Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity

Annual Report 2019-2020

Celebrating our newest 27 home subdivision Mission Homestead!
Special thanks to our amazing partners!
**Strength in Numbers**

**Homebuyer Families**
- 11 families built homes in 2019
- 6 families paid off their homes in 2019
- 82 families served internationally to date

**Faith Build Church Involvement**

**Volunteers**
You made it happen!

**AmeriCorps NCCC**
- 3 AmeriCorps NCCC teams
- 30 young adult team members
- 9,120 service hours contributed

**Great Western Petroleum Volunteers**
- 2,263 volunteers gave 12,440 hours @ $27.20/hour = $338,368 in construction labor value contributed

**District 6 Student Interns**
- 8 District 6 High School student summer interns
- 2,400 service hours contributed
Executive Director Message

Through our work, I have the privilege and the blessing to watch our mighty community come together to build stable futures for families they have never met, sacrificing their time and energy to simply provide hope for other living souls. We are blessed to do this work along with you, watching as tiny faces light up at the sight of their front yards and parents sighing in relief as they cross the thresholds into their sanctuaries. My hope is that as you look through this annual report, you will see the impact on the lives that you have been a part of throughout this last year.

Housing insecurity has never been more clearly amplified, with the pandemic deeply underscoring the need for safe, decent, healthy, and affordable housing for all. This year, seven Greeley-Weld Habitat homeowners contracted COVID-19 in mid-March. We were able to help them immediately with their mortgage payments until they were fully recovered and could return to work, allowing them to focus their resources on basic needs like food, medical care, and technology for their children’s education. We have seen that without a safe place to shelter, already vulnerable families and individuals sink into a deeper and deeper cycle of poverty. Safer at home has not been possible for far too many of our Weld County residents.

At Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity, we watch these struggling families come through our doors daily. That is why we have laser-focused our work on developing quality communities like Mission Springs in Evans, and along with our development partners, Commonwealth Companies, provided the Evans community with a total of 95 affordable housing units. This includes 68 affordable townhomes and cottages, and 27 paired and single-family homes for Habitat families. In our pipeline, we have plans to bring an expanded Mission Springs model to Greeley by early 2022. We firmly hold fast to our vision, no one lives in dignity until we all do.

In these pages, you will find stories of courage and sacrifice from essential workers like Habitat homeowners Jose, Maribel, and Zazu, and many, many more who bravely served our community throughout the pandemic crisis and are still doing so. These families include CNA health care providers, protein providers, hospitality workers, seniors, and countless community members who are silently struggling to provide their families a safe, and healthy place to live. Another important success story this year was the celebration of building our first ADA homes in Mission Springs for Jacqueline, Thomas, and Kelly, all three households living with disabilities. All three have proclaimed how “owning a Habitat home will change the course of their future dramatically for the better.” Thomas stated, “Habitat was my only hope for owning my own home.”

How does hope like Thomas’ happen? You, our generous donors, sponsors, and supporters, that even through tough times of your own, dug deep to support our families and mission. You supported Greeley-Weld Habitat events, our ReStore, volunteered, and your investments, allowed us to serve more families this year than in our 33-year history! It is you, who through your compassion and generosity, are transforming the lives of deserving families for generations to come. We are deeply grateful to have you as part of our Habitat family. We humbly, and sincerely thank you for your partnership in bringing tangible hope, self-reliance, and stability to local families in our Weld County community.

Cheri Witt-Brown, Executive Director of Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity

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Revenues

YOU DID IT!
THANK YOU for making our first virtual event a huge success!
2020 Annual Hope Builder’s Breakfast raised $207,031 funding 2 more homes! Thanks to your generosity and Dick Monfort’s $100,000 Match!

Use of Funds

85% For Homeownership Opportunities

In 2020 alone $3.3 Million new construction dollars were invested in the community

$95,645 Weld County and state property taxes paid by Habitat Homeowners

$1.40 dollars are injected into the economy for every dollar invested by Habitat

$8.6 Million new construction dollars invested over last 5 years
THANK YOU HOME SPONSORS

BUILDING THE FUTURE...

Where we’re building!
- Evans - Mission Homestead
- Milliken
- Greeley - Northview
- Greeley - Hope Springs

Completed CrestView in 2019, a 14 home development

The Need In Weld County
- 1 in 4 households expressed need for housing
- $1,317 median monthly rent
- $368,000 median home price
- $92,500/year average income needed to buy a home in Colorado
- 22% of families are renter households and are extremely low income

The Impact
- 65% of Habitat Homeowners felt they were somewhat or much better at saving money since moving into their home.
- 94% of homeowners felt that their lives had improved since moving into their Habitat home.
- 66% of Habitat homeowners expect their children to earn a bachelor’s degree or greater.
- 90% saw an improvement in their family’s health since becoming a Habitat homeowner.

Habitat for Humanity | ReStore

3,835 ReStore donors helped contribute to $741,342 in sales to help local families and
963,744 lbs. diverted from landfills in 2020!

Thank You Key Corporate ReStore Donors!
Walmart, Lowes, Signature Stone, Wing Shack, George T. Sanders Hardware, Bed Bath and Beyond, Roche Constructors, Ben’s Furniture, Baessler Homes, Morrell and Associates, City of Greeley, Greeley Mall, Keene Auto & Hardware, Farm & Home Lumber, Commonwealth Builders, The Bridge of Greeley, Greeley Tribune, Banner Health, Greeley Country Club, Moffat Glass, BH Installations, Wholesale Plywood, Johnson Cabinetry, Uni Design
Meet the families you’ve helped
2019-2020 Habitat Homeowners

Meet the Tejeda Portillo family. Mirna and her youngest son Fabrico are grateful to have had the opportunity to build and own a Habitat Home. The family had been living in a small, converted, basement apartment in an older home with a shared entrance. Mirna often worried about what they would do in the case of an emergency because the basement only had small windows, of which only some opened. She works hard at Walmart to fulfill her goal of providing a safe home for her son and paying their bills on time.

“I look forward to having a home that is safe, private and in good condition. I thank God for providing me the strength to continue to work toward our goals. I believe Habitat is truly our only hope. Thank you for those who are helping us achieve our dream!” - Mirna

90% of Habitat homeowners reported that their neighborhood felt safer than where they lived before.

Maribel is a single parent with four children Angel, Andrew, Mason, and Isaiah. She has been employed at JBS for the past 9 years to try and provide a good life for her children. Her children are interested in sports and physical activities and want to become football players when they grow up. Their current home is extremely cramped and because the children are very active, it is hard for them in such a small apartment.

“Having a Habitat home would be like a dream come true. My children will have the space they need to grow up happy and healthy. We are blessed to have this opportunity!” - Maribel

The Garcia-Gallegos de Jaime family consists of Jose, Maricruz and their three daughters Ana, Lorena, and Elizabeth. Jose has been working at Premier Colorado for the past 8 years and has earned the right, like all our other families to build his Habitat Home. The sisters had challenges balancing the lack of privacy and sharing space for studying. Each daughter has earned numerous academic awards. Maricruz looked forward to having more wall space to be able to proudly display their achievements.

“We have worked hard and tried to follow what we believe is the right path in achieving our goals and dreams. We are so excited for this opportunity that Habitat for Humanity has provided us.” - Jose and Maricruz

Thomas became a single father to his two boys in 1994. He worked as a glazier for a local glass company installing windows, showers, and mirrors. But even as a hard-working and determined dad, Thomas was not able to save enough to become a homeowner. In 2007 Thomas suffered a debilitating rollover car accident leaving him paralyzed from the chest down.

“Owning my own home will be a life-changer for me. I won’t have to continue to search for places to live that will be accessible. It is impossible to find a place to rent that will work for my situation. For example, having a shower that I can actually use will be incredible. With homeownership comes a big sense of pride.” - Thomas

Jaclyn has a renewed sense of hope, knowing that homeownership is in her future. Being approved to purchase a Habitat home will provide the security of not being vulnerable to the decisions of landlords and struggling to find an affordable home that would be accessible. Jackie was injured in an accident in 2009 when a drunk driver hit the vehicle that she, her boyfriend at the time, and brother and sister-in-law were in.

“From the time of my injury, I never dreamed of having a home. I am so happy! I can’t wait to get out of the rental system, have something that is mine and to be able to have even more independence. This will provide me a home that truly works for me. To have the type of shower I need will help me as well as my caregiver. It will make life easier.” - Jackie

Kelly and William Hanson have been married for 28 years and moved to Greeley, Colorado from Whittier, California over 10 years ago. For Kelly, access has always been an issue as they are currently living in a two-bedroom apartment with tight hallways and small doorways. This makes it hard for Kelly to move about in her wheelchair which limits her to the use of only one of the bedrooms and she is completely unable to enter the kitchen. She dreams of having a Habitat home so she can finally have the freedom to access every part of her home.

“I am thrilled for the opportunity to have a home that I can have full access to and to not feel boxed in. Having a Habitat home would be a great relief as it would mean I have the freedom to move about my own home.” - Kelly

One Third of homeowners pursued (or are pursuing) additional education after moving into their Habitat home.
MEET THE FAMILIES YOU’VE HELPED

For Zafu and her family, the journey from Africa included a six-year detour in an Ethiopian refugee camp. The family includes Zafu, and her daughters Monarioza, Rahel, Zefer, Selawawit, Abihanet. Zafu wants a home for her children where they will be comfortable and have ample space to study and thrive in. Zafu works at the JBS plant and has bravely worked through the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“My 5 daughters and I live in a two bedroom apartment. It is crowded and rent is high. We are immigrants trying to make a good life for the girls.” - Zafu

52% of Habitat homeowners observed an improvement in their children’s grades after moving into their Habitat home.

Mohamed and Fate are from Ethiopia, Africa and have two children, Sigitan and Ramadon. Even though Mohamed is working diligently at JBS the family has struggled. Having to move around frequently due to the many apartments that were unsafe or not located in the best areas, they finally settled into a small one-bedroom apartment. The small space makes it difficult to raise their young children. They are concerned about stability as they have little children and want to continue to grow their family in a safe environment.

“Having a home that is in a safe place, would be a dream come true. Not having to worry about moving around anymore and having stability we need to watch our children grow and learn would be a blessing.” - Mohamed

Volunteering in the community increased by 13% for Habitat homeowners after moving into their homes.

Tulu and Ashiya have traveled far to get to the United States from Ethiopia. This family of five includes their three young children, Sena, Adbata, and Annanee. Both parents put in long hours at JBS to provide for their family. This family of five live in a one-bedroom apartment which is in an unsafe area and is rather expensive for its small size. With three young children in such a small area, it is hard for them to play and have space for themselves.

“Having a Habitat home means a lot to me especially to my family. We are so happy to get this chance. We are excited to be able to look forward and move into a better situation and a better home for our family.” - Tulu

After 20 years, Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity has built another home in Milliken for a local deserving family of five. This family is thankful for all the financial support provided by amazing home sponsors, the City of Milliken, Milliken Housing Authority, the Sekich Family Great Western Petroleum, and are also very grateful to our volunteers, donors, and staff too!

Greeley-Weld Habitat’s First Home Repair!
We are also in the process of finishing our first repair home in Windsor for the Roth Family. They are grateful to all our donors and sponsors and the volunteers who make this work possible! Home preservation is more important now more than ever. We look forward to helping more families in future through home preservation/repair projects in Weld County!

Many homeowners lived in small apartments prior to having their homes, and having more space indoors and out was new and significant. “Being able to play outside in our very nice neighborhood has been amazing.” - Habitat Homeowner

The impact of having a secure, stable place to call home and raise a family was a huge weight off homeowners’ shoulders and gave their families a stable foundation for the future.
The road from Eritrea, Africa to Greeley, Colorado is a long and bumpy road. For Zafu and her family, that road included a six-year detour in an Ethiopian refugee camp. They were admitted to the United States and were settled in Chicago. After a year in Chicago, the family found Greeley and identified it as the place they would like to call home.

The family of six includes Zafu and her daughters. Monaliza, Rahel, Zefer, Selawawit, and Abhanet. The six members of this family currently reside in a two-bedroom apartment where they share one bathroom. Getting everyone ready for school in the morning is quite the challenge, as is homework and studying in such crowded conditions. Living in a refugee camp for six years meant accumulating few possessions and they have been unable to rectify that due to living in such a small space.

All five of Zafu’s daughters play soccer with “Soccer Without Borders” and they all excel in school and have dreams of attending college like their oldest sister. Zafu wants a home for her children where they will be comfortable and have ample space to study, store their soccer gear, and truly be able to thrive for the first time in their lives. From the minute they were accepted into the Homeownership Program the family has been spending considerable time at our construction site to work on their new home and helping their neighbors build their own homes.

“I’m excited to have a place we will be able to call home. After moving from one house to another, we will finally have a place that is forever ours.” - Monaliza Gebrehiwot

Having managed to stay together and strong as a family through so much adversity—there can be no doubt that the Gebrehiwot family is ready to accept the challenges and blessings that homeownership brings. For this family, having a Habitat Home will help them achieve their dreams of success and opportunity!