



Rockford Area
Habitat
for Humanity®



2022
ANNUAL
REPORT

Our Commitment To You

Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Principles

Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.

Focus on shelter.

Advocate for affordable housing.

Promote dignity and hope.

Support sustainable and transformative development.

A Letter from our Board President



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, it is my great pleasure to greet you as the president of the board yet again! We have had an outstanding year, and none of it is possible without each of you.

WOW! What a year of growth we had in 2022. Our Critical Home Repair Program took off in large part due to substantial gifts from Rockford Housing Development Corporation, City of Rockford, Winnebago County, and Rockford Corridor Improvement. We have been able to serve so many families who are in such need across our community.

This spring, we will break ground in a new subdivision! Thanks to Region 1 Planning Council's Land Bank, we were able to purchase 30 lots in the Emerson Estates subdivision off Springfield Avenue on the west side of town. This subdivision will serve as a new building location for years to come!

Along with the typical spring construction, we have added a new corporate build for this upcoming summer. Twenty-three of our most generous corporations in town are coming together in both time and treasure for our Twenty-three in '23 Build. Each business has generously donated to the cause with at least \$7,000 and has committed to three volunteer days on site! This will bring many new faces to the job site this summer, and we couldn't be more excited!

The ReStore continues to hum along and again has been our largest source of funds for our organization. Help us out by shopping, volunteering, or spreading the word about this enormous asset!

Growth is a choice before it can become an action.

While we can freely choose to grow, there is nothing free about it. To grow, we all face and overcome challenges, and in most cases, are a necessity when it comes to sustainable improvement. We are making the conscience decision to take our organization to the next level. Thank you for answering our call to grow and improve in every facet.

To all our donors, partners, staff, and others who have let us share in their generosity, and on behalf of our dedicated and talented board, I offer my sincere gratitude. Thank you for inspiring us and for joining us in building up not only Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, but our entire Rockford community.

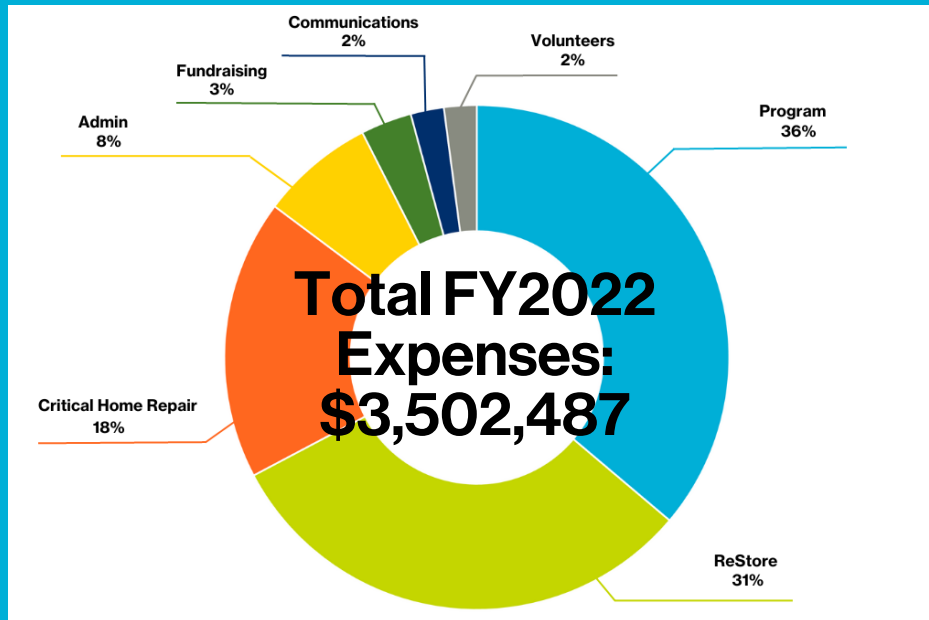
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Schmeling". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Schmeling, Board President
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity

Financial Information

Based on unaudited financial statements from 1/1/2022-12/31/2022.
Audited financials will be available late 2023.



2022 Impact Highlights



7 families

bought homes that were completed in 2022



13 children

moved into Habitat-sold homes



6 mortgages

were paid off by homeowners



\$183,624

in property taxes were paid by homeowners



2 students

were awarded scholarships

Homeownership



6

Homes built by volunteers in 2022



1

House rehabbed and sold in 2022



\$500

Average mortgage payment



99

Total active mortgages



283

Applications Received

School Partnerships

Both Hononegah High School and Jefferson High School built walls for one Habitat home each. Guilford High School and East High School built walls in their Intro classes. Construction 1 and 2 classes then built the homes on site. A total of 4 homes were impacted in 2022.



The power of volunteers. They make homes happen.



2,231
Volunteer Shifts

36
Corporate Partners



865
Lunches Donated



18,471
Volunteer Hours

\$553, 234.90 Value of Volunteer Hours

Critical Home Repair

In 2022, our Critical Home Repair program expanded significantly thanks to funding from the Rockford Housing Development Corporation, City of Rockford, Winnebago County, and Rockford Corridor Improvement.

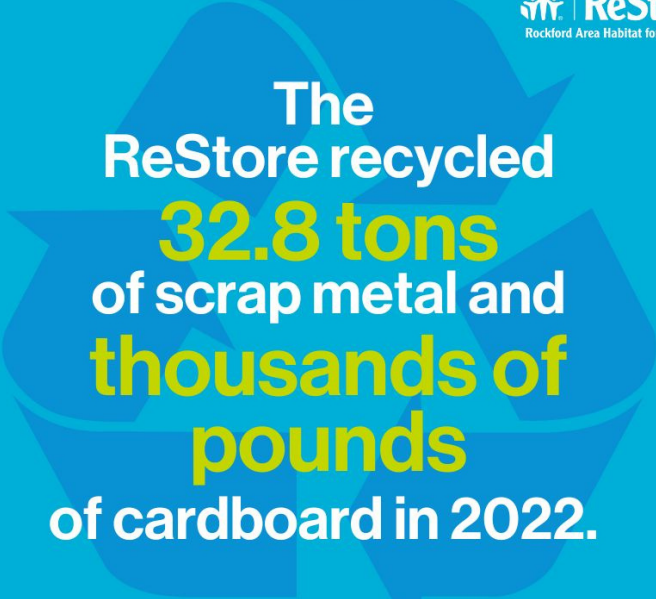
\$543,265.35 was invested in our community with an average cost of \$15,000 per home.

Homes within the Ellis Heights neighborhood, the City of Rockford, and Winnebago County had repairs including:


- 22 Roofs
- 3 Porch Repair/Replacement
- 9 Tub to Shower Conversions
- 4 Wheelchair Accessible Ramp
- 4 Window Replacement/Repairs
- 3 Underground Plumbing/Well/Misc Plumbing
- 3 Water Heaters
- 3 Furnaces
- 2 Siding and/or skirting replacement/repair



The Rockford ReStore By the numbers



The
ReStore recycled
32.8 tons
of scrap metal and
thousands of
pounds
of cardboard in 2022.



In 2022, there were
1,495
ReStore donation pick-ups.



252,307
items were
purchased from the
ReStore in 2022.



There were
5,731
ReStore donation
drop-offs in 2022.



Jamecka & Shondale: Creating Their Castle

"In 2005, Shondale would ride past the same house over and over on his bicycle. He was 12 years old, and he was scoping out where his soon-to-be best friend and crush, Jamecka, lived. Shondale's family had just moved into a home a few blocks from where Jamecka's mom had bought a house three years earlier.

In 2022, Shondale was back to repeatedly riding past a house – only this time, he wasn't on a bicycle, Jamecka was by his side, and they were scoping out the house that would soon become their family home.

Jamecka and Shondale – who have been together since they met as kids and neighbors – decided to apply for Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity's homebuying program in 2019. Jamecka and Shondale say they have always felt highly motivated to become homeowners because of aspirations their parents instilled in them. The couple – who have two daughters, 10 and 2 years old, and are expecting their first son – decided to buy their first home through Habitat for Humanity because they wanted to give their kids the unwavering sense of stability and safety that comes with being in charge of your own space.



"We want everything for them," says Jamecka, "that's why we're doing this."

At ten years old, their older daughter was the same age last spring that Jamecka was when her mom was able to buy their first home. Jamecka says she knows how much her own mom's accomplishments motivated her to work hard and make owning a home a priority, and she is proud to be able to provide that same example to her own daughter. Jamecka says their oldest is already talking about buying her own house someday once she is a famous musician. Until then, she'll settle for painting her new bedroom yellow.

As for Jamecka and Shondale, they are looking forward to building a fence, installing a fire pit, and generally making their new yard a gathering place and oasis.

The house that the couple rehabbed and purchased in the spring is a cute, three-bedroom ranch with sage green siding. It is located right in between both of their childhood homes, where their parents still live. They say that in many ways, it feels meant to be to end up so close to the homes they loved as kids, the homes that brought them together as a couple, the homes that made so much in their lives possible.

In their new home, Jamecka and Shondale are envisioning a place of growth and success, but more than anything, they see a place of happiness. "We already have our little family," Shondale says.

"This house will be our castle."

"What I found was that as I changed the house aesthetically, it changed me too. It made me realize strength I never knew I had. That's the real power of being a homeowner – it trickles out into every aspect of your life. I felt so accomplished in every way," she said.

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safety
joy
home.

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