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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Greetings from Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity! It's hard to believe the first quarter of 2023 has come and gone and we are well underway with the second quarter. As I look back and reflect on the first quarter I'm excited by everything our community has accomplished to support our mission of putting God's love into action by building homes, community, and hope. In March we held the 2nd annual Common Grounds Coffee Festival, an event centered around building community by bringing people together to support a powerful local cause of building affordable housing while celebrating the unique blend of culture & commerce that makes Oklahoma so unique. After months of hard work, our team, including an incredible committee of volunteers and local sponsors, pulled off an even bigger and better event than the previous year with a nearly 80% increase in the number of vendors and a 60% increase in attendance. No small feat.

In addition, we received final approval for our expansion into Pottawatomie County. There were a significant number of steps required and approvals to be granted to officially grow our affiliate's geographic service area (GSA). We are excited to share that the expansion process is complete and we are focused on serving so many great people in both Cleveland and Pottawatomie Counties.

Finally, we had the opportunity to celebrate 30 years of service to our community remaining steadfast in our commitment to our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Now as we begin to witness the signs of Spring I am reminded it is a season of new growth. Our organization is in a season of new growth and it is our hope you will find a way to connect with us and allow us to put your time, talent, and resources to work on the next exciting chapter of Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,

Randall E. Gardner President & CEO Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity

KEY DATES

- APRIL 23: Norman Earth Day Festival
- APRIL 29: Norman Music Festival
- OCT 1: Love Your Neighborhood Resource Fair
- OCT 14: Disc Golf Family Festival
- MAR 2, 2024: Common Grounds Coffee Festival

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COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE FESTIVAL!

The Common Grounds Coffee Festival builds community by bringing people together to support a powerful local cause of building affordable housing, while celebrating the unique blend of culture & commerce that makes Oklahoma so unique.

The second annual Common Grounds Coffee Festival was held March 4, at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Norman. Admission allowed attendees access to 60+ coffee culture vendors, Loveworks student businesses, artists, musicians, Not Your Average Joe's VW Van Photo Booth, STEAM activities including a maker-lab presentation from the Pioneer Library System, storytimes, and student-led, on-location news reporting. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet Habitat staff, board members, volunteers, and homeowners to learn more about their current projects and community impact.

"We love participating in this annual spring event!" says Neighbors Coffee. "As a Made in Oklahoma company, we believe it is especially important to promote local businesses, and Common Grounds Coffee Festival makes every effort to feature only local roasters and cafes. We absolutely love being able to share our coffee which is normally only available on our website, neighborscoffee.com, with customers face-to-face."

Funds raised and the partnerships built through the Common Grounds Coffee Festival are being used to complete three current home builds, breaking ground on a fourth home in Shawnee, repairing homes throughout the community; and building wheelchair ramps for veterans and others in need.

<u>VISIT OUR BLOG TO LEARN MORE!</u>

COFFEE FEST BY THE NUMBERS

- 128 volunteers
- 220 vendors & sponsors
- 1,212 guests

Total= 1,560

- \$6,795 in donations
- \$11,500 in tickets
- \$19,245 in vendors & sponsors

Total= \$37,540











Next Year! MARCH 2, 2024 9AM - 4PM

COFFEE FESTIVAL Don't miss a thing: https://roserockhabitat.org/coffee2024/

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Our Story So Far...



United Ministry Center at the University of Oklahoma forms Norman Chapter

<u>1994</u>

1991

University of Oklahoma Chapter launches with over 40 members













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First home build in Moore

2001 Sarkeys Grant for purchase of building is awarded

2005

Completion of 30th Home

2009 12 Norman Churches complete the first apostle home build

> 2014 Red dirt brick home build

> > 2017 10th home build completed in Moore

2019 First home build in Noble

> 2022 Renamed Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity

1993 First home build

Norman Habitat for Humanity becomes an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International

1998

Hires first staff member: Executive Director, Ken Gladden

2000 ReStore opens Renamed Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity

2003 10 Year Anniversary

2013

2006 First Women's home build

Commitment to 10 home builds in response to Moore tornado

2015 Restore and offices move to Main Street

2018 Thrivent home build complete Upcycle Center opens at the Restore International home build: Vietnam

2021 Emergency Repair Program begins















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OR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HISTORY

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Refresh your space with NEW items from The Restore!



THE RESTORE

In addition to our usual selection of donated goods, we also have brand new products at discounted prices. From high-quality paint and supplies to stylish area rugs, we have everything you need for your next home project. We also carry Ashley Furniture and Samsung refrigerators, all at 60% off retail price. We're proud to be able to offer such a diverse range of products at such affordable prices, and we can't wait to see what you'll find at the Restore.

ReStore. Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity

WINTER 2023 HIGLIGHTS



Volunteer Brunch We celebrated our fantastic volunteers over chicken & waffles from Sconed!



Winterfest Three hours of unlimited pours of 405 Brewing's craft beers, with a portion of proceeds

benefitting Rose Rock Habitat.



Building a Ramp

Our volunteers constructed ramps to help those in need get safely into their homes.



Home Build Update

Over 40 volunteers from Oklahoma Natural Gas helped construct a new home, complete with energy-efficient natural gas appliances.





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Looking forward in 2023... Upcoming Events



Join us Saturday, October 14th at the Cobblestone Creek Golf Course for a fun-filled day of disc golf at the Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity **Disc Golf Family Festival!** Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner just starting out, everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Come enjoy a day of friendly competition, food, and family-friendly activities, all while making a difference in our community.



The **Homeownership Workshop** is designed to equip current and aspiring homeowners with the knowledge and skills they need to tackle basic home maintenance tasks and to avoid costly repairs that can arise if problems are left unchecked. The workshop is hosted at The Well and will take place on Saturday, May 20 from 3ópm.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

SIGN UP TODAY



Community Corner LOSE THE CONTRACTOR BLUES!

Would you like your project to run smoothly from beginning to end? First, you must choose the right contractor. Check out our blog to try these **5** essential tips from Window Cleaning Plus' co-owner Faithann Basore!









DO YOU QUALITY FOR A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME?

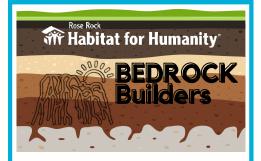
LEARN MORE

GET INVOLVED



Every volunteer can help families build strength, stability, and independence. At Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity there's a job for everyone! Become part of the energy that powers our drive toward a world where everyone has a decent place to live!

SIGN UP!



Bedrock Builders is a community of dedicated individuals and businesses who are passionate about building homes, community, and hope. We believe it takes a firm foundation to build a home that lasts, and are dedicated to support the families we are called to serve. By giving a monthly donation we can achieve this!

JOIN TODAY



You can give through a one-time or recurring monthly donation, or donate your household items, materials and furniture to The Restore. Other ways to give include planned giving, donating your used car, volunteering with us, using AmazonSmile, and making Habitat your charity of choice!

> How Will You Give Back?

OUR LEADERSHIP

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