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A quarterly newsletter for Habitat for Humanity Portland Region homeowners.

Building Connections

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Habitat COVID-19 Update:

- Community education classes continue to be postponed until further notice.
- The Habitat ReStores have resumed operation and are open to the public with strict cleaning and social distancing protocols in place.
- Offices are currently closed to the public, but homeowners and homebuyers are able to schedule to meet with staff virtually via Zoom or in person if necessary.
- Habitat build sites are open and operating, but currently have limited or no volunteer opportunities. We are still building and selling homes as we create more affordable housing in our region!

We continue to be here to support you! If you need assistance, please reach out.

Who to Contact *Need to know who to call for classes, payments, warranty or general info?*



Class questions?

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Call: 503-287-9529 to update your contact information.**

In this issue:

Meet the Homeownership and Neighborhood Programs Team at Habitat for Humanity Portland Region

Homeownership & Neighborhood Programs Staff

Now that Willamette West Habitat and Habitat Portland/Metro East have united to become one organization – Habitat for Humanity Portland Region – we want to introduce you to the Homeownership and Neighborhood Programs Team in its entirety.

As Habitat for Humanity Portland Region, we are excited to continue to provide our services to clients in Multnomah, East Washington, and North Clackamas counties. Our plans for the future include: continuing to expand the reach and richness of our Home Repair Program and to engage even further in the neighborhoods where we build. To our homebuyers, we are committed to helping you through the homebuying process and providing you with the necessary tools to get you to that signing appointment! To Habitat homeowners, we will continue to provide you with resources, support, and stewardship.



Not pictured: Matina Kauffman

Annette

Greetings! My name is Annette Pronk. I believe in the power of community! I serve in the role of Community Development Manager on the Homeownership Team. As a first-generation daughter, I value the interdependence of community-based practices. I strive to build social connection, collective strength, and community resiliency. I have worked in the intersectionality of economic, racial, and social justice. I serve diverse communities with a culturally sensitive lens. By braiding advocacy with my values, I make positive impacts in anti-displacement measures, disaster readiness in historically underserved communities, and neighborhood beautification. I am energized by envisioning the full potential of community life and the desire to pay it forward! Hikes in the forest, polar plunges, and laughter with friends and family keeps me keeping on.

Anthony

My name is Anthony Grimaldi and I started with Habitat two years ago working for Willamette West Habitat for Humanity. I manage the home repair program throughout Washington County. I am a Portland native who enjoys cycling, science, coffee and doing restoration work. I'm also a certified Aging in Place Specialist and I hope to further expand our program services to better serve our aging and/or disabled partner families.

Alysia

Hi, my name is Alysia Yamasaki and I joined Habitat in November 2019 and I come from the Portland Metro/East affiliate. My title is Homeownership Program Coordinator and I work with homebuyers to ensure their success in our program and able to purchase their first home! I am excited to work with more homebuyers through this merger on their homeownership journey. I'm a

proud pet momma with an all-black cat and white dog. They're my yin and yang.

Erin

Hi, my name is Erin Maxey and I joined the new Habitat Portland Region team as Director of Homeownership Programs where I will provide direction and support to the homeownership program. I previously worked at Willamette West Habitat as the Homeownership Program Manager for 9 years. My favorite part of working with Habitat is getting the opportunity to meet each of you, and I look forward to meeting the new, bigger Habitat community. My other passions include my dog (Sophie) and cat (Linus), DIY home improvement projects, and travel!

Loretta

I'm Loretta Kelly, the Lending Manager. I was hired at Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East in June 2018. I help homebuyers through the mortgage

and closing process. I also help homeowners figure out the process when they are ready to sell their homes or have questions about their mortgage. I've worked for non-profits in affordable homeownership for most of my career. The best part of my job is to see the joy on people's faces when I hand them the keys to their new home, and knowing that I am a small part of a very big, and positive, change in the family's life. Away from work, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our dog, as well as gardening, knitting, quilting, and other crafts.

Matina

I'm Matina, Vice President of Homeownership and Neighborhood Programs. I have been working with Habitat for Humanity for 14 years. I'm a member of the leadership team

and I oversee three areas of work: Homeownership, Home Repair, and Community Development. I don't get to interact with homeowners or homebuyers as much as I used to, but I'm privileged to manage this team of amazing people who do! In my free time I enjoy reading, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

Michelle

My name is Michelle Rosa Bouza and I am the Homeownership Program Manager. In this role, I oversee the selection of new homebuyers into our program and all program requirements. I have been working at Habitat since I moved to Portland in 2015 and have enjoyed getting to know the city through my work and building strong relationships with our homebuyers, volunteers, and partner agencies. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my extended Portland family, reading, and visiting new places.

Sam

My name is Samuel Eckhart and I manage the home repair program for homeowners located within the City of Portland. I started working with the Portland/Metro East affiliate in 2015 as an AmeriCorps VISTA before being hired on to assist with new construction project management. In 2018, I started managing the home repair program and developed a passion for working directly with homeowners to help them repair and preserve their homes. Besides helping people with their home repair needs, I also enjoy hiking, camping, and fishing.

Shelby

I'm Shelby Butcher and, as Homeowner Support Coordinator, I am the first point of contact for Habitat homeowners. I help provide resource referral to existing homeowners and help homebuyers through the purchase process. I also oversee the Habitat IDA program; helping homebuyers access matched savings accounts to use toward home purchase. I have been working at Habitat in a variety of roles since 2014 and my favorite part of my job is getting to connect with new homeowners and hear updates from folks who have lived in their homes for a long time. I'm a new parent and I love getting to introduce my little one to my love for the outdoors.

Tifani

Hi, my name is Tifani Tucker. I'm the Homeownership Program Specialist and have been working for Habitat Portland/Metro East since 2019. I keep our files up-to-date and enter data about our homeowners, homebuyers and home repair clients. If you've called the main office or emailed the homeownership department, you've most likely interacted with me. I am big on family and with my partner we have a combined total of 10 kids. We're the modern, more cool, Brady bunch.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Currently, we are all working either fully remotely or a combination of remote and in person. We look forward to the opportunity to meet you!