

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021



BATTLE CREEK AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends of the Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity,

We started this year in a world of unknowns, unprecedented times, and little idea what the future would hold. Our staff and volunteers had just started to come back under an abundance of caution and safety procedures. It was a scary time indeed. However, there is something unique about Habitat, the dedication. We wouldn't be able to do what we do if it weren't for the dedication of our staff and volunteers, pandemic or no pandemic. Though we were certainly faced with many obstacles we were able to accomplish a lot and I thank the staff and volunteers for this!

The lack of access to housing is a crisis that continues to grow each and every year and has accelerated during the pandemic as home prices and rental costs have skyrocketed. Habitat for Humanity is actively advocating for reforms and legislation through the Cost of Home campaign in Washington, D.C.

In the pages that follow you'll learn what the Battle Creek affiliate does locally throughout Calhoun County. It takes the entire community to make this happen!

Warm regards,

Robert Phillips

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Executive Director

HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM



When you are faced with a pandemic you realize more than ever the need for safe and affordable housing. Though we were met with many challenges we were will still able to complete a full rehab while working on two others this past year. The family below moved into the home in May 2021. We had purchased this house and the house next door to it from the Calhoun County Land Bank in July 2020. The City of Battle Creek funded most of this project. It took almost 5,000 staff and volunteer hours to finish this home. Additionally, local businesses donated almost \$10,000 in building materials to the project.





We scaled back on building ramps over the past 12 months but we were still able to get a handful of ramps built. Thanks to the Calhoun County VA for funding ramps for disabled veterans and thanks to the Athens Area Community Foundation for funding a couple of ramps in Athens.



HABI HOUR 2021



PROCEEDS BENEFITTING
BATTLE CREEK AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HabiHour is the Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity's annual fundraising event. It not only provides an entertaining evening for Habitat supporters but it also generates much needed funds for us to achieve our mission. The event will take place on October 12, 2021 at 5pm and will feature music from the Tomas Esparza Blues Band, barbeque from Finley's, and local brews from Handmap Brewing, New Holland, coffee and tea from 32 Social, and Root beer from Electric Cheetah. We hope to see you there! Tickets are available at <https://habitatbc.org/habi-hour-2021/>



In June 2021 we held our first annual Rock The Block event. Volunteers and local leaders came together to work in the neighborhood surrounding our current projects in Washington Hieghts in Battle Creek. We mowed some lawns, cut back overgrown yards, fixed some steps, and planted some flowers. We completed projects at 15 different locations. It was a great success and we plan on it being an annual event. To learn more about volunteering visit our website at www.habitatbc.org and click on Get Involved.





Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters who made this happen. We were very much in need of a new construction truck and it happened in the fall of 2020.



Check back with us in the 2022 annual report to see what becomes of this project



Homeless veteran care packages



Last fall we held our first homeless veteran care package drive. The results were amazing. We delivered 25 packages full of hygiene supplies, food, socks, gloves, and more to the local shelters. We plan to do it again this year with a delivery date near Veterans Day 2021. Thank you to all who supported this project! Give us a call if you would like to help this fall!



Veterans Build Program



Veterans Build is a program that focuses on getting veterans into safe and affordable housing. Our first Veteran Build project in Albion is nearing completion. The Albion community has been very supportive of this project. We hope this is the first of many. We are also expecting to receive funds for veteran repairs and accesibility modifications in the near future. Please give us a call if you know of a veteran in need.



Our impact

Completed 1 rehab. Home dedication in May 2021

Started 1 rehab. Estimated to be completed in October 2021

Another rehab nearly finished

Lives for a family of five changed forever

Completed 22 wheelchair ramps throughout Calhoun County

\$416,768 donated in volunteer hours



Emerald and his family were selected as the Homeowner Partner of the Year. There are over 50 Habitat affiliates in Michigan. We'd like to thank Emerald for not only being a homeowner but a volunteer and a board member as well. He will be honored at our upcoming statewide conference in the fall of 2021. Thanks for all you do Emerald!



Habitat ReStore



The ReStore, located at 595 North Ave sells gently used furniture, working appliances, building materials, paint, rugs, and much more. Proceeds from the ReStore support our vision where everyone in Calhoun County has a decent place to live. Call 269-441-1038 to donate or volunteer. The ReStore is also now our administrative office. Please call 269-966-2502 to schedule an appointment with any of our office staff listed below.



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Financials

Assets

Cash	\$195,776
Accounts Receivable	\$35,660
Current Assets	\$69,304
Fixed Assets	\$1,316,107
Other Assets	<u>\$767,526</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,384,373

Liabilities & Equity

Account Payable	\$25,474
Other Liabilities	\$15,709
Long-term liabilities	\$270,786
Equity	<u>\$2,072,404</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$2,384,373

