



From the director's desk

It's the month of LOVE

I hope the sun is shining when you are reading this, because it is raining as I type, and precipitation – both wet and frozen – has greatly slowed our construction efforts so far in 2023. But, we do have **three homes under construction** and have just **awarded a contract for the construction of four more!**



Also in January, we hosted orientation sessions for prospective homebuyers and are **accepting applications through February 22**. As we are processing the applications we've received so far, we are loving interacting with these families; they are at the heart of our mission. (Speaking of hearts, we hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day!)

Last weekend, a former board member visited the **ReStore** and sent the kindest email afterward. He complimented the way the store and grounds looked and the congeniality of the staff. If you haven't been to 6700 S. University recently, please come shop and donate! It is a major source of revenue for our mission and an easy way for you to be a part of building homes, communities, and hope.

As always, please feel free to call or email with your questions and ideas. Our two-word strategic plan was and is "Improve Everything." That work never stops. Neither will our efforts to create a world where every family has a decent place to live. Join us, won't you?

With gratitude,



Schamel Roussel, the executive director of Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light (center) presents the Cool Congregation Certificate to Kelly Fleming, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas (right), and Roger Martin, board president of Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas (left).

Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas Named a "Cool Congregation"

Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light has named us a Certified Cool Congregation for our work building and renovating energy-efficient homes for low-wealth families. We are the first nonprofit to receive this certification and one of only two certified "Cool Congregations" in Arkansas.

Although we're not technically a congregation, multiple congregations and people in the pews help build our homes through mission teams. They also donate to our organization. Our founders from decades ago were active members of a Presbyterian congregation concerned about environmental justice. Faith-based principles guide our work.

[Read more about this award presentation >](#)

Habitat Faces

Meet Brad

Brad has been our director of development for 3½ years, but – even more importantly – he's been Papa B to his first grandchild, Presley, for just over a year. Grandchild number two, Eden, is due in April.



Celebrations will continue into May, when Brad and his wife Alicia celebrate their 30th anniversary.

Brad is not only a rock for his growing family, he is a rock for this affiliate. He shows off by always being the first one to the office, despite driving in each day from Bismarck! We are grateful to Brad for his work ethic, his talents, and his heart.



New Home Dedication

Friday, March 3, at 3 p.m.
2118 Moss St., North Little Rock

You're invited to join us for the dedication of our newest home! We guarantee it will be a feel-good start to your weekend! As new homeowner Toccara says, "When you see the blue doors, you know you are home."

Upcoming Events



Women Build Kickoff - SOLD OUT

Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m.

We are thrilled to announce that the informational kickoff for our Women Build project is **SOLD OUT!** The ReStore will be bursting at the seams next week.

Women Build participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$250 for HFHCA; in exchange they can attend a tool workshop, a build day and a celebration event. If you'd like to contribute to the success of the women participating, you may make a gift at habitatcentralar.org/give.



Baggo, Brats N' Blues 2023

Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m.

The Rail Yard

We're excited to host our third annual Baggo, Brats N' Blues fundraising event! This is a fun, interactive event in the festive outdoor atmosphere of The Rail Yard. Attendees will enjoy blues music from the Shannon Boshears Band, receive a grilled brat, two free beers or soft drinks, a commemorative souvenir, and happy hour drink specials throughout the event while cheering on their favorite team in the Baggo tournament.

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Thanks for checking out our Happenings at Habitat!

Hey, if you've made it this far, won't you consider making a donation today? We can't do what we do without your support.

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