

2024 New Years Update



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Harrington-Laundry Home, Continued

William Harrington, Krystal Laundry and their three sons Killian, Jameson and Rory were previously living in a small mobile home with health and safety hazards. It was William and Krystal's dream to provide a safe healthy home for their family— especially to support their children's disabilities and special needs. The family worked with staff and volunteers to build their home, putting in hundreds of sweat equity hours alongside 271 volunteers contributing 3,508 hours to this project! The cozy three-bedroom home was the first UVHFH home to be sold with solar panels, which were generously donated, and is close to zero-energy (producing as much power as it uses). The home is incredibly airtight scoring a .60 ACH50! Thank you to all our fantastic construction and lunch provider volunteers, donors, vendors, suppliers, subcontractors and supporters who helped make this beautiful home happen! We can't thank all the individuals, businesses and other partner organizations, as well as our board and committees enough. Together we are changing lives and making dreams come true!

Fight the Housing Crisis With Us

In this Holiday season we acknowledge that having a home to retreat to, celebrate in and share with loved ones is an important privilege and blessing. In this season of giving and gratitude we ask you to **please make a gift to support affordable homeownership** for our neighbors struggling to find decent housing in the UV.

It is widely known that there is a desperate need for more rental and single-family housing units in the Upper Valley. According to a Keys to the Valley housing study by three regional planning commissions, 10,000 new homes will be needed by 2030 to meet demand for shelter in the Upper Valley. UVHFH is an important part of the solution to affordable housing and provides homeownership opportunities to those who may otherwise not achieve them. We know homeownership can lead to positive generational economic mobility, as well as stability and other benefits to homeowners and the broader community. Together we can fight the housing crisis- one home at a time.

Visit www.uvhabitat.org/donate to make a recurring or one-time donation. Mailed checks are always welcome. We – and our partner families - thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

The Harrington-Laundry Home is Complete!



In May we transferred ownership of our new build in Lebanon, NH!

(open to read more!)

Update on Upcoming Weathersfield Project

We are in the pre-construction phase of our planned unit development! Plans include a mix of duplex and single-family homes for up to eight families. In October, Tuck Business School student volunteers cleaned up the site preparing for demolition of the three derelict buildings currently on the property. Demolition is planned for 2024 and construction will follow soon after. The significant planning and development work for this project would not be possible without our amazing building committee and board members. We are grateful for their time and dedication.



New Build in West Fairlee, VT

We're excited to announce our two-bed, two-bath, Zero Energy Ready modular home in Cold Springs Park. The mostly complete home was delivered to the site in November, and family selection is happening now! Our homeowner application can be accessed on our website, on the "Become a Homeowner" page. Please share this information with anyone you know who may qualify!

This spring volunteers and the partner family will complete repairs and improvements, update the HVAC system and build a carport and storage area. This project would not be possible without generous donations from Vermod Homes, in Wilder and Trek LLC in Burlington. Thanks to this generosity, yet another extremely energy efficient solar powered home will go to a family in need.

Volunteer crews will begin in January, with opportunities ramping up in the spring. We hope to see you on site! Sign up to volunteer at www.uvhabitat.org/volunteer-1

Staff and Board Updates

After six years, Eva Loomis has moved on from UVHFH leaving big shoes to fill as Executive Director. She was extraordinary in her position and will be deeply missed by our team. Eva- thank you for all your dedication and hard work!

We are excited to announce that in August, Jack Kauders came on as our new Executive Director. Jack is a long-time volunteer and board member, and prior to this position he served as an attorney in areas of land use and deed issues. Jack is excited to take on this role and to work with UV families to create housing.



In October, Ashley Andreas joined our team as Operations Manager. Ashley has a background in Zero Energy modular home construction and affordable housing. She is passionate about homeownership as a pathway for upward economic mobility.

We also welcomed Kevin Davis to our board this fall. Kevin is Vice President of Sales at Norwich Technologies Inc., a leading renewable energy development and construction firm. For other board updates and more information visit our website, www.uvhabitat.org/about-us



Thank You, Donors!

We know it's been a while since you've heard from us. We've missed updating you about all we've been doing! With the staff changes mentioned in this mailing, we hope you understand why there's been a delay in our usual quarterly updates. There have been so many fabulous thoughtful donors since our last mailing that there's not enough room to list them all here! We've had an abundance of gifts from individuals and many first-time donors, microgrants from amazing local businesses, in-kind donations from trade partners, suppliers and our Vermont Salvage partnership, as well as grants from organizations like VHCB and the Hoehl and Couch Family Foundations. All of you make our shared mission possible. We look very forward to the continued fundraising for our West Fairlee and (big) Weathersfield project and look forward to seeing you on site and in the community.