

#### **There's Still Time to Donate!**

It's always the right time to donate, and if you are hoping to make a year-end donation, you still have time!

Our partner families, projects, and programs rely on donations from community members like you! Support from individuals, businesses, foundations, faith groups, and other organizations are what makes our mission of building affordable, durable, safe, healthy, economical, and energy-efficient homes; strengthening and enriching communities; and increasing long-term hope, prosperity, health, and the lives of families and individuals in the Upper Valley possible.

You can donate online or mail a check to: Upper Valley Habitat, PO BOX 1038, White River Junction, VT 05001

Thank you for your support!

**Donate Online Today!** 

# Sandy's Repair Project Starts January 13

This winter, we will be helping repair Sandy's home in Lebanon.

After Sandy's husband passed away, a contractor she hired took a substantial payment from her and left her in an even worse situation - a completely gutted house with no insulation, running water, or plumbing connections. You can read more about Sandy here.

Starting on January 13, we will be working on Sandy's house on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays.

We will need construction and lunch provider volunteers.

You can find all the details & sign up to help with Sandy's project at: https://volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=333

#### Sign Up to Volunteer!

If you would like to donate to Sandy's project, you can give directly to her <u>GoFundMe campaign</u> or mail a check to us with "Sandy" in the memo line.

Visit Sandy's GoFundMe Page

# Thank You, Bill & Stefanie!

As 2021 comes to a close, two longtime UVHFH board members wrap up their terms of service.

Bill Martin served on our board for about 5 years. Bill was instrumental in helping us think more sustainably about our organization from a financial standpoint; liaising with the Tuck Board Fellows through his position as a professor at Tuck School of Business; and being a decisive and clear decision maker with the backing of strong organizational history.





Stefanie Gulick joined UVHFH about 4 years ago. During her time on the board, she shared her expertise in banking, and lending in particular, with us. Her guidance on financial matters and policy were especially helpful. We are also grateful to her for expertly guiding us through the Paycheck Protection Process process during COVID.

Thank you for your years of dedicated service, Bill and Stefanie. We will miss you!

# **Thank You, Donors!**

We have been very fortunate to receive significant grants towards the Sargeant-Goodrich family's home build in Lebanon this month.

We are delighted to announce that <u>Housing Ministries of New England</u> has awarded us a \$20,000 grant in support of the Sargeant-Goodrich home in Lebanon! We are beyond grateful to HMNE for this incredible gift and significant show of support of Shannon and her sons and their home build project. This very meaningful gift will go far on the build site. We are most appreciative to HMNE for this first-time grant and feel very blessed to have their encouragement and support in this way. Thank you, Housing Ministries of New England, for helping make Shannon, Braden, and Isaac's dream of owning a home a reality!



L to R: Tom Haggerty, BHBT; Eva Loomis & President Jack Kauders of UVHFH; Sean McIntyre, BHBT & UVHFH Board member; & Teri Minelli, BHBT. Photo by Vreni Gust, BHBT employee & former UVHFH Board member and President.

Bar Harbor Bank and Trust presented UVHFH with a \$4,000 pledge towards the Sargeant-Goodrich home build in Lebanon and a check for \$2,000. A special thank you goes out to Bar Harbor's Jack Frost for making this gift a reality and for his inspiration, encouragement and support throughout the year and to Vreni Gust (former UVHFH Board President) for bringing us all together for a photo shoot and for her unwavering and enthusiastic support!

Additionally, <u>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</u> in Hanover granted us \$1,000 for the family's project as well. Thank you to long-time Habitat supporter and parishioner Charlie Clark for initiating this gift!

#### **Thank You & Happy New Year!**

With 2021 in the rear-view and 2022 ahead of us, we want to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who helped us this past year and all of our donors. Our collective work in our community is possible through your generosity of your time, talents, and financial contributions.

This year, you finished the Chin's home renovation in Lebanon, enabling the family of three to purchase and move into their own home; you built new stairs and renovated a bathroom for Fran in Windsor; repaired a leaky skylight and interior hallway for Susan's family in WRJ; built a shed for a low-income homeowner; and cleaned up the Lebanon lot we'll build on in the Spring.

Thank you to our whole Habitat Family for making 2021 such a success! You are the heart & soul of our affiliate and we are so thankful to you for allowing our partner families, projects, and programs to be a priority in your life. We cannot carry out our mission without you - thank you and see you in the New Year!



The Sargeant-Goodrich Family of Lebanon, NH

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