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LETTER 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 2020 fiscal year began with an incredible amount of energy and promise! Having moved from Murphy Rd in Stafford into a new office space and ReStore in Sugar Land, the affiliate held a Grand Opening on January 8, 2020. Soon after, the world changed with the announcement of COVID-19, and mandatory shutdowns for all non-essential workers in the State of Texas. As a result, FBHFH shut down its offices and ReStore for the month of April with hopes that social distancing would effectively eradicate the spread of the virus.

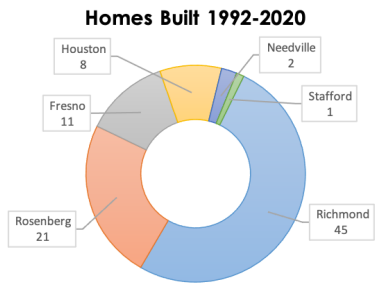
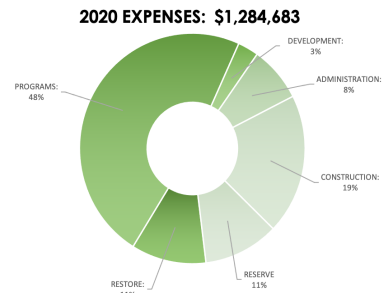
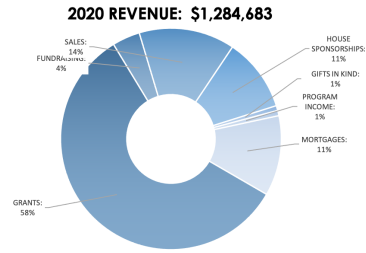
However, as the days and weeks dragged on, it became evident that a new normal would emerge in 2020 and FBHFH quickly took steps to ensure that the organization could respond to the needs of the community. By staggering office schedules, implementing new safety protocols for all volunteers, and suspending new home construction the affiliate found ways to continue to assist the community.

The Disaster Repair Program continues to remain a large part of our program portfolio, though it has been scaled back in 2020 due to newly implemented safety protocols. Even so, our construction staff remains vigilant, helping families in both preparation and recovery, while maintaining a safe experience for both partnering families and volunteers. FBHFH continues to partner with the United Way of Greater Houston, Habitat for Humanity International, and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation to ensure that families have a resource throughout the recovery process.

NEW HOPE PROJECT

FBHFH is also working to develop a 6.5-acre tract of land in North Richmond, with a generous land donation from the George Foundation. This new subdivision, "New Hope Lane," will provide 15 new homes for low income families in Fort Bend County and bring us one step closer to ending substandard and poverty housing in the community. FBHFH anticipates that homes will be ready for construction in the Fall of 2021, with 3-5 home builds planned per year. If you are interested in being a part of the development of New Hope Lane, please contact FBHFH, and inquire about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity could not have succeeded in 2020 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, critical home repair, disaster repair, and the brand new ReStore! We look forward to partnering with you to strengthen our community through the building of homes, hope, and opportunities for families!



- 2020 Total Volunteer Hours: **3,665 hours**
- 2020 Total Volunteer Value: **\$81,143**
- 2020 Tithe: **\$5,742** was used to build houses in the Country of Malawi in Africa

In 2020, FBHFH constructed 2 new homes in the North Richmond area. FBHFH has currently suspended new home construction projects in the Spring of 2021, but hopes to begin construction on 3 new homes in the Fall of 2021, through partnerships with Christ Church Sugar Land and Saint Laurence Catholic Church. Since 1991, FBHFH has constructed 88 homes in partnership with the community, providing low income families a decent place to live.

In the midst of a pandemic, FBHFH continued to provide the Critical and Disaster Home Repair Program, completing the repair of 40 homes in 2020. In addition, FBHFH is partnering with elders on an Aging in Place Program, which effectively launched in the summer of 2019 and will continue into the new program year.

Since our inception in 1992, FBHFH has built new homes and completed both critical and disaster repairs, requiring over 30,000 volunteer hours, approximately \$6 Million in donations to fund these homes, and provided decent, affordable housing to over 500 persons.



Age in Place

FBHFH launched an Age in Place Home Repair Program for homeowners aged 62+ that are in need of repairs, so that they can continue to live in safe and decent home for years to come. If you are interested in partnering on an Age in Place project, please contact FBHFH and inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity not only provides homes to families who would otherwise be reduced to substandard 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 Services 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
- Mail a check to **Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity** at **505 Julie Rivers Dr., STE 150, Sugar Land, TX 77478**
 - 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!