

Winter 2022



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Lebanon Lot Clean Up

In November, a crew of Dartmouth Student Chapter Habitat for Humanity (DSHFH) members came out to help clear our Lebanon lot where the Sargeant-Goodrich home will be built. Thank you to those students, and also Jesse Finnell, Catherine Chivers and Board and Building Committee member Adriana Lucas for their additional support and chainsawing that day.



Hypertherm associates Travis LaHaye and Mike White have been outstandingly helpful in extensively clearing the lot and felling large trees, working at this for well over a year. A HUGE shout-out to Travis and Mike for their help, along with retired UVHFH Site Supervisor Jim Masland. Thank you!

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Thank You, Volunteers!

With 2022 ahead of us, we want to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who helped in 2021. Your generosity of your time and talents make our collective work possible. This year, you finished the Chin's home renovation in Lebanon, enabling the family of 3 purchase & move into their own home; built new stairs & renovated a bathroom for Fran in Windsor; repaired a leaky skylight & interior hallway for Veteran Susan's family in WRJ (thank you, West Lebanon Home Depot for donating materials!); built a shed for a low-income homeowner; & cleaned up the Lebanon lot.



Thank you to all UVHFH volunteers for making 2021 such a success! You are the heart & soul of our affiliate and we are so thankful to you for allowing our families and projects to be a priority in your life. We cannot carry out our mission without you. A special and heartfelt thank you goes to Bill Martin & Stefanie Gulick for their 5 & 4 years of Board service, respectively.



Martin Dole, Susan, & her son Nicholas

I send my gratitude to the volunteers who were kind enough to help on my house. My skylight leaked and the contractor just opened the wall, put a tarp up, and never came back. John was wonderful from start to finish. Martin and John were kind enough to come on a Saturday and patch up my skylight. Todd went above and beyond to work on closing my wall up. He spent numerous days mudding, and painting. I am grateful to not have to go another winter with an open hallway wall. My kids and I have a sense of security knowing it is finally fixed. Without these repairs, further damage could have occurred, and I am relieved that it is fixed. Thank you so much to the volunteers. My family appreciates your dedication & willingness to take the time to help us.

– Susan, White River Junction



Veteran Gordon Best; UVHFH PM John Heath; Veteran Charlie Clark; Dave Sherman; & George Imbrie working on Fran's bathroom renovation this fall.



Todd Lloyd mudding drywall at Susan's

Winter Projects Update

Starting January 13, we will be helping a Lebanon homeowner with critical repairs on her home. After Sandy's husband passed away from cancer in 2017, a contractor she hired to repair her home took her \$27,000 payment and left her in an even worse situation - a completely gutted house with no insulation, running water, or plumbing connections. We will be conducting repairs to Sandy's home in two phases: Phase one will include connecting plumbing, temporarily tarping leaking sections of the roof, and sheetrocking. Another non-profit agency will then blow in insulation. Phase two will focus on repairing the leaking roof(s). Sandy has taken on a second job to fund her repairs.

We will need construction and lunch provider volunteers on Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays for this project. Please sign up to volunteer at: <https://www.uvhabitat.org/volunteer>.

You can support Sandy's project at <https://gofund.me/ab7472d0> or by mailing a check directly to UVHFH with "Sandy" in the memo line.

Recruiting New Board Members

We are growing our board and encourage you to consider volunteering with us to serve our community by helping our neighbors access affordable and permanent homeownership. We are especially interested in individuals with experience and skills in IT, real estate, law, banking, human resources & fundraising. Read more testimonials, details, & apply at: www.uvhabitat.org/bod

"I first joined the UVHFH Board of Directors to enhance family stability in my community through homeownership. Since then, my primary purpose of joining has been enhanced by personal growth: learning, development, reflection, and building relationships with dedicated volunteers. A welcoming and inclusive group, the Board of Directors collaborates, analyzes and problem solves while remaining keenly focused on our overall mission. I enjoy being a valued team member, whose unique perspective is welcomed and encouraged. Although my time to volunteer is rather limited with two small children, I've found my time with the UVHFH Board extremely rewarding."

– Drew Miraldi, Vice President

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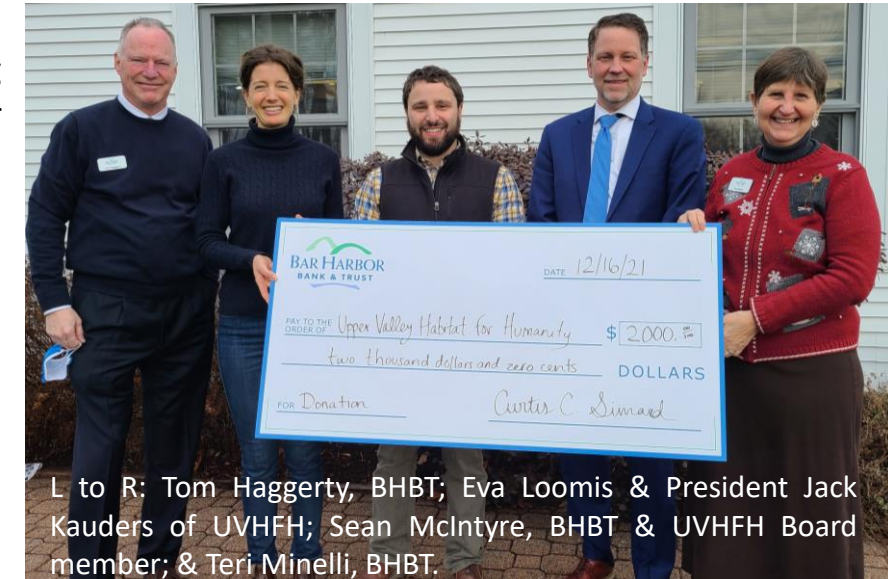
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"We have been fortunate to be able to call the Upper Valley our home for almost 20 years. Our children grew up here, went to school here and flourished in the environment the Upper Valley provides. Our reality, unfortunately, is not everyone's reality who lives here. Many struggle to obtain essential things that others take for granted, including adequate housing. We were thrilled to connect with Upper Valley Habitat as a local organization working to improve the lives of our neighbors and our monthly contributions help sustain the incredible work being done. Giving to Upper Valley Habitat is one way for us to say Thank You in support of our neighbors and community." – Greg & Nancy T., Habitat HopeBuilders

We also welcome donations of real estate, stock, bequests, & beneficiary designations. Join our Habitat Legacy Society by including UVHFH in your will. Find details at www.uvhabitat.org/donate.

Gratitude for Grants

Fall 2021 blessed us with significant support from grantors. The Sargeant-Goodrich project received a \$1,000 grant from St. Thomas Episcopal Church and a \$2,000 grant (and \$4,000 pledge) from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Housing Ministries of New England very generously awarded this project \$20,000 and the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation granted an incredible \$40,000 gift to the project. We are most grateful for these staggeringly generous gifts of support, which form the foundation for this family's house to be built upon. We are also thankful for Claremont Savings Bank's \$1,000 grant for build site tools; Mascoma Bank Donation Committee's grant of \$4,397 for tools & technology; and The Co-Op Food Stores, members, & shoppers for donating \$2,805 through September's Pennies for Change. Thank you!



L to R: Tom Haggerty, BHBT; Eva Loomis & President Jack Kauders of UVHFH; Sean McIntyre, BHBT & UVHFH Board member; & Teri Minelli, BHBT.

Thank you, Donors!

Thank You, Fall 2021 Quarter Donors! Anonymous (5); Alison & Sean Gorman; Allen & Mary Guntz; Andrew Grimson & Anne Givens; Andy Daubenspeck; Ann DeLoach; Bar Harbor Bank & Trust; Barbara Payson; Ben & Jerry's Foundation; Bob Walker & Debra Kraemer; Brian Clancy; Bronwen Ballou; Bruce & Susan McLaughry; Carol & Ronald Keenhold; Carolyn & Milton Frye; Carolyn & Peter Mertz; Charles Clark; Chris & Christine Bailey-Kellogg; Claremont Savings Bank Foundation; Claude & Mary Sutherland; Connie & Maurice LeBlanc; Dartmouth College Habitat Chapter; David & Ann Cioffi; David & Cynthia Pugh; Doris & Robert Wohlfort; Doug & Beth Staiger; Dr. Deborah L. Ornstein; Eileen De Los Reyes; Ellen Meara & Ezro Luttmmer; Erica Schoenberg; Fraidstern Family Fund; Fran & Paul Gardent; Frederik & Sophia Crawford; Gisela Jones; Granite United Way; Habitat for Humanity International; Hanna Snyder; Helen Hong; Helen Morrow; Help is Passed on Fund; Housing Ministries of New England; Irma & Lynwood Graf; Jeremy Greeley; Jesse Roberts; Jim & Cindy Varnum; Joanne & Steven Collins; Kathryn Jorgensen; LaValley Building Supply; Lee Lynd; Lisa Paquette; Lubrano Family Charitable Foundation; Mary & Raymond Chin; Mascoma Bank Donation Committee; Michael Galbraith; NTC; Newbury Women's Fellowship; Patricia & Thomas Spencer; Patricia D. March; Paul & Joyce Killebrew; Paul & Wendy Manganiello; Paula & Tom Gray; Peter Stuart; R. DeWitt Mallary Jr.; Rich & Carol Lammert; Richard & Ruth Ann Glick; Rick & Linda Roesch; Robert Barr; Robert & Honore Hager; Sandy von Unwerth; Shari Sacks; Sheila Moran & David Millstone; St. Denis Catholic Church; St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Terry Hall; The Co-op Food Stores; The Friendship Fund; The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation; Thomas Flynn; Todd & Paula Driscoll; Todd Minsk; Tom & Barbara Hall; Tom Cormen; Travis Hosna; Upper Valley Food Co-Op; Vermont Salvage Exchange; Wendy Lilly-Hansen; & William Jones.

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