



# From the Executive Workbench

## *Change.*

As a verb, it can mean to transform or become different. In Jazz, it's a harmonic progression from one tonality to another. As we shift out of 2022, I wanted to reflect on our affiliate in this end of year appeal, and our upcoming Spring Fundraising event.

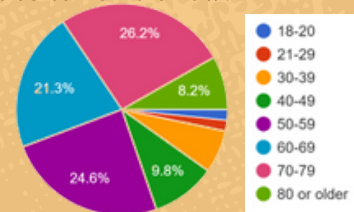
## 2022 Highlights

### Home Repair and Preservation Program



Last year we expanded our program criteria to include those at an area median income under 30% to help even more of our populations, many of which experience issues with remaining in safe and affordable housing: disabled, seniors, veterans, and families to name a few.

We learned 67.3% of repair inquiries are aged 60 to over 80 and 57.4% own manufactured homes; our program is unique in this area since we can perform a list of qualifying repairs for manufactured homes as well as stick built. Our top 3 repair requests are for roofs, plumbing, and ramps and a close second is electrical, heating and air, windows, gutters, and landscaping.



A little over half our homeowners have circumstances that limit and prevent a personal contribution of sweat equity so we partner with Community Services Consortium (CSC) YouthBuild for these projects to volunteer their labor, under supervision. (YouthBuild helps young adults prepare for post-secondary school success by learning housing building job skills and in turn helping their local communities. With an addition of a wheelchair lift or ramp, routine plumbing and weather stripping, we contribute to keeping people in homes they love.

### Home Build Program

Once we purchase land or someone donates property, we post an open application period for our next partner family and home build. This fall we broke ground on the McMahon home in Sodaville. Our newest General Contractor and Construction Crew Project Manager has secured permits and is getting ready to organize work groups for early next year. Check out our Volunteer Interest form if you, your church, or colleagues would like to pitch in or give us a call.



### Other Community Services

The past few years we've used new technology to make business run more smoothly to help as many as we can in need, not only in our construction projects but in local community programs. For example, we assist those with criminal court involvement that need volunteer hours to complete community service. We work with Transition Work Services (TWS) to provide modified work opportunities for Workers' Compensation recipients until they can return to full work duties with their employer. We've also hired staff from Easter Seals Community Service Employment Program, which assists low-income seniors seeking job training and employment. Lastly, we are working on a partnership to provide occasional hands-on retail job training to developmentally disabled adults.

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"Our community continues to show up for the cause of affordable housing."

Executive Director Tina Breshears

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## Pop-Up Store Tent Sale

Our June tent sale was a huge success. \$3,327.54 toward our current home build, \$3,327.54 for our Home Repair and Preservation Program Grant fund, and \$6,655.09 toward our capital campaign for a larger ReStore building. We unfortunately had to put a huge grant opportunity on hold that requires an existing building purchase. We plan to remain in Lebanon as a central point to our home build and repair service area: ZIP Codes 97355, 97327, 97386, 97345, and 97329.



## Sweet Home Sleeping Huts Flooring Donation

Another new opportunity came recently when we donated flooring for some of the sleeping huts for the homeless being erected in Sweet Home and built by the Sweet Home High school construction class. One of our staff helped over November weekend to "hut raise," which involved finishing off the next batch of huts.

## New Social Media to Customize Your Experience

We have two new Facebook pages: **Lebanon Oregon Habitat for Humanity Affiliate | Facebook** focuses on our Affiliate construction programs and **Lebanon Oregon Habitat for Humanity ReStore | Lebanon OR | Facebook** shares our latest home and garden products, DIY contests, coupons, and store sales. (P.S. You can also find us on Instagram @lebanonorhabitat and Twitter @LebanonHabitat.)



## We have a "Sweet" Holiday Fundraiser via our Local Chocolatier

Calling all secret elves! Our ReStore has amazing truffles from Lebanon's Victorian Chocolate company - \$4 for a two pack, one with a flavor the other chocolate on milk or dark chocolate. We have four flavors while supplies last and 100% of the sales go toward home build materials. Sweet!



## Corporate Sponsors Shout out!

We also want to thank our longtime corporate partners that donate to the ReStore with every day and seasonal home décor, garden, and hardware items so we can sell them at below market prices and fund our vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live. Corporate partners: Lowe's Regional Distribution Center, Carlson Hardware Lumber & Building in Brownsville, Summit Ace Home & Garden in Lebanon, Wilco Farm Store in Lebanon, and Spaeth Lumber and Home Center - Albany, Lebanon, and Corvallis stores. Lastly, a big thanks to Meyer Memorial Trust for helping fund our Home Repair and Preservation Program.

## Save the Date! Sponsorship Perks and Fundraising Breakfast Tickets

It's been three years since we've served you breakfast, and we are going to do it in style! Learn about our affiliate and the latest home build news at Boulder Falls Inn Event Center in Lebanon, March 15th. Spots are limited so reserve your place by February 14th by visiting eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/478719973327> or calling us at 541.405.5213. Tickets are free but please come willing to add a donation to this worthy cause!

We are also looking for table sponsors for this Ask event; please review the included sponsorship flyer for perks we offer to promote your business both in and outside the event. And thank you!