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Dear Friends of Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity:

Sometimes it is the small things that have the biggest impact.

While making dinner for my family I looked down at the knife I was using and it made me think about where that knife came from. Many years ago, a classmate in culinary school took the time to teach me about knives when he saw I was having difficulty with the one the school had supplied. He showed me the variety of knives he had in his kit and let me borrow a few to practice with so I could get a feel for working with different sizes and styles to find the best fit for me. In the end, I decided I preferred an 8-inch blade with a wooden handle. I didn't have a car and the nearest restaurant supply store was 90 minutes away. Tim gave me a ride so that I could purchase my new knife, a Victorinox 8-inch chef knife with a rosewood handle. Thirty-two years later, I still have that knife and it is still my favorite. Tim passed away a few years back, way too soon. I wish I had a chance to let him know the impact of his kindness and how I still think of him and hope that his family is doing well every time I sharpen and care for that knife.

I share this story because many of our donors and volunteers may also not realize the impact of their small acts of kindness when they volunteer or financially support our organization. Donors such as Mrs. and Mr. Day who have donated \$10 a month for 14 years. Their \$10 a month may not seem like a lot but, the longevity of their support shows a commitment to the work we do. In those 14 years, they have helped to support us in building 38 homes and repairing 49. Those who donate trash bags of cans and bottles to our recycling events, it probably doesn't seem like much on the surface, but those cans and bottles help us to take part in a grant sponsored by Novelis, and over the last year, those donated bottles along with the grant funds have brought our organization over \$6,000, enough to cover the cost of one repair project for a disabled veteran.

For all of our volunteers out there who could only come out for one day, the value of your time given that day, is huge. We wouldn't have the ability to do what we do without you. We hope that you enjoy the experience and it will turn into multiple times throughout the year but if you can't that's OK. We are happy to have you help us even for only a day. You are not only helpful to us, but to our partner families, and our workforce development student participants.

Working together we are not just building or repairing houses. You are part of creating a home for our partner families, a place for kids to do their homework, and growing asset wealth. Together, we are redeveloping vacant lots and blighted buildings. You are providing a place for students interested in the construction field with hands-on learning opportunities and experience, which will aid their career development and future financial security.

It is utterly overwhelming to think about how many people impact each of our projects and we are truly blessed to have such wonderful supporters. We hope that those numbers will continue to grow so that we may continue providing affordable housing solutions to the Greater Springfield community.

Sincerely,
Aimee Giroux
Executive Director

Financial highlights



\$60,858
Individual giving

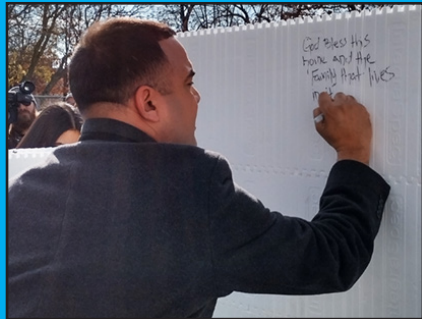


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Cars for Homes program income



\$180,000
Average cost to build a Habitat home



\$148,471
Municipal support

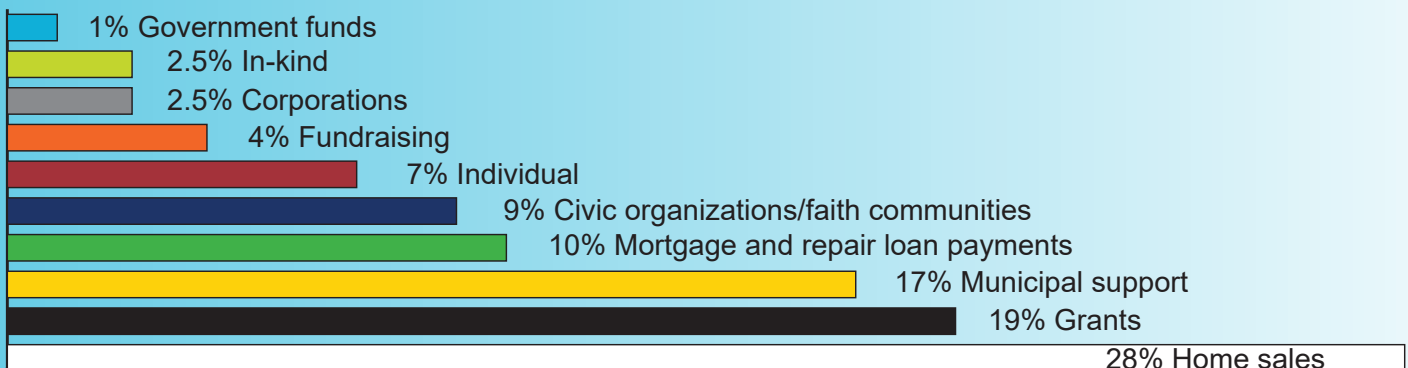


\$23,581
Corporate giving



4,380
Volunteer hours (construction, office, events)

Sources of funding revenue



Habitat introduces “Build with Strength” project to Holyoke community

Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) recently celebrated its newest and most innovative green build: an insulated concrete form (ICF) home. Approximately 30 guests participated in the Nov. 18 “Behind the Build” event at Chestnut Street in Holyoke. Many attendees represented local, regional, and national partnerships. Guests listened to featured speakers, viewed the current construction, and signed blocks that will be used to frame the first and second floors.

The project is a collaboration between the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association and Habitat for Humanity International to build 50 ICF homes across the United States. Greater Springfield Habitat’s ICF build utilizes Integraspec blocks, which consist of 2.5-inch foam panels that are separated by spacers. The blocks are stacked together much like



From left: students from Springfield’s Roger L Putnam Vocational Technical Academy autograph foam blocks Nov. 18 at the “Behind the Build” event in Holyoke. On the right, two of the future homeowner’s daughters and son sign foam blocks.

children’s plastic building blocks. Once assembled, concrete is poured between the foam panels. The 6-inch concrete core along with the foam panels create a super insulated and resilient home. The panels will be used for all of the exterior walls from the foundation to the second story.

“The City of Holyoke is pleased to host this energy-

efficient, cost-efficient, and moisture-resistant home. We’re always pleased to work with Habitat, because a home means hope and neighborhood revitalization,” said Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia.

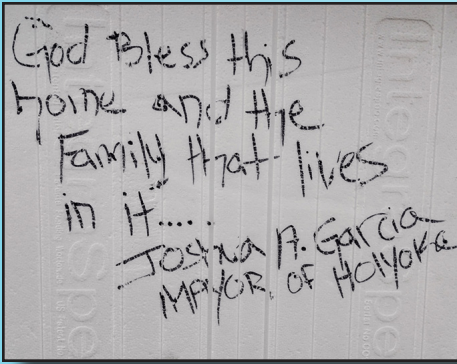
Aimee Giroux, GSHFH executive director, agreed. She said Habitat is very excited to build in Holyoke and construct this home in this new way.

Unlike a traditional wood frame house with sheathing, an ICF home offers several additional benefits to the builder and homeowner.

The foam panels are made from recycled material. ICF

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— Mayor Joshua Garcia of Holyoke



Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia's message on a foam block.

walls do not off-gas, whereas conventional walls sheathed with oriented strand board (OSB) off-gas through glues and resin. ICF walls are resistant to mold and rot, which provides a better living environment for those suffering from allergens or asthma. Also, due to the rising cost of lumber, this method significantly reduces the need for wood for framing and sheathing the exterior, meaning less trees are cut down.

Since an ICF house has foam on both sides of the concrete, they provide increased thermal mass. This means wall temperatures won't change throughout a day because they eliminate the gaps in regular construction that can cause cold spots. It'll cost less to heat and cool the home, which leads to energy savings typically sparing a homeowner 30-70% on heating, cooling, and dehumidification expenses. Also, foam and concrete walls insulate sound better than wood-framed walls. An ICF home will likely be quieter than



The front and one side of the house.



Looking into the basement from the walkout entrance.

a traditional house.

"Doing something different in construction is not easy. Construction is hard enough when you're doing the same thing day in and day out. Try to take on a new way of building and it's really a huge

deal," said Gregg Lewis, chief communications officer at National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. "Sheri (Green, GSHFH construction manager,) took this job on to lead this construction project ... and she's doing phenomenal work."

A home preservation project

Franklin is a former Army Reserve specialist fourth grade, who served eight years. Now, a 91-year-old veteran, Franklin's Springfield home, which was built in 1911 and owned by Franklin for at least 60 years, was in serious disrepair. Franklin's daughter, Theresa, reached out to Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) in

May and September 2021, requesting home preservation services, but the program had temporarily closed due to a lack of funds. After the second phone call, Habitat staff ventured to the house to survey the damage and necessary repairs. GSHFH then connected with Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) for assistance. Greater Springfield Habitat received funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Veterans Housing Rehabilitation

and Modification Pilot Program by way of Habitat International. The federal program serves veterans and/or low-income

part of their Repair Corps partnership with HFHI.

USA Hauling, TNT General Contracting, and volunteers from the Westfield Home Depot Distribution Center and American International College Men's Rugby team worked on phase two. The team removed the water-damaged drop ceiling and plaster from the walls, installed new framing and supports where needed, applied new insulation throughout the room, replaced the water-damaged windows with new energy-efficient windows,



Volunteers from the Home Depot Distribution Center in Westfield and American International College Men's Rugby team pose for a quick photo with 91-year-old homeowner Franklin (back left) and his daughter Theresa (front left).

individuals and provides grants to repair their primary residences so they can retain their independence without being burdened by the repair costs. Franklin's house repairs were scheduled in two phases. First, over Memorial Day weekend in May 2022, GSHFH subcontracted Westfield's NexGen Roofing to replace the roof and sheathing.

In late December 2022, part two was completed with additional funding from the Home Depot Foundation as

and updated the electrical and installed additional outlets and ceiling lights. They also installed all new drywall to the windows and ceiling, repainted the walls, refinished the original moldings and reinstalled or replaced damaged flooring to match the original as closely as possible. They fixed the heating/vent connections and cleaned out the heating/vent ductwork. Theresa said she is grateful and extremely thankful to GSHFH and all it is able to do to help her father.



An image showing the previous state of Franklin's roof.



Nextgen roofing takes off the old roof.



The new roof is done.



The ceiling in one of Franklin's rooms showing water damage.



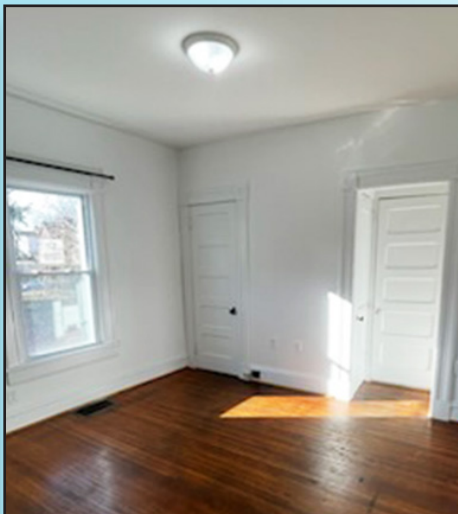
A volunteer removes the water-damaged drop ceiling.



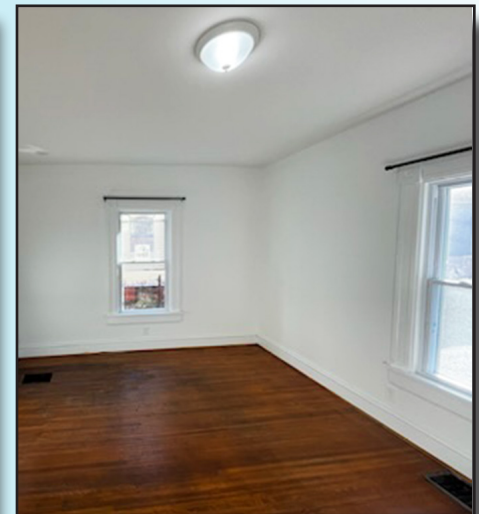
The room is gutted and an image shows one of the new energy-efficient windows.



The repair is in process.



The finished room.



Another view of the finished room.

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Fall Feastival gains momentum following pandemic; grossing over \$35,000

The November event is Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity's (GSHFH) largest annual fundraiser and continues to gain popularity following the COVID-19 pandemic. The autumn 2022 fundraiser brought in over \$35,000.

The evening event, held at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, offered guests samples from eight food vendors: MexiRico Food Shop, Tekoa Country Club, Macken's Specialty Sliders, Texas Roadhouse, Munich Haus Restaurant, Mamma Mia's Pizzeria and Trattoria, Max Tavern, the Lower Pioneer Valley Career Technical Education Center's Culinary Arts program, and Twin Hills Country Club.

Guests were encouraged to bid on 53 silent auction items, which included gift baskets, gift cards, pictures, a quilt, and furniture. Five live auctions also occurred. Prizes such as a propane fire pit, and tickets to see the Boston Bruins, New England Patriots, and Boston Red Sox were also up for grabs. The evening also boasted a wine bottle ring toss, DJ Eddie of Holyoke, an opportunity to sign the foam panels to be used in the



Marie Ciosek

Guests peruse a table full of auction display items at the 2022 Fall Feastival held at Longmeadow's Twin Hills Country Club in early November.

insulated concrete form newest home build, and a model home built using Legos.

John O'Farrell, GSHFH Fundraising and Volunteer coordinator, said while the fundraiser and its goals are important, the impact of how our mission affects families is where we should concentrate our focus.

"Our houses give families a place they can call 'home,' where children can feel safe, and have a quiet place to do their homework," John said. "These families are

warm and sheltered from the elements. They are educated and mentored to be able to take on a mortgage and successfully make their month-to-month payments. It's a place they can call their own."

If you would like to volunteer and take part in planning next year's Fall Feastival, call John at (413) 739-5503.

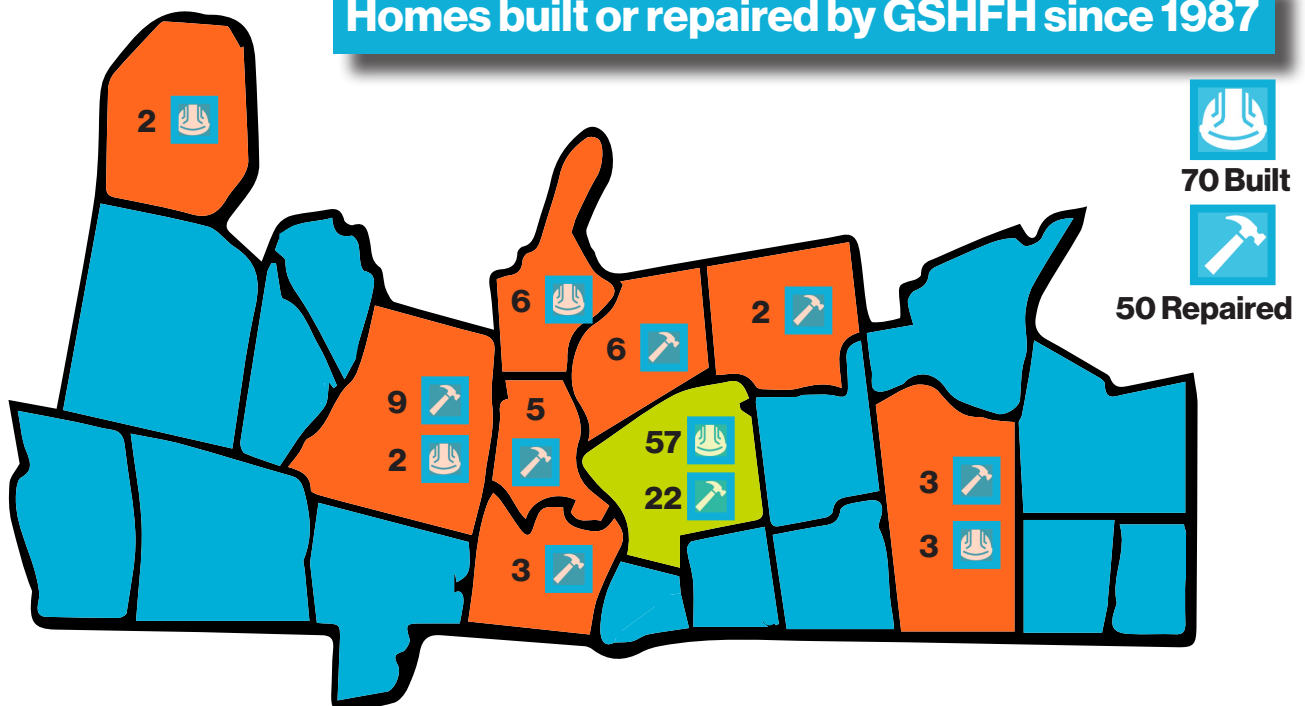


Focusing on our future

Chestnut St, Holyoke

Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) is on track to finish its first-ever insulated concrete form (ICF) home in summer 2023.

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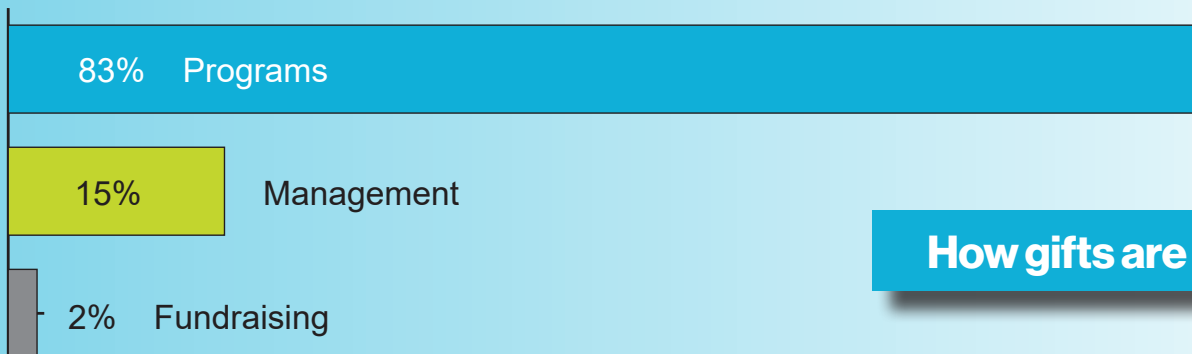
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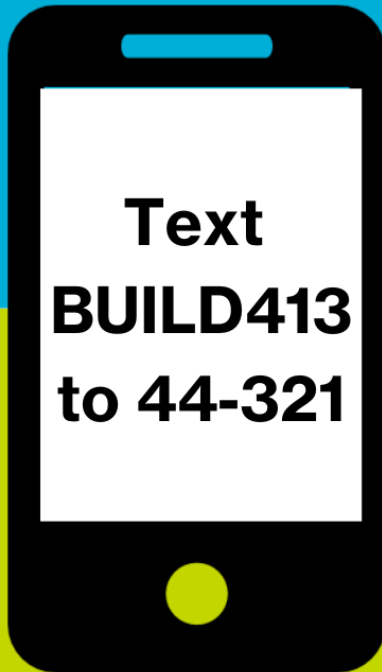
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