

**BUILDING**

**HOMES,**



**FORT BEND HABITAT  
FOR HUMANITY  
2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

**COMMUNITY,**



**& HOPE.**



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings from Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity, a local non-profit ecumenical housing ministry affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International.

The 2016 fiscal year was marked with many accomplishments and achievements. In addition to purchasing three new single parcels of land, FBHFH constructed two new houses in North Richmond, sponsored by St Laurence Catholic Church and Christ United Methodist Church in Sugar Land. Also, in an effort to affect change in more families in Fort Bend County, the affiliate launched a homeowner occupied Critical Home Repair Program, which provided much needed quality of life repairs and weatherization (through CenterPoint Energy) for 15+ low income families since April 2016.

The Restore, in its 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation, increased revenue while decreasing expenses thanks to new leadership and enthusiastic associates eager to turn your new and gently used home goods and construction materials into homes for families. Visit our ReStore Tuesday through Saturday during operating hours.

FBHFH continues to search for viable and affordable land to continue our mission in Fort Bend County. The goal for this upcoming fiscal year is to find and develop 3-5 acres of land to sustain new home construction projects for the next several years, while continuing to expand the CHR program in areas of the County that FBHFH has been previously unable to reach.

Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity could not have succeeded in 2016 without the contributions of our Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff. We look forward to the upcoming year and the continued growth of our programs throughout the County, including new home construction and critical home repair. We look forward to partnering with you to strengthen our community through the building of homes, hope, and opportunities for families to be self-sufficient!



**SHERWIN SUN**  
Executive Director



When Byron and Lauren Bimage became pregnant with their second child and the pregnancy caused Lauren to become bedridden, it cost them her job and their house. Lauren came across a Facebook page for Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity, put in her family's application, and prayed.

"Our prayers were actually answered," Lauren said. The Bimages were chosen for a new three-bedroom house in Richmond. "By Christmas we were in a home," Lauren said. "It was the best Christmas ever!" After Byron, Lauren and their daughters, Brooklyn, 8, and Brie, 2, moved into

the house, they welcomed a third daughter, Baylor, in October.

As participants in Habitat for Humanity, they are required to perform 350 hours of "sweat equity" in the construction of Habitat homes. Byron said he enjoyed working on the homes because he got to meet new neighbors and make friends as well as learn about construction. Lauren worked while pregnant and continued to work just weeks after having an emergency C-section with Baylor. She even popped a stitch while working on a home. Lauren acted like it was a minor inconvenience.

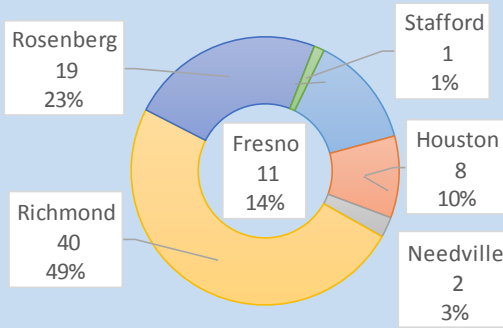
"You feel like you really should be out there," she said. "You really want to get back out there. You want to fulfill that commitment." Byron said he was impressed with the entire process. "From a slab to a full house, it's amazing to see," he said.

Another added benefit is the classes Habitat for Humanity provides for new homeowners. Everyone is required to take a finance class. There are optional ones for different aspects of owning and caring for a home. A 30-year, interest free, fixed-rate mortgage keeps payments around \$400 to \$600 a month.

"They're teaching you to be homeowners," Byron said. "They're teaching you everything about your home." Lauren said they love their new community, neighbors and school for their daughters. They have also become involved with the local YMCA. "It's a beautiful community," she said. "We fell in love with it."

# 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

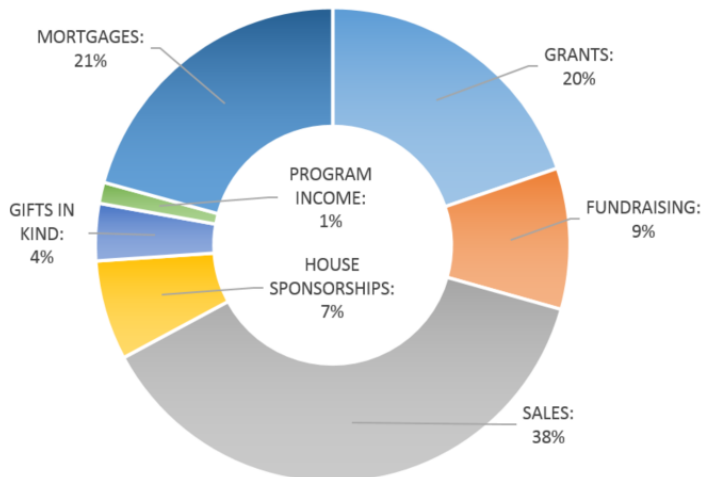
## Homes Built 1992-2016



- 2016 FBHFH total volunteer hours: **13,291**
- 2016 FBHFH total volunteer value: **\$302,370.25**
- Since 1992 the poverty rate in Fort Bend increased **150%**.
- Roughly **10%** of the County lives in poverty.
- Tithe in FY 2016: **\$7494.56**
- Tithe was used to build houses in the Country of Malawi
- New homes constructed in 2016: **2** in North Richmond area
- Launched **Critical Home Repair Program** of owner occupied homes in Fort Bend County, including weatherization in partnership with CenterPoint Energy.
- 15+ **CHRP** homes completed in 2016, 15+ planned in 2017

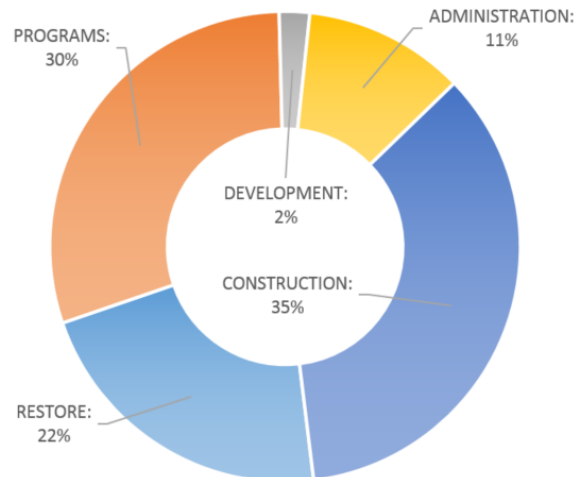
Since our inception in 1992, FBHFH has built **81** homes, requiring almost **22,000** volunteer hours, approximately **\$4,400,000** in donations to fund these homes, and provided decent housing to over **250** persons.

## 2016 REVENUE: \$862,985



Homes Sold: \$180,600

## 2016 EXPENSES: \$743,307



## DONATE TODAY

Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity not only provides homes to families who would otherwise be reduced to sub-standard housing and homelessness, we also offer a support network to ensure homeowners can pay their mortgage. Through job training programs, financial literacy education, and continuous case management from our family support director, we enable families to own and stay in their home. This long term solution breaks the cycle of poverty and ensures that families will be self-sustaining, contributing citizens to the community.

**Please donate today in one of three easy ways:**

- Online at [www.fortbendhabitat.org/donate](http://www.fortbendhabitat.org/donate)
- Mail a check to **FBHFH** at **13570 Murphy Rd, Stafford, TX 77477**
- Consider us in your corporate matching donations program!

Anything you contribute will help us house more families! We look forward to partnering with you to strengthen our communities in Fort Bend County by building homes, hope, and opportunities for families to help themselves!

**Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity would like to recognize and thank the following for their support of our mission to end substandard and poverty housing in Fort Bend County.**

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