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## Harrington-Laundry Family, Continued

Their home has rotten floors and subfloors, mold, unsafe electrical issues, no hot water, and a failed heating system, which is a concern going into the winter. Service providers will not conduct repairs, telling the family it will be cheaper to buy a new home instead. They pay lot rent because they do not own the land their home sits on, and their children don't have a safe yard space to play in, which is difficult for this family that loves to be outdoors.

Killian has his own bedroom due to his level of needs and William shares a bedroom with the two youngest boys. Krystal sleeps on the couch since there are only two bedrooms in the house and the couch can only accommodate one person. Krystal works as a childcare provider and William works as a medical administrator.

Due to the extremely high cost of housing in our area, the family has not been able to afford to move to a safer or healthier home. They are looking forward to the stability that will come with affordable homeownership, especially in terms of their children's health. Having more space for their boys will help them maintain safety, regulate emotions, and reduce triggers. Killian qualifies for special support services, and the family will finally be able to take advantage of this benefit, which cannot be accommodated in their cramped mobile home.

Krystal says they are "proud to be working toward a safer, healthier home and looking forward to strengthening ties to the community and having access to supports for our sons that are currently difficult to obtain because of location, space and setup. Homeownership will offer longer term stability in so many facets of our lives and let us focus on supporting each other." The boys are most looking forward to making forts in the woods, climbing trees, and inviting family and friends over.

## Announcing the Harrington-Laundry Family!



The Harrington-Laundry family has been selected as our newest partner family and future homeowners of the Lebanon home! William, Krystal, and their three sons, Killian (11), Jameson (8), and Rory (4), currently live in Enfield in a 50-year-old, two-bedroom mobile home in poor, unhealthy, and unsafe condition.

The eldest, Killian, has severe special needs and is diagnosed with Level 3 Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, and OCD. The two younger boys also have ADHD.

(open to read more!)



Dartmouth Tennis Team volunteering in Lebanon

## Update on Lebanon Home Build & Repair Project

Many volunteers have been helping move the Harrington-Laundry home along. So far, 137 volunteers have contributed 1,270 hours to this house and 18 lunch provider volunteers have kept them refueled and going strong. The Team Build Program has brought 9 teams from local organizations, businesses, schools, and faith-based groups out on 15 Team Build days. We send a big **thank you to our amazing volunteers.**

Upcoming work includes installing windows, electrical rough-in, followed by insulation, hanging sheetrock, priming the walls, and then finish work and flooring.

This fall, we will also be back at Sandy's house in Lebanon for a short stretch to both conduct and oversee roof repairs. After we conducted extensive roof repairs inside her house earlier this year, COVER Home Repair trimmed out her windows and doors to enable Tri-County Community Action Agency to blow in cellulose to insulate her home. Sandy's project is an excellent example of three nonprofits working together to help a homeowner in need and we delighted to be part of this collaborative approach.



Mascoma LLC Team Build

## Join Us!

We rely greatly on the time, skills, and talents of community member volunteers. As we look toward the end of the year, several board members will be terming off the board. In particular, we are **seeking for a real estate attorney** to replace attorney Jack Kauders, who has been serving on our board for 4 years. We also seek general Board and Committee members. You can find descriptions for all position at [www.uvhabitat.org/bod](http://www.uvhabitat.org/bod). Thank you for considering serving with us!

## New Donation of Land

In late August, we received an incredibly generous **donation of 12 acres of undeveloped land** on Christian Street in Hartford from The Estate of Ernest F. Wilcox. We are extremely thankful to Mr. Wilcox and his Estate for gifting us such a large plot of land in the heart of Vermont's Upper Valley and in such a desirable location for future homeowners. It will be some time before we develop this site, but we look forward to keeping you informed of plans and honoring Mr. Wilcox's legacy.

## Thanking Grantors & Legacy Society Members

We are pleased to announce that an anonymous donor has joined our Habitat Legacy Society by including UVHFH in their will. This very generous supporter has let us know they have a bequest planned totaling **over half a million dollars**. In addition to bequests, we also welcome donations of real estate, stock, & beneficiary designations. To learn more, please visit [www.uvhabitat.org/donate](http://www.uvhabitat.org/donate). This quarter, we thank the Agnes M. Lindsay Trust for a \$2,000 grant to us and our sub-affiliate, NEK Habitat in St. Johnsbury, to be used for technology, tools, and ladders.

## Support Home This Fall

As we transition from late summer into fall and the days get cooler, brisker, and shorter, we are thankful to have comfortable homes to cozy up in. As the season of giving and gratitude approaches, we ask you to **please make a gift to support affordable housing and affordable homeownership** for our neighbors who could use a hand up. Why does Home matter & why support it?

We know that homeownership contributes to societal benefits like generating increased tax revenue, responsible citizenship, and a stronger economy. But we also know that Habitat partner families, like all homeowners, benefit from the many personal advantages of homeownership, including improved health and life satisfaction; higher academic achievement among their children; increased financial stability; a predictable monthly housing payment to make budgeting easier; and the ability to save for their future. Your gift helps change the lives of families like Sandy's and the Harrington-Laundry's.

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

## Women Build & Volunteering On Site

We are holding our first Women Build on November 5 in Lebanon. We always need volunteer hands on site and would love to have your help! You can sign up at [www.uvhabitat.org/women-build](http://www.uvhabitat.org/women-build)



Krystal Laundry works on her new home!

Hypertherm Team Build Day

## Thank You, Donors!

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