



# Habitat for Humanity<sup>®</sup>

of the River Valley

# fiscal year 2024 impact report



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# three counties. one mission.

Seeking to put God's love into action, we bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Fiscal year 2024 (FY24) was full of growth and opportunity. In February, Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley further expanded our service area to include Jackson County. In April we cleared our first lot in Limestone County and started the process of new construction for a partner family in Athens. Our affiliate now actively serves and supports three counties in North Alabama.

**By extending our services to these communities, Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley aims to deepen our impact and foster more resilient neighborhoods through affordable housing.**

This growth has opened the door for increased volunteer opportunities, local partnerships, and community engagement. Our success has only been possible because of the 700 individuals, churches, civic groups, and businesses that chose to partner with Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley each year. We want to thank all our sponsors and volunteers as we celebrate this past year with you.



Announcing Habitat's expansion into Jackson County. February 26, 2024.



Women Build dedication in Madison County. June 29, 2024.



Ground breaking to celebrate the beginning of our first home in Limestone County. June 22, 2024.

# from partnership to homeownership

The story of Habitat is one of partnership. Since 1987, we have partnered with 332 families to support them on their journey to homeownership. When someone joins the Homeownership Program, they make a commitment to themselves, Habitat, and the greater community. Rochelle, one of eight Partner Families to receive the keys to their home in FY24, held true to that commitment.

A proud mother of two with a career in manufacturing, Rochelle is no stranger to working hard. She accumulated 316 hours of Sweat Equity by volunteering in the community, taking homeownership classes, and helping to construct her home. Anissa, Habitat's Family Services Manager, says Rochelle excelled in her time partnering with Habitat: "Rochelle was very involved throughout her time in program. Habitat homes are a testament to a Partner Family's dedication to building a better future for themselves and their community. Seeing Rochelle get the keys to her new home was such a special moment because she really earned it. All of her hard work finally paid off."

In FY24, our Partner Families contributed over 2,650 hours of Sweat Equity into our program and community. We truly believe we have the best prepared first-time homebuyers in North Alabama. A special thank you to our community partners that help teach our homeownership classes like the Huntsville Dream Center, the Family Services Center, ConerStone Initiative, and the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

Rochelle is thrilled to have moved into her new home and is grateful to be a part of the community that made it happen. "During my journey at Habitat, I have grown and learned a great deal. I am very thankful for all the support from House Sponsors and volunteers. My heart is filled with gratitude!"



## ReStore: the store that builds community

Our Habitat for Humanity ReStore helps offset our overhead costs and advances our mission of building affordable housing. For this reason, we call our ReStore the "store that builds community." Our ReStore has supported our organization for more than 20 years, however we've never seen a year quite like this past one.

In FY24, the ReStore increased its revenue by 51.2% from last year and achieved its highest profits in the history of our store.

We've also kept thousands of pounds of building materials and home furnishings out of landfills. Thanks to our customers, our ReStore is a good deal for local shoppers, our community, and the environment!



Our Community

By the  
Numbers

Only **3%**

of apartments  
in Huntsville  
are under  
\$700 a month.



**46%**



of families in our area  
are overburdened by  
their housing costs.

# affordable home preservation

In March 2024, we hired a Home Repair Coordinator to better serve our community. Our new Home Repair Program helps families who are struggling to maintain the integrity of their home due to age, disability, or family circumstances. By supporting home preservation efforts through affordable home repairs, we prevent displacement, revitalize neighborhoods, and preserve the community's inventory of affordable housing.

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“When I was contacted about this new program, I can say it truly was a blessing from God. Nicole [Habitat’s Home Repair Coordinator] set up everything and all I had to do was be home to let the guys in. The volunteers, those guys are so helpful and sweet. You can tell and feel everyone truly wants to help.”

- Sydni, Home Repair Client



Since launching the program, we provided over \$45,000 worth of repairs, including window and door replacements, HVAC replacements, and attic insulation upgrades.

In Fiscal Year 2025, our Home Repair Program hopes to expand services to things like water heater replacement, installing outdoor floodlights, and small drywall repairs. Progress and updates will posted at [www.habitatrivervalley.org/home-repair-program](http://www.habitatrivervalley.org/home-repair-program).

## every helping hand makes a difference

“I volunteer with Habitat for a couple of reasons. One is that the people we help give themselves to the program and work with us. They’re not just a recipient; they are a partner. I think that’s an important way for them to take ownership of the house or repair that we do.

Another reason is that the type of work is for anybody who loves being a handyman. There’s a lot of skilled volunteers here who always have a new way of doing things, so you learn new things yourself. It’s a lot of fun work!

Helping people. Doing the Lord’s work. Serving the community that needs our help. That’s the best benefit of volunteering with Habitat.”

- Hank, Habitat Volunteer



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The average mortgage for FY24 Habitat homes is

**\$558**



**135**



affordable mortgages are being serviced at 0% interest.

Habitat homeowners boost the economy. Last year they paid a total of

**\$83,611**

in property taxes.

