

# Habichat

## FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promise of a new year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride as I reflect on the remarkable achievements we've accomplished together. Our shared commitment to building a better community has brought about tangible and lasting change in the lives of many.

Throughout the past year, your unwavering support has allowed us to embark on significant initiatives, making a profound impact on countless families. Together, we achieved the following milestones:

**2 HOUSE BUILDS** *We completed two house builds, providing safe and secure homes for families in need.*

**169 EMERGENCY HOME REPAIRS** *Essential emergency home repairs were completed, positively affecting the lives of 541 people.*

**3 COMMUNITY CLEAN REVITALIZATION PROJECTS** *Revitalizing communities and benefiting 12 households and 40 individuals.*

**11 RAMPS CONSTRUCTED** *Enhancing accessibility for 35 individuals.*

1. City Code Violation Assistance: Assisted 5 households and 10 individuals in resolving city code violations, ensuring safe and habitable living conditions.
2. Family Support and Referrals: 68 individuals received family support and were referred to local community partners to meet their specific needs.
3. Homeownership Workshops: Conducted 4 workshops impacting 37 households and 111 individuals, empowering them on the path to homeownership.
4. Financial Education: Held 4 in-person classes, benefiting 17 households and 49 individuals, with a total of 328 course certificates awarded.
5. Program Certificates: Distributed 22 program certificates to recognize the dedication and achievement of participants.
6. Community Access: A total of 4,395 people accessed the services we provided, highlighting the broad and meaningful reach of our organization.

These accomplishments are a testament to the strength of our community and the positive change that can be achieved when we come together. Each house built, every repair made, and all the support extended have not only transformed physical spaces but have also touched the hearts and lives of those we serve.

As we step into the new year, let us carry forward the spirit of compassion, collaboration, and dedication that defines our community. Your continued support fuels our passion to create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Thank you for being an integral part of Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity's journey. Here's to another year of making a difference, one home and one heart at a time. Wishing you a joyous and fulfilling New Year!

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

### KEY DATES

- FEB 10, 2024: Beerentines
- MAR 2, 2024: Common Grounds Coffee Festival
- MAR 9, 2024: Homeownership Workshop
- April 2, 2024: OU Big Event

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It takes **HANDS** to build a **HOUSE**.  
 But only **HEARTS** can build a **HOME**.



# DISC GOLF FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity Family Disc Golf Festival, held on October 14, successfully brought together disc golf enthusiasts, families, and community members for a day of friendly competition, entertainment, and charitable giving. The event featured diverse disc golf courses catering to various ages and skill levels, promoting inclusivity and bridging the gap between seasoned players and newcomers.

Beyond the greens, the festival offered a range of activities, including food by Nosh Catering, drinks from 405 Brewing Co., and vendors providing face painting, hair tinsel, balloon animals, and more. A free family-friendly concert added to the festive atmosphere. With 500 attendees, including vendors, volunteers, staff, and disc golfers, the event raised an impressive \$25,765. Elle Shroyer, VP of Donor and Community Engagement, encapsulated the spirit of the event: "In every throw, in every conversation, and in every moment of this event, we have the opportunity to strengthen the foundation of our shared commitment to creating safe, affordable housing and building a stronger, more caring community."

As we celebrate the success of this inaugural event, we eagerly anticipate continuing this annual tradition for years to come. The festival not only raised crucial funds but also fostered a sense of community spirit, contributing to the mission of building homes for working-class families in need.



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## GINGERBREAD VILLAGE

Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity's inaugural Gingerbread Village event, sponsored by Oklahoma Baptist University and in collaboration with New Ideas Printing, transformed the holiday season into a celebration of creativity and community. The village, adorned with eleven unique gingerbread houses crafted by dedicated participants, became a testament to the community's holiday spirit. Nearly 400 attendees, including volunteers, vendors, staff, and community members, joined forces to support Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity's mission, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

Beyond the joyful gathering, the event's success was underscored by the generosity of sponsors, attendees, and the community, resulting in an impressive total of \$7,605 raised. This substantial contribution, supported by partnerships with organizations like Community Renewal of Pottawatomie County and Alisha Norton Photography, as well as active participation from businesses such as Travis Alexander - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Benchmark Realty, and Shawnee Dental, exemplified a collective commitment to building a better community. As the inaugural Gingerbread Village event concludes, the impact of this community-wide effort echoes, setting the stage for future collaborations and ensuring that the spirit of giving and community thrives in the years to come.



## BUDDY BENCHES

Pleasant Grove Elementary School in Shawnee, Oklahoma, now features a Buddy Bench—a collaborative effort by the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority, Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity, and the Pottawatomie County Sooner SUCCESS Coalition. This symbol of friendship promotes inclusivity on the playground, inviting students seeking companionship to sit and signal an invitation for others to join in. The initiative addresses scenarios like new students, those wanting new friends, and those exploring different activities. More than furniture, the Buddy Bench stands against bullying and represents a community supporting its youngest members, imparting lessons about empathy and face-to-face friendship. As children gather around this bench, they are not just sitting; they are building bridges of friendship that will last a lifetime.



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# ONLINE RESTORE SHOP

*Wanting even more from the Restore?*

*Look out for exclusive one-of-a-kind finds by visiting our online shop!*

Exciting news for all Restore enthusiasts – we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new online Restore Shop! Dive into a world of exclusive, high-end finds at discounted prices, all from the comfort of your home. Every purchase not only brings you unique treasures but also contributes to our mission of building more homes and assisting more families in need in the upcoming year, 2024. Join us in making a difference as we extend the impact of our community's support through this virtual avenue. Happy shopping and thank you for being a vital part of our journey to create safe and affordable housing for those in need.

Featured Items

 <p>Saga Furs BLUE ARCTIC Natural FOX Fur Coat Jacket \$500.00 → \$300.00 Low stock</p>	 <p>Tarkay, Itzhak - Separately Together \$3,400.00 → \$2,100.00 Low stock</p>	 <p>Upcycled Industrial Apothecary Cabinet \$179.99 Low stock</p>
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# FALL 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



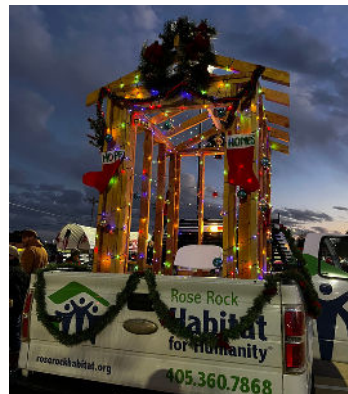
### Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign brought the community together for a night dedicated to raising funds for the new Restore construction project.



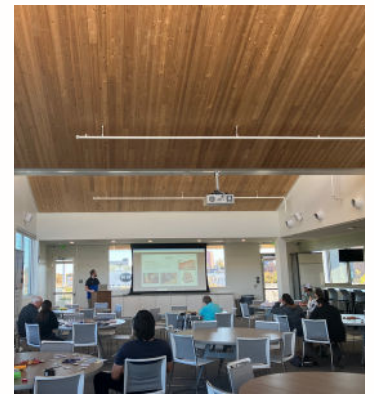
### Little Event

OU Habitat Chapter visited Wilson Elementary for the OU Little Event. We are very proud of these students.



### Holiday Parade

Students apart of our OU HFH Chapter came together for the Annual Norman Holiday Parade.



### Homeownership Workshop

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

Looking forward in 2023...  
**Upcoming Events**



**Coffee Festival YEAR 3!**

The Common Grounds Coffee Festival brings people together to build community and support a powerful local cause, while celebrating the unique blend of culture & commerce that makes Oklahoma so special. Join us on Saturday, March 4th to celebrate coffee and the work Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity does for your community!

[Learn More about the Event!](#)



**(405) Brewing Winterfest**

Join us for Winterfest 2023 on January 20th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. 405 Brewing Co. will provide a few special stouts, and other bold flavors to keep the frostbite away! A portion of the admission will be donated to Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$45 for unlimited pours.

[Saturday, January 20th](#)

**Construction Corner**

Closing on Dual Homes 

Exciting news to share – we've closed on two new homes just in time for the holidays! Our gratitude extends to our dedicated volunteers, supporters, and partners who made this possible. As two deserving families move into their new homes, the festive season takes on a special meaning, highlighting the impact of collective efforts in realizing Habitat for Humanity's mission of affordable housing. Cheers to the spirit of community and making dreams of home ownership a reality for working-class families in need.



**LEARN ABOUT  
 OUR 3 NEW  
 HOMEOWNERS!**

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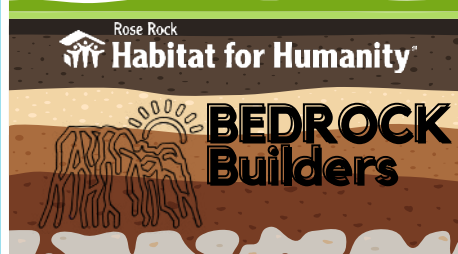
# GET INVOLVED

## 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?**

**Start your donator TODAY!**



## Cars for Homes™

**THIS YEAR, \$5,617.12 WAS RAISED BY YOU!**

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## Homeowner Testimonial

Rebecca' Family

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



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