



Winter 2025

## President's Corner

We are incredibly fortunate to have been able to partner with two families this year and see them take ownership of their first homes. Both families were in tight quarters with their previous housing and are overjoyed to have enough room for their growing families. They each were able to get in their sweat equity hours on their houses, which is no small task with full-time jobs. Read more about these home builds on page 3.

We are immensely grateful for all the building volunteers and groups – like ThedaCare, Shawano Paper Mill and North Star Mohican Casino Resort – that partnered with us on the building projects this year. We even enticed our retired construction supervisor Mark Flunker to come out of retirement to coordinate our work on the homes. Thank you, Mark! It has truly been a year of partnership, and we are humbled by all who help us in our ministry.

Thank you and may you have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from all of us at Wolf River Habitat for Humanity!

*Kevin Culhane*  
President

## Did You Know?

Wolf River Habitat is the

**5<sup>th</sup>**

highest tithing small  
affiliate in the U.S.

**10%**

of all our funds raised is  
tithed to help build affordable  
housing in Mexico



Since 1999, we have made a difference for  
**79** families in Mexico! That's a lot of homes!



## Partner Families Needed for Future Habitat Homes

We are always looking for partner families who need better housing. To qualify, applicants must have stable income for at least a year, decent credit, ability to pay the monthly mortgage, taxes and insurance, and a willingness to work with us while building or remodeling the home ("sweat equity").

There are income limits for the household, which are posted on our website at [wrhabitat.org](http://wrhabitat.org). For example, for a family of four the gross income for the household must be between \$33,150 and \$66,850. We will work with families to help them apply for a low interest loan.

If you know of interested families, please direct them to our website ([wrhabitat.org](http://wrhabitat.org)) or have them call the ReStore at 715-524-3007.



*Alex and her mom Kim stain the decking at Alex's new home.*

**Vision:** A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**Mission:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

# Check out our Habitat ReStore Today!

The Wolf River Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located at 414 East Elizabeth Street in Shawano, is open to the public during the following hours:

- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday

Donations can be dropped off at the store whenever it is open for business. Pickup of larger items is available, typically on Wednesdays. Please note our volunteers are unable to move heavy or bulky items up or down stairways or out of houses; these items should be moved to a garage or outside the day of pickup. Questions or want to schedule a pick-up? Call 715-524-3007.

Delivery service for larger items purchased at the store is also available for a fee. Deliveries are typically scheduled on Wednesdays. For details, simply ask the cashier at time of purchase.

Do you have questions about our donation guidelines, what we accept and what we don't? Visit our website at [www.wrhabitat.org](http://www.wrhabitat.org).



## 2025 Golf Outing

On Aug. 21, North Star Mohican Casino Resort of Bowler and Pine Hills Golf Course of Gresham hosted the 27th annual Wolf River Habitat for Humanity golf outing. North Star General Manager Tony Granquist and team put on a great day of golf for our group.

Our friends at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort have been organizing and sponsoring our largest fundraiser each year since our founding. We are so thankful for their continued generosity, along with the participating sponsors, vendors, golfers and volunteers.

The proceeds, including a generous donation from North Star, totaled over \$27,000! We have used these funds to finish our home in Gresham with our partner family of six.

Thank you, North Star Mohican Casino Resort!



*Dale, Bryan and Roger enjoyed the ever-challenging game of golf at our 27<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing.*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

# Home Dedications Celebrated in Shawano and Gresham

In August, we celebrated with our new homeowner Alexandria Ninham and her three children at their new home on the north side of Shawano. Family, friends, Habitat volunteers and community members gathered to celebrate the home dedication. After a brief ceremony of prayers and thanks, all were able to tour the house and wish Alex well! Alex is so excited and appreciative to have her own home where her kids can run around the yard and play.

In November, we celebrated with Lacy and Melvin Kaquatosh and their four children at their new home in Gresham. The Kaquatosh family of six can't wait to leave their two-bedroom apartment and move into their new four-bedroom house!

*"This is the Lords doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* **Psalm 118:22-23**

As we dedicate these two new Habitat homes, we are reminded that every nail, every prayer and every act of generosity is part of the Lord's marvelous work. Today, we rejoice with these families as they step into a new chapter built on hope and God's grace.

At the same time, we extend our greatest thanks to those who helped make this possible through donations and/or hard work.



Alex Ninham speaks with Dave of Habitat during her home dedication ceremony.



Many gathered together to celebrate the Kaquatosh family's home dedication in Gresham.



Clockwise from top left: ThedaCare volunteers help at the house in Gresham, Mike and Dave install flooring, Habitat volunteers work on a side porch, the Shawano Paper Mill crew helps sheath the Gresham house, Mark along with Lacy & Melvin Kaquatosh stand under the Shawano Women's Club plaque in the Gresham house, and the Kaquatosh family spreads seed for their new lawn.

## Thank You to God's Givers

We extend a sincere thank you to all who have donated time, treasure or talents this year, especially the individuals, groups and organizations listed below.

Thank you for special gifts from Kyle & Mary Alexander, Lenore Behnke, Thomas & Lisa Bergmann, Dolly & Bob Burdick, Steve Fellman, Tim & Jai Flynn, Ross Fugill, Patty & Mark Fuller, Lisa Gast, Beth & Jeff Gillis, Jill & Bill Grosskreutz, Karen & Tom Grover, Martha Hinshelwood, Cindy Jesse, Maribeth & Bob Klopke, Brian Kreuger, John Larson, Kathy & Gary Lewandowski, Jeanie & Tod Lewis, Charles & Deb Lidbury, Kathryn & David Littlejohn, Betty Marvin, Matty Mathison, Al Meier, Sue & Tom Mielenhausen, Patricia Miller, Jean Mycynek, Jack Niles, Sharon & Rick Nueske, Liz Petri, Tim & Claudia Ploeger, Robert Powers, Dennis Prusik, Mary & Todd Raether, William Schoenike,

Larry Sikowski, Maralyn Steffen, Stephen & Mary Swanson, Gary Tauchen, Donna & Tom Thomas, and all who have donated items to our ReStore.

Also thank you to the North Star Mohican Casino Resort, Bleser Family Foundation, Church of the Wilderness, EER LLC, Hilgenberg Realty, Royalton Christian Church, Shawano Women's Club, ThedaCare, Little Rapids Corporation, Premier Bank, Sundrop Dayz, Zion Lutheran Church Women's Group, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation and HTLF Bank.

Last but not least thank you to our partner tradespeople: Heins Appliance, Moede & Sons Inc, Torborgs Lumber Shawano, Sundrop, Gillett Cement Products, Kallies Electric Inc, Knope Roofing & Furnace, LJ Sperberg Construction, Orvis Bohm and Sons, Qualheim's True Value - Shawano, Sherwin-Williams and TF Systems.

## Considering a Charitable Donation?

Costs for building homes have gone up significantly. If you are able, please consider a tax-deductible donation to Wolf River Habitat for Humanity to help with our homebuilding. Starting Jan 1, 2026, all taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,000 in donations from your taxes EVEN if you do not itemize!

We can also accept appreciated securities or mutual fund donations, which allow both a tax deduction and avoidance of capital gain taxes on the appreciated value of securities. Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD) are also a good way to gift avoiding excessive income tax for those age 72+ while still satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from retirement accounts. For more information, contact Kevin Culhane at [info@wrhabitat.org](mailto:info@wrhabitat.org).

## Special Thanks to ...

Ross Fugill and Dave Legge, two long-time volunteers, have retired from our board of directors. Ross has served on the board since the early days of Wolf River Habitat and spent many years as our secretary. Dave has also been a long-time board member. We will miss their presence on the Board of Directors. Thank you, Ross and Dave!

Thankfully, we have two new board members. Bruce Gomm, general manager of Shawano Municipal Utilities, and Jon Schedler, retired social worker and pastor, have recently joined the board. We are thrilled to have them help guide the direction of our organization. If you are interested in being on the board or helping on a committee, please email us at [inf@wrhabitat.org](mailto:inf@wrhabitat.org).

### Wolf River Habitat Wish List:

- Volunteer Coordinator for our construction worksites
- Assistant ReStore Manager Part-time (paid)
- Executive Director Part-time (paid)
- Mortgage Loan Originator to review applications
- Volunteer to assist with website redesign
- Forklift Replacement

### OFFICERS:

Kevin Culhane, President  
Darci Kotter, Vice President  
Debbie Zweiger, Secretary  
Roger Olson, Treasurer

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Randy Bohm, Kevin Culhane, Bryan Gagnon, Bruce Gomm, Mike Groth, Darci Kotter, Jamie Loudbear Wayka, Roger Olson, Jon Schedler, Debbie Zweiger

**STORE MANAGER:** Laurie Wilkinson

