

# Habichat

## FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Can you feel it? It's officially Fall and the start of the most anticipated time of the year. A time when cooler temperatures start to settle in, warm thoughts of friends and family nourish our souls and preparation for the holiday season begin. It's also a time when we begin to cherish our blessings. Perhaps it's knowing we always have access to a hot meal. Perhaps it's being thankful for good health. Or perhaps it simply knowing we having a safe secure place to call home. However you count your blessings I hope this season finds you well and in good spirits. As I reflect on the past several months for Rose Rock Habitat I am filled with genuine appreciation for each of you. Your generosity and commitment have been the bedrock upon which we have built hope and homes for families in need. But our work is far from finished. The list of families struggling every day to secure safe affordable housing continues to grow, and we are committed to providing solutions.

In the spirit of the season of giving and gratitude, and our commitment to provide affordability solutions, I am excited to share with you our newest endeavor – the Rose Rock Habitat for

Humanity Capital Campaign. This campaign marks a significant milestone in our organization's history as we embark on a journey to raise funds for our new Restore and Client Solutions Center. This facility will not only serve as a testament to your generosity but will also become a hub of transformative activities aimed at enhancing the lives of those we serve. The ReStore serves as the primary economic engine that fuels our programs which include affordable homes, emergency home repairs, wheelchair ramps and disaster recovery efforts. It also provides the public with economical options to furnish their homes, save on repairs and add some inexpensive décor.

Central to our vision for the new Restore building is the establishment of a Client Solutions Center; a space designed to provide comprehensive support to our clients. This center will be a hub of activity, offering essential homeowner workshops, upcycle classes, financial literacy training, family support services and affordable housing solutions. In addition, it will be the hub of our volunteer training program, housing education initiative and community outreach services.

Your contributions to the Capital Campaign will directly impact the lives of those we serve. With your support, we can create a haven of learning, growth, and opportunity within the walls of our new building. Every dollar you donate, every hour you volunteer, brings us one step closer to achieving our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to call home.

I invite you to join us on this exciting journey. Your support is not just a financial investment; it is an investment in the lives of countless individuals and families needing a hand-up, not a hand-out.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. Your generosity fuels our determination, and with you by our side, I am confident that we can achieve remarkable things.

With warmest regards,

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



### KEY DATES

- JULY 21: Hope on the Horizon Benefit Concert
- AUG 1: Moore Night Out
- OCT 1: Love Your Neighborhood Resource Fair
- OCT 14: Disc Golf Family Festival
- MAR 2, 2024: Common Grounds Coffee Festival

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 building homes, community and hope.

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# HOPE ON THE HORIZON BENEFIT CONCERT

The Hope on the Horizon Benefit Concert brought music, unity and hope to Shawnee, Oklahoma, after a devastating tornado struck on April 19, 2023. This event was held on Friday, July 21st, and featured a street fair with local musicians, food trucks, inflatables, face painting, vendors, and more. The evening concluded with a VIP concert at The Ritz theater.

The purpose of the Benefit Concert was to support the ongoing tornado recovery efforts and contribute to community revitalization and emergency repair projects led by Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. Throughout the concert, there were opportunities for information sharing, where attendees could learn more about the recovery efforts and hear stories of hope.

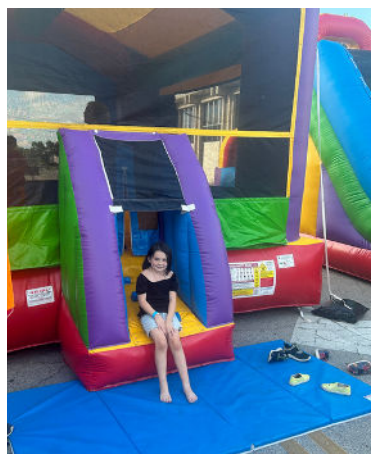
"We believe in the power of music to heal, inspire, and bring communities together," said April Grant, Community Engagement Coordinator with Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. "Through this event, we aimed to support the Shawnee community in their recovery efforts, while reminding them that they are not alone. Together, we can create a brighter future."

The Hope on the Horizon Benefit Concert encouraged local businesses, organizations and community members to become sponsors and actively participate in the event. Sponsorship opportunities offered various benefits, including brand visibility, media exposure and exclusive access to special events.

With over 350 guests in attendance at the street fair and 100 guests at the Ritz VIP show, the event successfully raised \$10,000 on top of the \$20,000 recovery grant from Habitat for Humanity International.



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## OU CHAPTER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Building Dreams, One Brick at a Time

Over the summer the University of Oklahoma has reestablished its very own chapter of Habitat for Humanity in partnership with Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. With a shared commitment to providing affordable housing solutions and changing lives, this dynamic collaboration is gearing up to make a significant impact on both the campus and local community. Already, the chapter has been actively participating in on campus events, spreading awareness about the importance of affordable housing, and rallying support for their cause. By being a visible presence in the community, these student volunteers are making it known that they are here to stay and are committed to creating positive change. Looking ahead, the chapter is gearing up for its first-ever fundraising event, set to take place in the spring. Funds raised will directly contribute to the construction of homes and the improvement of living conditions for deserving families in the community. The reestablishment of the OU Chapter for Habitat for Humanity is a testament to the power of community and the drive of young people to make a positive impact. By recruiting, volunteering, and planning fundraising events, these students are sowing the seeds of hope and change in their community, one brick at a time. Join them on this inspiring journey towards a brighter future for all.

## HOPE BUILDERS: Volunteers in Action

The dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts of our volunteers are the driving force behind our mission's success. Through their selfless commitment to building homes and transforming lives, they exemplify the true spirit of community and make it possible for us to provide safe, affordable housing to those in need.



"The families and individuals who came to my house worked really hard. They were a delightful bunch from Trinity Baptist Church. Thank you for contacting me and reaching out. With big bills and little money, this was a big blessing to a senior citizen!"  
-Bruce Allen

## Thank you to our recent volunteers!



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# THE RESTORE

*Ever curious where to find affordable items for your DIY projects?*

At the ReStore, DIY dreams come to life! Just ask one of our customers, who recently turned old fence posts into adorable pumpkins with the help of our staff in the maker area. Their four-year-old had a blast learning the ropes of crafting – from sanding to painting and even using a hot glue gun for the stems. It's stories like these that warm our hearts and showcase the creativity buzzing within our community. Looking to embark on your own creative adventure? You'll find tons of affordable materials here, perfect for any DIY project you have in mind. From furniture to fixtures, our ReStore is stocked



with quality items waiting to be repurposed. And the best part? Every purchase you make not only adds charm to your home but also contributes to our mission of building homes, community, and hope. Come shop today!

1100 W Main St, Norman, OK

## SUMMER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



### Moore Night Out

*Our staff joined forces with Moore police, fire departments, and local organizations in a community-building event.*



### Norman Rocks

*Our staff participated in 'Norman Rocks,' hosted by The Well. Nonprofits shared their mission, while the community spread kindness by painting rocks.*



### Homeownership Workshop

*in partnership with The Well, we host free homeownership workshops for our homeowners and the public.*



### Spotlight on Shawnee

*Habitat for Humanity showcased its presence at Spotlight on Shawnee, an event held at OBU, where we introduced our expanded services in Potawatomi County with students.*



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# Looking forward in 2023... Upcoming Events



Join us at the **Disc Golf Family Festival**, on Saturday, October 14th. With courses designed to accommodate players of all ages and skill levels, everyone can participate and enjoy the excitement of disc golf. The festival features an 18-hole course for PDGA competitive players, an 18-hole putting course, and a multi hole family-friendly course suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Join us for the inaugural Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Village Drive-Thru, a heartwarming community initiative dedicated to supporting Habitat for Humanity's projects in Pottawatomie County. This event combines the spirit of the holiday season with our mission of providing safe and affordable housing for working-class families in need.

## Learn More about the Event!

Tickets are available for the 18-hole Putting Course, and PDGA Open Tournament below.

[Putting Course](#)

[PDGA](#)

[Kick off: Friday, December 9th](#)

## Construction Corner

### Homeowner Testimony- Jocelyn's Family



Meet Jocelyn and her family, the owners of one of our Norman home builds. Jocelyn and her daughter have been living with Jocelyn's mother for the past few years, as Jocelyn has worked hard to provide for her family. This home will bring stability for Jocelyn and her little girl, until her husband can return home to help provide. "Thank you to those who support Habitat for Humanity's mission, for helping my family, and the community. Thank you for helping my family get a home."

-Jocelyn Nunez



**LEARN ABOUT  
OUR 3 CURRENT  
HOME BUILDS**

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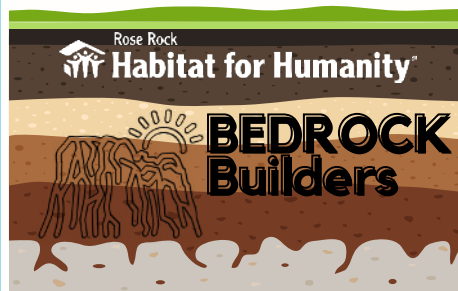
# GET INVOLVED

## VOLUNTEER WITH US



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 towards 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!](#)

## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE



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 or volunteering with us. Make Habitat your charity of choice!

[How Will You Give Back?](#)

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### CEO & President

Randall Gardner

Ben Baranowski

Jess Haralson

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Tom Barnett

Ryan Bisel

David Boeck

Bob Kueny

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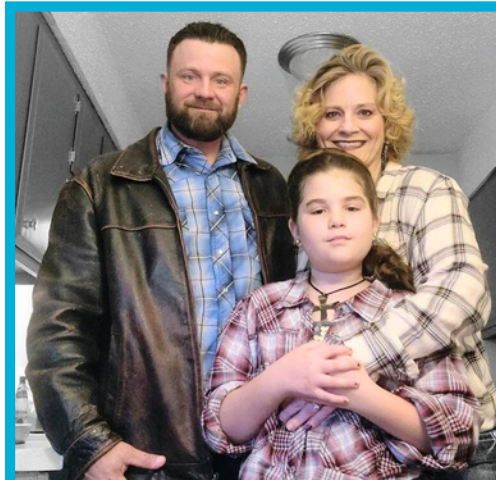
### 2023 RRHFH Board

Jeremy Sparks, President

Alfonso Nieves, Vice-President

Matt Riekowsky, Treasurer

Jerica Pound, Secretary



## Homeowner Testimonial

### Derrick's Family

"Habitat has really changed the course of our lives. I don't know what I would've done without y'all.

Thank you."

-Derrick



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