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Honoring President Carter

Through his leadership, commitment to peace, and dedication to humanitarian causes, President Carter left an indelible mark on the world.

Below, I'd like to share a brief history of how President Jimmy Carter became involved with Habitat for Humanity.

May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him and the countless lives he helped improve.



Misty Bastoni, CEO at Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County



HABITAT'S HISTORY

The idea that became Habitat for Humanity first grew from the fertile soil of Koinonia Farm, a community farm outside of Americus, Georgia, founded by farmer and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan.

On the farm in 1968, Jordan and Habitat's eventual founders Millard and Linda Fuller

developed the concept of “partnership housing.” The concept centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build decent, affordable houses. The houses would be built at no profit. New homeowners’ house payments would be combined with no-interest loans provided by supporters and money earned by fundraising to create “The Fund for Humanity,” which would then be used to build more homes.

Beau and Emma were the owners of the first home built by Koinonia’s Partnership Housing Program. In 1969 they and their five children moved into a concrete-block home with a modern kitchen, indoor bathroom and heating system, replacing the unpainted, uninsulated shack with no plumbing where they had previously lived. They paid off their mortgage in 1989, six months ahead of schedule.

In 1973, the Fullers decided to take the Fund for Humanity concept to Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo. After three years of hard work to launch a successful house building program there, the Fullers then returned to the United States and called together a group of supporters to discuss the future of their dream: Habitat for Humanity International, founded in 1976.



Each year since then, the Carters have volunteered with Habitat to build or improve houses alongside homeowners in communities across the U.S. and around the world. President Carter also served as a member of the organization’s board of directors from 1984-1987. “I think every human being has within himself or herself a desire to reach out to others and to share some of our blessings with those who are in need,” President Carter once said. “What’s opened that avenue for me and my wife and hundreds and thousands of others is Habitat for Humanity. It makes it easy for us to reach out and work side by side with the homeowner who’s never had a decent house, perhaps. I haven’t been on a Habitat project that I wasn’t thrilled and inspired and wept.”

The times have changed, the build site locations have grown in number, but the very real change that Beau and Emma’s family experienced is shared by families today who partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Thanks in no small part to the personal involvement of U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn and the awareness they have raised, Habitat now works in all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries and has helped more than **59 million people** achieve strength, stability and independence through safe, decent and affordable shelter.

Join our most committed group of Habitat supporters!

Create a Lasting Impact in 2025 and Beyond. Become a HopeBuilder with your monthly gift today.

HopeBuilders are fundamental to Habitat’s vision to create a community where everyone has a

We are looking forward to starting construction in the coming months.

Join us in making a difference in shaping the paths of individuals and communities and fulfilling the promise that every person deserves the opportunity for a better future.

CALL NOW—707.578.7707 or **Email @** Info@habitatsoco.org to see how you, your company, or your employer can help Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County.



Meet Nic Passarell

Greetings All! I am so excited to join the Habitat for Sonoma County affiliate as Homeowner Services & Volunteer Manager. It has been a fun first few weeks settling in and participating in CA Habitat for Humanity Advocacy Day in Sacramento! It was such a great experience to meet other veterans and new Habitat for Humanity affiliate members across our state.

I have lived in Sonoma County most of my life, with a quick stint of living in San Diego before my time at school in Vermont. I spent the beginning of my professional years in the Food and Beverage Industry in Leadership roles before changing career paths into the Housing Sector, most recently overseeing the compliance department as Assistant Property Manager for a 198-unit HUD Senior Housing community. I am currently engaged to my partner of 15 years and have an adult son. I love living in Sonoma County! One of my goals this year is to get out and explore areas I have never traveled within my own 50-mile radius! Such beauty all around us. I am constantly in awe of our beautiful surroundings.

I join the Habitat SoCo team with deep gratitude and look forward to connecting my professional skills with my love of our county to help families access Homeownership. I also can't wait to build relationships with our giving community volunteers during the process. This is going to be an awesome journey! I can't wait to meet you all.

Team Anniversaries

Celebrating 2 Years

Elva, Front-end Supervisor/Head Cashier, is the proud mother of 5 children. She enjoys cooking, traveling and spending time with family. She has been a hard-working member of our team at ReStore for over 2 years. For our employees and customers alike, Elva can answer any ReStore question thrown her way. These things, along with her bi-lingual skills, make her a valuable member of the Sonoma County ReStore team. We are grateful to have her smiling face at our front counter!



Cassy, ReStore Associate, has worked at ReStore for nearly 3 years in various roles. She is friendly and knowledgeable about all things ReStore, and very much

enjoys interacting with our customers, many of whom know her by name! She enjoys spending time with family and friends, travel and listening to music. Cassy recently informed us that she will soon be moving on from ReStore, to begin a new position in the medical field. We wish her great success and we'll miss her very much!



It's Fast Approaching

Yes, it's home renovation time. But what do you do with all the reusable materials you just removed, or with the new materials you have left over from your remodel project? If your answer is- keep as much of the materials out of the landfill - please think about donating to your local Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County ReStore.

Donating your reusable, re-sellable materials to ReStore keeps functional and often desirable items out of the landfill. Others get the materials they need for their projects at a great price, and you get to help a great cause. Donating to ReStore is a win-win situation!

7 types of construction waste that can be donated:

Please note: Based on changing inventory, our donation needs can change day to day. Below is a list of the type of home improvement items we carry at ReStore. Items suitable for donation must be in good condition, free of water damage, clean and ready for resale. All items must be approved by our crew prior to acceptance. Thank you!

1. Sinks, toilets and bathtubs

Donating is a great way to keep these bulky items out of the landfill. If you're donating a sink or toilet, please make sure that it is clean and in very good condition, with no stains or chips in the porcelain. Toilets must be low-flow 1.6 gpf.

2. Cabinets

Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom often means replacing cabinets. As long as they were removed with care, someone else may want those kitchen cabinets you just removed and donating them to ReStore will definitely cut down on construction waste. Kitchen and bathroom cabinets must be complete, clean, and free of water damage. Check to make sure that the drawers and doors are in good working order, including hinges and hardware.

3. Working appliances

You can also donate working appliances like stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, etc. Providing they are complete, no more than 10 years old, clean and in very good working order, we will help them find a new home!

4. Doors and windows

Both internal and external doors in good condition can be donated and used again. The most useful doors are clean and undamaged with no holes or warping, so please look for flaws or alterations before trying to donate. Sliding glass patio doors, vinyl and dual pane, are always in demand. Windows with broken glass, cracks, holes or failed seals cannot be accepted.

5. Tiles and wood flooring

ReStore accepts new flooring of all kinds, including wood, laminate, tile and carpet. Think of us when you are looking for a place to take the flooring you have left over when your project is complete! Please no scraps or cuts.

6. Lighting

Removing a working light fixture that still has some life left in it? Or did you purchase one that doesn't quite work in your space? The ReStore has a high demand for working light fixtures of all kinds. Must be complete, including mounting hardware.

7. Tools and Hardware

Did you purchase too many screws for your project, or do you have extra tools that are taking up space in your garage? ReStore accepts hardware and tools for donation. Many people replace door handles and cabinet knobs to update a room's appearance. These fixtures are often still in good condition and can be donated. Door handles will be most useful when all the parts are kept together, so please put all the pieces in a bag before donating. Hardware must be in good condition and free of rust.

In general, we need home improvement items that are in good working and cosmetic condition, so that they can be resold to support the Habitat for Humanity mission. Offering donations that are clean are much more likely to be accepted, and eventually purchased by a ReStore customer. ReStore also accepts furniture, decorative items and housewares and much more, depending on condition.

Every donation you make to Habitat ReStore, from a doorknob to a large appliance, allows Habitat for Humanity to work with families to provide affordable homeownership opportunities – creating stability, and better health, educational and economic outcomes for underserved families.

Donation Drop-off hours at ReStore - Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm.
1201 Piner Road Suite 500 (behind Harbor Freight) Santa Rosa

To request a free donation pick-up for large items, please email photos to

donate@habitatsoco.org.

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1201 Piner Road, Suite 500
(Piner & Industrial Drive)
Santa Rosa— (707) 568-3228

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

Donations:

Monday – Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Make A Difference Today!

Got an old car? Or maybe one that doesn't run anymore? Even if it's just sitting there, it can still make a difference!

Donate your car today and help fund affordable housing in our community.

- Free towing (if it has four inflated tires).
- Possible tax deduction.
- A new purpose for your old ride.

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