



Women's Build History

The first Habitat for Humanity Women's Build happened in 1991 when a group of dedicated women planted the seeds for the Women Build program. In 1997 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter ran the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project program, where First Lady Hillary Clinton, Kentucky First Lady Libby Jones, and Oklahoma First Lady Cathy Keating participated in a Habitat for Humanity Women's Build. This is where the "Habitat's First Ladies Build" was born. The next year, in 1998 Habitat International formed a new department; the Women Build Department. This new program became an official Habitat for Humanity International Initiative.

The Women Build Department hosted the First Ladies Build. Female governors and First Ladies from every state came together to help Habitat for Humanity build homes for families in need. In 2003 Lowe's signed on as a Women Build underwriter. Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc. became a major sponsor, supporting the Women Build efforts. Since then, the program has more than doubled in size.

In the years to follow, the Women Build department became a weeklong national event known as: National Women Build Week. The National Women Build Week is typically held around Mother's Day, but some Habitats contribute a bit sooner, or a bit later depending on their build schedules. By 2009 there were more than 700 volunteers working with more than 200 Habitat affiliates. A record of 252 homes built by women was made in that year.

By 2012 there were more than 1900 Women Build events across the United States and six International Women Build Global Village teams. Today we have close to 13,500 Women Build volunteers participating in 325 events across the United States. Lowe's contributes \$1.75 million in gift cards to participating affiliates. By 2014 Women builders built more than 2,300 homes. The Women Build program continues to grow as more women become empowered and address poverty and housing for themselves and their neighbors.

By Jillian Kilwien

Habitat for Humanity of Grays Harbor *Women's Build*

Saturday May 18, 2019

Join us from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm for our
Women's Build Day!

Our Women's Build group will be working on house #18.

Contact Darlene or Jillian at (360)533-8090 to join the team and learn how to volunteer for this event.



THINK EQUAL
BUILD SMART
INNOVATE
FOR CHANGE



House #18



Invenergy



Can you hear me now?



Timberland Bank

Anchor Bank



See more pictures below

You can also see more pictures

www.graysharborhabitat.com

House #18:

Keep moving forward

As this Amazing journey of this ole' house continues, we want to say Thank you to Timberland Bank, Anchor Bank & Invenergy!

Timberland Bank out on December 7th and helped with placing siding on the house.

Anchor Bank came out on May 10th & 11th. They got the porch taped off and painted the porch ceiling and helped with other projects as well.

The Habitat board came out as a group, for a day on March 16th to get their hands dirty and help.

Invenergy came out for a second time with their wonderful crew and helped on April 19th, 2019. This crew knows how to move forward and get things done. They worked on getting vents in, sheetrock in the stairwell, fixed areas in the floor to make ready for the new flooring to come in and so much more inside and out. Thank you Invenergy crew!

Work Days

Work Site Work days:

Friday & Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If interested in helping

Contact Jillian at 360-533-8090



GRAYS HARBOR

HABITASTIC KIDZ CARNIVAL

Partnering with Capital City Party Inflatables!

Saturday June 22rd, 2019

Noon to 5:00 PM



**Location: Shoppes at Riverside
1017 S Boone St
Aberdeen, WA 98520**

GAMES

**Tickets 50
cents each**



**\$5.00 bracelets for
Unlimited jumping
In bounce houses**

Grays Harbor Habitastic Kidz Carnival 2019 is the 3rd Annual Community Event to benefit Grays Harbor kids. Our goal for the carnival is to provide a safe, fun, and affordable outdoor activity for Grays Harbor Kids. Our focus is community togetherness; bringing families and businesses together in one place while getting the children off I-phones and couches!

NEW STORE HOURS!

Monday – Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Store Contact:

Phone: 360-612-3350

Email: store@graysharborhabitat.com

Store Donation Drop Off – New Hours

Monday – Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 4: p.m.

If you would like to sponsor a game booth or help volunteer to run a game booth for the kids of Grays Harbor, please contact us at 360-533-8090. Anyone can help, you don't have to lift a hammer to help Habitat build a better community.



The Habitat for Humanity Store has a new look inside. Come see the changes!

3005 Simpson Avenue
Hoquiam WA 98550

(Across from Casa Mia)

Grays Harbor Affiliate:

OFFICE HOURS:

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We are looking for groups and individuals who want to make a difference in their community.

VOLUNTEER

Sign up as a volunteer on our website and choose what you would like volunteer for.

www.graysharborhabitat.com



Come into the store and check out some of our great furniture!



If you have donations for the store please call, we have free pick up service!

From the Blog: www.graysharborhabitat.com/blog

Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail

Have you ever noticed how people, especially our younger generations, tend to rush into projects with all their energy and ideas, only to have mixed results in the end? Do you watch these young *whippersnappers* with a shake of your head and a roll of your eyes, thinking that you have a much better understanding of how to do the job? How often do you finish a project and think that it was good, but *next time* will be so much better now that you know this or that? What you are seeing is the various manifestations of the need for a good solid plan.

It is within our nature to automatically see our own way as the best way.

The Power of Youth

Young people want action, and they have the energy and spirit to rise up and make the changes. Their strength is in their enthusiasm. When they hit a roadblock or even a wall, they can turn it up a notch and push harder to break through. Often, this leads them to success in their goal, but sometimes it takes longer or is more work than expected.

In my youth, I was like this. I charged into any situation I faced without a plan of action. I didn't need one. I decided how to do things as I stepped forward. I accomplished what I wanted, even if I came out bruised and broken, and I considered myself successful for it.

Work Smarter, Not Harder

As I matured, so did the projects I tackled. At first, I simply picked up the pace. A harder job meant harder work, but I could still get things done. Soon though I realized that my body would no longer allow me to simply work harder. I began to see that I had to work smarter, and with my growing wisdom, I knew how to do that.

In our middle-ages, we have a better understanding of the bigger picture. We don't want to have to go back and clean up the mess made on our first path. We learn to move a little more slowly and carefully. Experience has shown us that taking a little more time in the beginning can lead to much less time wasted in the end.

The Wisdom of the Ages

Naturally, it is the elders who have the greatest bank of experience and hindsight. Unfortunately, we often wave them aside, marking their ideas as outdated. Technology is different now. Methods have changed. We know more now than you did then. Do these thoughts sound familiar? What the elders understand, and we often don't is that better planning in the beginning could have made a bigger, longer lasting impact on the changes that they made.

The truth of the matter is that all age groups and all walks of life have common goals. It is up to each of us, young and old, to come together to plan and achieve these goals. We need the power

of the youth, with their new ideas and their energy. It is also important to know how to work smarter rather than harder. The hindsight and wisdom of the elders will show us how to ensure that our results are good and lasting.

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Winging it may lead to small successes, but it will not create the strong solid foundations that will withstand the test of time. We need a good solid plan, created with the cooperation of everyone.

As I look forward, I know that I will only get older. We cannot go backwards. I now see that planning is key. Do I wish that I would always have the energy and spirit to charge ahead? Absolutely! But I know that I cannot. Working with Habitat has shown me that it takes everyone, young and old, to make it all work. We need the energy of youth, the larger perspective of middle-age, and the wisdom of age.

The difference between success and failure is a great plan, and behind every great plan is a great team. We at Habitat for Humanity want a great team. Our goal is to put God's love into action, to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. I can't do it alone. We can't do it alone. It takes everyone moving together, working together, relying on each other's strengths. Success comes when everyone is working in unity toward that common goal.

Darlene Triggs

