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## Lebanon New Home Build Underway!



Dave, Carlos, John, Adriana, and Pat on site in Lebanon.

Construction is now underway at our new home in Lebanon!

The site has been excavated and inspected; the foundation footings have been poured; forms for the walls were set and poured; and the foundation walls have been waterproofed and insulated, thanks to recent volunteers. Next, the excavator will return to install the perimeter drains and back-fill the foundation. We will then complete the under-slab work with the installation of drain lines and insulation.

Our goal is to have the slab in place the first week of June. A group of [Bike & Build](#) volunteers will kick off framing the house in mid-June, and from there, volunteer work will begin in earnest with framing the house.

[Sign Up Here to Volunteer!](#)

# Groundbreaking Ceremony - Save The Date!

To celebrate the start of this project, we will be hosting a dedication ceremony on **Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. Please save the date and keep an eye out for more details in your inbox!

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## Team Build Program



This build season, we are rolling out a new program for businesses, churches, and organizations in which we will host teams of 8-10 employees per day on our Lebanon build site to work together, build camaraderie, develop strong ties & give back to their community.

UVFH provides lunch, tools, materials, construction oversight, and a great experience. In exchange, we request a donation of \$100 per employee to cover supervisor and material costs. Donations are voluntary but highly appreciated.

To sign your group up for a Team Build day, please [email Nikita](#).

When you sign your group up between now and June 30<sup>th</sup>, your donation will count towards our matching campaign, even if your team's build day is not until after June 30.

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## Welcome to our new Admin Assistant, Nikita!

We are thrilled to announce that we have a new member on our team!

Earlier this month, Nikita Wilson joined us as our wonderful new Administrative Assistant. She is responsible for volunteer and Team Building Program coordination and support; administrative functions; social media communication and outreach; and will also assist with family support, fundraising, and much more.

Nikita grew up in the Upper Valley, and after eight years away, she

returned to her hometown of White River Junction with her dog Winston.



She has a wide range of Habitat for Humanity experience. She was a board member for her college campus chapter at UNC Charlotte. She served as an AmeriCorps member for Charlotte Region, Kauai, and Maui Habitat for Humanity. She then became the Community Relations Manager for Maui Habitat for Humanity.

She has volunteered with several affiliates across the nation through Alternative Spring Breaks and Build-a-Thons. She has participated in three Global Village trips, serving in El Salvador, Puerto Rico, and Honolulu, Hawaii.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Nikita. She can be reached at [info@uvhabitat.org](mailto:info@uvhabitat.org).

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## Our Matching Campaign is Still Underway!

**There is still time to help us unlock \$10,000!**

**The Gant Family Foundation has generously come forward with a gift challenge of \$10,000 for UVHFH – but we need your help to secure this gift! To unlock this gift, we need 100 new gifts between now & June 30th to unlock \$5,000 AND local organizations to contribute a total of \$5,000!**

We are very excited for this incredible opportunity, but - **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please help us secure this gift:

- 1) [Donate online](#)
- 2) [Send a check to UVHFH: PO BOX 1038, White River Jct., VT 05001](#)
- 3) [Spread the word & ask a friend to donate \(#UVHabitatChallenge\)](#)

**Any amount counts!** Your donation will support UVHFH's projects & programs and further our work to bring neighbors together to address the affordable housing crisis in our community.



**Do you own or work for an Upper Valley organization that could make a gift to be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000? Your gift will help us reach the 100 new gifts to unlock an additional \$5,000!**

**Donate Now!**

## NH Gives

For the first time, UVVHFH will be participating in NH Gives, which is a statewide 24-hour online fundraising event designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits, and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector.



This event takes place from 5pm June 8 until 5pm June 9. All funds raised during this time will be allocated to our Lebanon home build and you do not need to live in NH to donate. Last year alone, 588 organizations raised a collective \$3.8 million!

**Your NH Gives donation will count towards our matching gift challenge!**

**Please donate during NH GIVES on June 8 - 9!**

## Sandy's Project is Complete!



Thanks to many lunch providers and 40 volunteers who contributed 795 hours, the first phase of repairs at Sandy's home in Lebanon is finished!

Very generous volunteer crews transformed Sandy's house by covering all the open walls and ceilings with 72 sheets of sheetrock, which they taped, mudded, sanded, primed, and painted; sorting out and connecting all the plumbing, water heater, and furnace; overhauling the wiring; installing an upstairs bathroom; re-doing the downstairs bathroom; and

On a lunch break at Sandy's this spring

installing a functioning kitchen.

Thank you to all the construction and lunch provider volunteers who helped make this project happen for Sandy. We send a special shout-out to our "regulars" who showed up sometimes as many as 3 days a week to help.

"There are not enough words to express how deeply thankful and humbled I am for what Upper Valley Habitat and all the amazing and kind volunteers have done to make this dream a reality! Where there was once only gloom and despair, there is now hope. They have transformed my uninhabitable house into a home. UVHFH and the many selfless volunteers that have worked countless hours have come together to make it a reality to have my home back. The house looks absolutely amazing, and I could not be more gracious. A special thank you to Eva, John, all the construction volunteers,



lunch volunteers, and all the community and GoFundMe donors. My family and I are overwhelmed with your kindness, generosity and your eagerness to help. I will forever be humbled and grateful!" – **Sandy, Lebanon**

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## Thank You, Grantors!

We have been very fortunate to receive a \$10,000 grant from the **Oleonda Jameson Trust** in support of this new Lebanon home build. Thank you, Oleonda Jameson Trustees, for this very generous gift!

Additionally, the **Norwich Lions Club** granted us \$700 towards this project, and **802 Credit Union** donated \$1,000 for materials for Cliff Harrington's Richmond Middle School woodshop students to build a shed for the family.



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