

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



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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 2018 fiscal year can be defined by one word: recovery. With the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey now past its one-year anniversary, many in the community continue to recover from the devastating effects of the storm. As a result, the disaster repair program, launched in January 2018 in the aftermath of the Hurricane, continues to be inundated with homes that require repair for safe inhabitation. Through partnerships with the United Way of Greater Houston, the American Red Cross, Rebuild Texas, the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, and other local partners, FBHFH will continue to assist those that were impacted by disaster in Fort Bend County, helping families rebuild their homes on the road to recovery.

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 15-23 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.

The Restore, in its 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation, continues to evolve, turning your new and gently used home goods and construction materials into new homes for families. You can visit our ReStore during our new hours of operation from Wednesday through Saturday from 10AM - 6PM.

Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity could not have succeeded in 2018 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, and disaster 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

### EDNA'S STORY

Hurricane Harvey made Edna's neighborhood look more like an ocean than the place she had lived for 15 years. Harvey flooded her family's home and cars, and destroyed just about everything they owned.

The water was so deep, Edna couldn't walk out of her house and had to be rescued by volunteers who helped her climb onto an air mattress to float out. She said it was surreal floating over her own yard and the streets she'd driven down thousands of times.

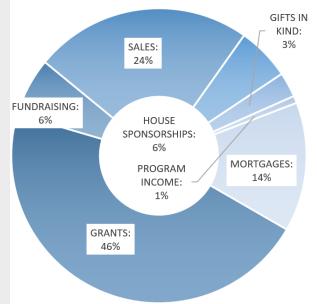
After the water went down and Edna was able to return home and assess the damage, she knew she would not be able to repair her home without help. The water had touched nearly everything and she didn't know where to begin.

Luckily, Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity, with assistance through the United Way of Greater Houston, was able to help Edna and her family rebuild their home and their lives. Everything from the sheetrock to the floors, the bathrooms to the garage, was gutted and rebuilt. Edna's family had to start over with furniture, appliances, and just about everything else. It was a long, hard process, but recently, after months of uncertainty, stress, and hope, Edna and her family were finally able to go home.

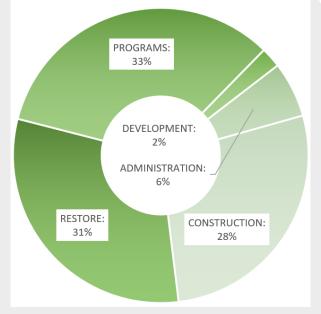
"Thank you to all the volunteers for the countless hours they put in to rebuild my house and thank you Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity and the United Way for helping me out when I most needed it," Edna said. "I could not have been able to complete my house rebuild without your help!"

#### EDNA'S HOUSE POST HARVEY

#### 2018 REVENUE: \$940,257



#### 2018 EXPENSES: \$656,618



Since our inception in 1992, FBHFH has built **85** homes, requiring over **25,000** volunteer hours, approximately \$6 Million in donations to fund these homes, and provided decent, affordable housing to over **300** persons.

- 2018 Total Volunteer Hours: 8,764 hours
- 2018 Total Volunteer Value: \$199,381
- FY Tithe of **\$8484.37** was used to build houses in Malawi

With volunteer labor at a premium after Hurricane Harvey, FBHFH constructed 1 new home in FY 2018 in the North Richmond area.

FBHFH will complete 3 homes in fiscal year 2019, through partnerships with Christ Church Sugar Land, Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, and River Pointe Church.

FBHFH continues to provide the Critical Home Repair Program in FY2018, completing 11 homes, in addition to launching the Disaster Repair Program to assist families effected by Hurricane Harvey. Through our work in Disaster Relief, FBHFH provided repairs to 35 families.



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 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
- Mail a check to Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity 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.

#### **2018 SPONSORS**

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