



# Habitat for Humanity® of East Jefferson County

Fall 2024 Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

- Two single family homes are almost complete on Eddy Street.
- Two four-bedroom homes on East Eugene are under construction
- We just broke ground on six units at Cliff Street Cottages

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## Under Construction

As we embrace the change of season, our construction team keeps on building. Here's an update on what they've been digging into.

For the first time in our affiliate's history, we are working with three different architects at three simultaneous build sites: Terrapin Architecture at Eddy Street, Guy Hupy Design at East Eugene Street, and Studio STL at Cliff Street.

We are nearly finished with both single-family homes on **Eddy Street** in Port Townsend. Excitement is building for both families who are soon to move in.

Also excited are our partners who have been assigned the two four-



Volunteers work on a home on East Eugene Street in Port Hadlock

bedroom homes on **East Eugene Street** in Irondale. We're completing finishing work on one, while the other is close behind.

Permitting is done and initial infrastructure has been installed at our **Cliff Cottages** site in Port Townsend. This means power, water, and sewer lines have been established through the property. Construction is just starting, but we are excited to preserve the stand of mature trees that connects to adjacent woodlands on the property.

We need volunteers to help build all these houses, from framing to finish. If you would like to volunteer at one of our jobsites, please contact Amy at [volunteer@habitatejc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatejc.org)

## Habitat Selects Fairbank for Mason Street

Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County has chosen Fairbank Construction of Bainbridge Island as the general contractor for the Mason Street neighborhood, a 150-unit affordable housing community in Port Hadlock. The selection followed a thorough assessment by Habitat and

CapEx Advisory Group, with input from Schemata Workshop, the project's architect. Fairbank Construction's experience, including work on Quimper Village and prior local engagement, along with their alignment with Habitat for Humanity's mission, were key factors

in their selection. This partnership aims to leverage combined expertise and strong relationships necessary for the project's success. For more information on the Mason Street project, visit [www.habitatejc.org/mason-street](http://www.habitatejc.org/mason-street) or call 360-379-2827.



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## Volunteers Needed Now More Than Ever!

At Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County, we are constantly striving to build safe, affordable homes. Meeting our mission of building homes, communities, and hope wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of volunteers, and now, with ten homes under construction, we need more help than ever to keep pace.

**We build all year round**—no slowing down, not even in the gray and wet Pacific Northwest winter—because the need for affordable housing in our community is urgent. Whether you have experience or are looking to try something new, **we have volunteer opportunities for everyone.** From framing and finishing work to landscaping and cleaning the construction dust out of new homes, every task helps make a difference. Don't

worry if you're new to construction work— **Habitat provides all the necessary tools, personal protective equipment, and training.** All you need to bring is your enthusiasm!

But volunteering with Habitat is about more than just hammering nails. If you prefer working indoors, **you can work in the Store** or help keep us organized as an **office volunteer.** There are so many ways to contribute beyond the construction site, and every single volunteer effort goes toward helping us build affordable homes.

We are also pleased to announce we have mentorship opportunities. The **Habitat Onsite Mentorship Experience (HOME)** is a new program that brings together experienced adults or professional tradespeo-

ple to mentor youth volunteers, teaching work ethic in addition to other valuable skills while working on site. It's a great way to make a lasting impact and foster a new generation of builders and leaders.

**Volunteers are the heart of Habitat,** helping bridge the gap between the costs of building a home and an affordable mortgage. **With ten homes under construction, we need your help now more than ever.**

Come on your own, with a friend, or **even organize a group build.** Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back while helping our neighbors secure safe, affordable housing.

For more information, reach out to Amy, our Manager of Volunteer Engagement at [volunteer@habitatejc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatejc.org) or 360-379-2827.

## Habitat Wins “Best of”

Habitat for Humanity is proud to receive recognition in Sound Publishing's **Best of the Olympic Peninsula** awards once again. Alongside repeat wins for **Best Second Hand Store** and **Best Furni-**

**ture Store,** we also won **Best Nonprofit** for the first time! Additionally, volunteer **Danna Owen** was honored as runner-up for **Best Volunteer on the Peninsula.** A heartfelt thank you to Danna for her dedication

to the Habitat store. You can support the Habitat store by shopping and donating gently used merchandise. Visit our website or call 360-385-9653 for more information.



## A Letter from Our Executive Director



As we transition from the warmer days of summer to the autumn and winter months, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work we've accomplished this year. Your

contributions—whether through volunteering, donating merchandise or funds, or simply spreading awareness about our organization—enabled us to support four families in securing permanently affordable homes before summer's end.

As the seasons change, our mission continues, and your involvement remains crucial. We've just broken ground on six new homes and now have ten homes under construction. Looking ahead, we have many more opportunities to engage and support our mission as we build throughout the winter

months. Whether you are able to volunteer your time again or spread the word about our work, every contribution is invaluable. I encourage you to stay connected with us through our upcoming events and newsletters.

Thank you once again for your remarkable commitment and passion. Together, we can ensure that our work continues to thrive, even as the temperature drops.

In Partnership,

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## Volunteer Appreciation Party

On September 17th, Habitat hosted a celebration to honor the hard work of our volunteers, who truly are the backbone of our organization. Volunteers from the store, construction sites, office, and more gathered to reconnect and make new friends. Volunteers from as far away as Florida returned to Port Townsend to join in the fun. We ate delicious tacos from GBF Catering and played games for chances to win fun prize packages.

At the close of the event,

Executive Director Jamie Maciejewski awarded two prestigious Golden Hammers to recognize exceptional dedication. The first went to **Geri Eekhoff**, a longtime volunteer in our Homeowner Services department, where she has been a cornerstone of institutional knowledge. The second was awarded to **Jim Golden**, outgoing Board President and former Treasurer, whose commitment spans decades and includes roles in finance and international projects. We are deeply grateful to Geri, Jim,



Jamie thanks our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Party in September.

and all our volunteers for their contributions to making affordable housing a reality. For more information on volunteering, contact our Manager of Volunteer Engagement at [volunteer@habitatejc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatejc.org) or call 360-379-2827.



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## Up Next: Cliff Street Cottages

On October 1, we broke ground on Cliff Street Cottages, a 6-unit cottage-style community of permanently affordable homes in Port Townsend. Follow the story of Cliff Street Cottages on our website and by staying tuned to our upcoming eNews focused on this project.

