affordable options to the public. Every purchase and donation directly supports Habitat's work, turning community generosity into homes, hope, and stability for local families.

In 2025, the ReStore expanded its capacity and impact with newly improved retail spaces, including a redesigned barn and an expanded material yard. These upgrades improved the shopping experience, increased inventory space, and made it easier for donors to contribute larger items and construction materials.

The ReStore also partnered with the Helena Rotary Club to host its first Spontaneous Construction Competition, bringing volunteers and makers together to transform reclaimed materials into creative, functional pieces that highlighted the power of reuse.

This work is made possible in part by dedicated volunteers who sort donations, assist customers, and help create a welcoming, community-centered space. Looking ahead, the ReStore plans to install solar energy in 2026, further strengthening its commitment to sustainability and ensuring more of every sale supports Habitat's mission.

Repair Program

A Path to Stability Through Community Partnership

A Helena resident living with chronic health challenges was struggling to remain housed on a fixed income. While she owned her mobile home, rising lot rent left little room for basic needs. When she qualified for a Housing Choice Voucher, she felt relief, only to learn her home could not pass inspection without critical repairs.

Through a partnership between Helena Area Habitat for Humanity, the Rocky Mountain Development Council Area Agency on Aging, and the Helena Housing Authority, Habitat volunteers completed the essential repairs needed to bring the home up to health and safety standards.

“Aging in place and in one’s community is of the utmost importance for those we serve,” said Jim Marks, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Development Council Agency on Aging.

“Partnerships like this one help deliver better outcomes and stronger support for our mutual clients.”

With the repairs complete, the home passed inspection and the voucher was approved. Her lot rent is now largely covered, lifting a major financial burden.

“Habitat for Humanity stepped in and completed the repairs needed to ensure the home met all requirements for the Housing Choice Voucher program,” said Michael M. O’Neil, Executive Director of the Helena Housing Authority.

Today, she is able to remain safely housed in her community, focusing on her health and future.



Building a New Path Forward for Montana Communities

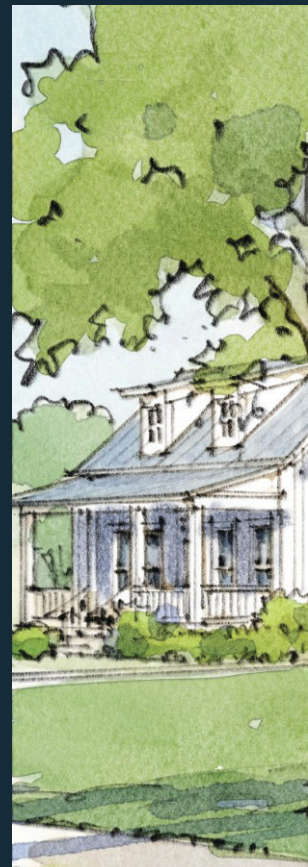
Montana is now the least affordable state in the nation for housing, placing extraordinary pressure on working families and reshaping communities across the state. In East Helena, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity and our partners are responding with a bold, community-driven solution rooted in Montana's values of resilience, stewardship, and opportunity.

This year marked a major milestone for Rose Hills with the City of East Helena's unanimous approval of the neighborhood plan. With that approval, Rose Hills is moving from vision to action. The project is entering the engineering and infrastructure design phase, with streets, utilities, and parks scheduled to begin construction in fall 2026 and home construction anticipated in 2027.

Rose Hills is being built on fully remediated former industrial land through a long-standing partnership with the Montana Environmental Trust Group, the City of East Helena, and Prickly Pear Land Trust. That collaborative reclamation effort earned the 2025 EPA Phoenix Award and laid the groundwork for what will become the largest land development project in Habitat for Humanity's history.

Once complete, Rose Hills will include more than 1,500 homes for all ages and incomes, 46 acres of parks and green space, and a walkable neighborhood center designed to foster connection and economic vitality. The City of East Helena has confirmed that the water supply is in place, allowing this work to move forward responsibly.

Rose Hills represents more than new homes. It reflects a new model for how Montana communities can meet urgent housing needs while planning for long-term stability. With the support of our partners and donors, this vision is becoming a reality.





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Ways you can give

Your generosity goes towards helping families gain strength, stability, and self-reliance through safe, decent, attainable housing.

Donate

Scan the QR code, return the remittance envelope, or visit helenahabitat.org/donate.

Share

Forward our e-newsletter to your network and share our posts on social media.

Planned Giving

Donate stocks or honor the memory of someone special.

Volunteer

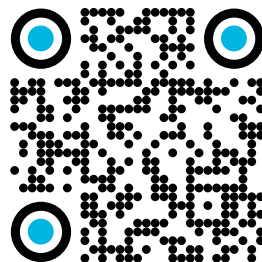
Sign up to volunteer on a build site or at the ReStore helenahabitat.org/volunteer

Corporate Gifts

Secure a sponsorship for your company or arrange an employer match.

Donate Today!

Return the enclosed remittance envelope or scan the QR code below.



Contact Sydney Ausen, Director of Development and Partnerships, at **(406) 204-7311** or **SydneyA@HelenaHabitat.org** to discuss how you can make a difference.

Grow your gift with monthly giving by checking the box on the envelope or online form.

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Helena Area Habitat for Humanity homes in the Highland Meadows subdivision in East Helena



PO Box 459, Helena, MT 59624

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization working with families, volunteers, and partners to strengthen our community by building and preserving safe, stable homes. Through homeownership opportunities, critical home repairs, and resource recovery at the ReStore, we help ensure more people have a place to live that is healthy, secure, and attainable.

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