



fiscal year 2025 impact report



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Since 1987, Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley has been dedicated to building homes, communities, and hope throughout the Huntsville metropolitan area. It's been an amazing 38 years serving low-income families in need of a safe, stable place to call home, and **fiscal year 2025 (FY25) has been our strongest year yet.**

It was a busy season of building and growing alongside the families we serve. Over the course of FY25, we had 18 homes under construction for the qualified families in our Homeownership Program.

FY25 was our first full year of providing critical repairs for local homeowners through our Home Repair Program. Thanks to the efforts of our staff, volunteers, and community partners, 23 families now live more safely and comfortably in their homes.

We continue to be grateful for the community that supports our mission of building homes, communities, and hope in Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties. Together, we're loving our neighbors and empowering local families.

FY25 by the Numbers

 **18**
homes under construction

 **23**
home repairs

 **7,797**
hours of volunteer work



For over two decades, Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley has operated our nonprofit ReStore in downtown Huntsville. This home improvement store and donation center plays a vital role in supporting our mission by helping fund affordable housing projects and reducing overhead costs. **This year, the ReStore celebrated another record-breaking performance, with a 16% increase in the number of sales.** In addition to serving the community with affordable home goods, we're diverting thousands of pounds of usable materials from landfills each year.

In early FY25, our ReStore launched the Arts and Sustainability program: a vibrant initiative designed to inspire creativity and foster community engagement. We're celebrating sustainable art and connecting with local artists through events and workshops hosted in our new ReStore art gallery. All funds raised support the Habitat mission and help us serve families in need.





Generosity

Every Habitat project is powered by community support. Your contributions help us build homes, make critical repairs, and provide services that strengthen families. Our mission would not be possible without the support we receive from committed individuals as well as charitable foundations and local businesses. We're proud that over the last three years, **more than 82% of contributions have directly supported our mission**, while administrative and fundraising costs have remained under 18%.

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I am thankful for the opportunity to support Habitat because together we are making a difference and changing our community by making a house a home.

Ane Debro
Former Habitat Board Member



Partnership

The families we partner with actively participate in the Habitat mission through homeownership education and volunteer work across the community – what we call “sweat equity”.



In FY25, our families completed 2,062 hours of sweat equity. This investment of time exhibits their dedication to building a better future and encourages a stronger connection to our community. Our Partner Families are not only capable first-time homeowners, but also extraordinary friends and neighbors.



Volunteerism

Our impact extends far beyond the homes we build and the families we serve. We are proud to be a space where individuals can come together to build relationships, create community, and inspire change. **Last year, 528 volunteers joined our efforts**, fostering civic engagement and strengthening community ties. Volunteerism is central to Habitat for Humanity's mission, allowing us to deliver affordable housing in a cost-effective and community-driven way.

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I feel fortunate to have found Habitat and thankful this opportunity provides me with a sense of accomplishment and community.

Joanne
Habitat Volunteer



The Habitat Lifecycle

Habitat for Humanity uses a holistic, sustainable approach to address the housing needs of our low-income friends and neighbors. With this model, we can continue to have an impact on our community for years to come!



Paying it Forward

The support of dedicated volunteers and community partners allows Habitat for Humanity to build homes efficiently and sell them at cost with 0% interest mortgages. The average monthly mortgage for a 3-bedroom Habitat home is under \$600, including taxes and insurance. Similarly, repayment for repairs is based on a sliding scale where families only pay what they can afford. Habitat doesn't profit from these payments; instead, **every dollar is reinvested to build more affordable homes**. This self-sustaining model ensures each donation multiplies our impact, advancing affordable housing in our community.



Homeownership

The outcomes are real: **over half of our partner families have stayed in their homes long enough to pay off their mortgages**. This financial stability often opens doors to new opportunities, such as pursuing higher education or starting a small business. A Habitat home or home repair makes safe, stable housing a long-term solution for low-income families in our community.

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Habitat has done more than put a roof over our heads. It has made us so very happy. We are so thankful for the entire habitat family and all the wonderful volunteers that helped us along the way.

Tamika
Habitat Homeowner



Local Business



We are grateful to invest into the community that supports us. On average, 60% of each Habitat home is built by volunteers, while the remaining 40% involves specialized trade work. Each project helps

stimulate the local economy by creating jobs, both directly on-site and indirectly through local suppliers and services.

In FY25, our Habitat homeowners contributed over \$85,968 in property taxes, supporting essential public services like local schools and first responders. **By making homeownership affordable and sustainable, Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley not only empowers families but also strengthens the resilience of our entire community.**

A Bridge Home: Habitat's Community Education Program

In January 2025, Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley held our first pilot semester of A Bridge Home. This program supports both current and prospective homeowners by providing the knowledge, skills, and resources that lead to successful homeownership and financial well-being.

By the end of the pilot semester, 11 individuals graduated from the program. We look forward to supporting more families on their homeownership journey with the **first official semester of A Bridge Home in the fall of 2025**.



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Check out these great ways to support Habitat and keep up with the work we're doing in Madison, Limestone, and Jackson County.



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