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## Framing Underway in Lebanon!



The Bike & Build Crew on Site in mid-June

On June 15, a group of 9 Bike & Build volunteers kicked off our build season with a day of framing at the Lebanon home site. This group of 21 young adults from across the country raised \$5,000 each to bicycle from Portsmouth, NH to Bellingham, WA and volunteer on affordable housing projects along the way.

The night before their build day, they stayed at the <u>First Congregational Church of</u> <u>Lebanon</u>, where we shared a dinner and described the work we do and listened to Habitat homeowner Eric Hammond share his story and transformative experience with UVHFH.

The next day, half the riders worked at our build site and the other half worked on a <u>COVER Home Repair</u> project. That evening, COVER hosted a dinner for them back at the FCC. In the morning, they pedaled off to Rochester, Vermont, 50 miles away!

Special thanks to our Board Secretary and FCC Administrator Brian Clancy for hosting this group; Dave Sherman and retired UVHFH Site Supervisor Jim Masland for helping on site; <u>K-9 Kidz</u> for transportation; and <u>Jake's Market & Deli</u> in Lebanon for providing breakfast. Our Family Committee continues to review applications for homeownership of this property.

**Read more in the Valley News Article!** 



A group from St.Thomas Church and "regular" volunteers frame, sheath, and prep for the deck.

This week, we are focusing on finishing framing in order to be ready for <u>Earthshare Construction</u> of Lebanon to set trusses, roof decking, and tar paper next week. Earthshare is very generously donating their skilled labor and talent to get the roof ready for shingles to go on, which will be a huge help to the project. Earthshare staff (including owner Ethan Cole, project developer Katie Glidden, and lead carpenter Peet Danen) have proactively been meeting with Project Manager John Heath on site to plan for these days.



John Heath and Earthshare Construction owner Ethan Cole review plans

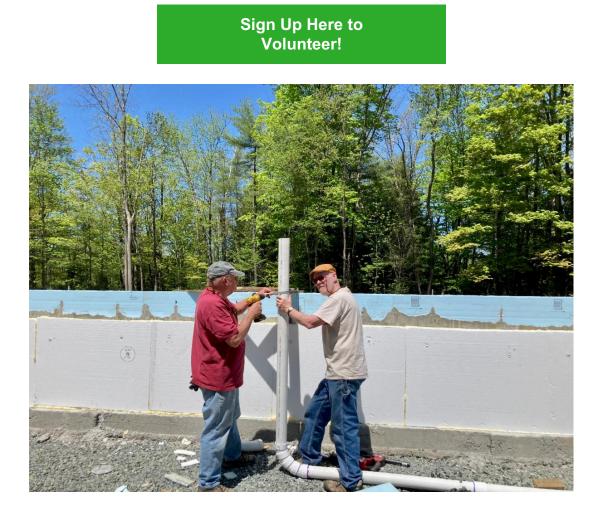
## We Need Your Help on Site!

We really do need your help on site to make this house a reality! Habitat projects rely on volunteers to keep the cost of labor low and to physically build the house! Full build days with engaged groups of volunteers means that the construction schedule moves along as planned and helps us fully utilize funds and staff time.

**No construction experience needed**, only a willingness to learn. We like to provide lunch to our crew, so we also **need lunch provider volunteers** to fuel them. Gather your youth, faith, or friend group, pack up a lunch, head over to the build site, and tour the progress while you're there!

Want to spend a day on site with your colleagues or organization? <u>Check out our Team Build Program!</u>

Please email Nikita if you have any questions: <u>nikita@uvhabitat.org</u>



Dave Sherman & Todd Lloyd work together on plumbing rough-in

## Thank You, Grantors!

We are honored to share that we received a grant of \$25,000 from **The Samuel P. Hunt Foundation** of Manchester, NH, in support of the Lebanon home build. This was our first time applying with them, and this very generous grant goes a very long way in helping us fill our fundraising gap. We send a deep, heartfelt thank you to the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation's trustees for bestowing this gift upon us and our future partner family.



Additionally, <u>Bar Harbor Bank & Trust</u> presented us with a \$2,000 gift! We send a special thanks to Jack Frost, VP, Director of Community Giving, for his part in facilitating this gift and his enthusiastic and kind ongoing support.

Pictured left to right are Lynne Ford, BHBT; Eva Loomis, UVHFH; Terri Raymond, BHBT; and Sean McIntyre, of BHBT who also serves on our Board. Photo credit: Vreni Gust, of BHBT and former UVHFH Board President!

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