



# AMARILLO HABITAT

Summer '20 Newsletter

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

## Breaking Ground on the Future

For over ten years, Amarillo Habitat for Humanity (AHFH) has been building homes in the Glenwood Park neighborhood, working alongside volunteers and families alike to see dreams to come true. With 25 homes built in Glenwood Park, AHFH reflects on the changing neighborhood and looks toward the future.

“We have been working around Glenwood Park for more than a decade and have been so humbled to witness the development of this neighborhood,” says Executive Director Alason Moorhead. “In addition to our Habitat homes, we have seen investment in renovations to area homes, new builds, the addition of a splash pad to the park, and new businesses in the area.”

In June 2020, AHFH was pleased to break ground on the 116th home in a brand new neighborhood, which will be owned by Beh Beh and Do Noo.

The Amarillo Association of Realtors® (AAoR) generously contributed \$50,000 to fund this home. On top of the gift, members of the organization will be volunteering alongside the families to help build the home. The neighborhood, known as Lee Green’s addition in the Barrio, will hold six new families by completion.

“The Glenwood neighborhood is a testament to how a neighbor can truly transform once the ball starts rolling,” Moorhead continues. “We have the same hopes for our new neighborhood in the Lee Green’s addition.”

The excitement of a new neighborhood allows AHFH to appreciate the past, but provides hope for the future of the program and the Amarillo community.

114

AMARILLO HABITAT HOMES BUILT

587

2019 VOLUNTEERS

5,185

2019 VOLUNTEER HOURS

### VOLUNTEER UPDATE

We need your help! Due to COVID-19, we are in need of many individuals and small groups of 5 to help on the jobsite!

To volunteer, contact:  
 director@amahfh.org  
 OR  
 806-383-3456

# shop • donate • volunteer

You may already know that shopping at the ReStore brings funds into the Amarillo Habitat program, but it doesn't stop there! The ReStore merchandise is made up of 89% donated items. If we do not receive items from people like you, we would not have anything to sell to help fund our program; therefore, donations are needed to keep our mission of helping families work towards homeownership move forward. There are two ways to donate to our store: You can drop off your items at our store located at 2626 Paramount Boulevard, Tuesday – Friday 9-4 & Saturday 9-3 or schedule a pickup at your home or business.



Making a difference does not have to be a big sacrifice! Smaller donations can still have a big impact, and by making a recurring monthly gift, your contribution goes even further. For example, a gift of just \$15 each month adds up to be enough to purchase a window or ceiling fan.

Construction has begun on our 115<sup>th</sup> home! There is a tremendous amount of excitement surrounding this build. This milestone home is the final home in our Barringer Village neighborhood. For the past several years, Amarillo Habitat has been building not only homes, but also a community with the 25 homes built within the Glenwood Addition. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home will be purchased by Maria Duron who says owning her Habitat home is a “dream come true” and she is thankful for the “big and wonderful opportunity.” Do you want to volunteer or donate on this last home in Glenwood? Contact our staff at [director@amahfh.org](mailto:director@amahfh.org) or give us a call at 806-383-3456.





# Volunteer Shout Out

Some of the best partnerships are unexpected. In the winter of 2019, Mr. Speed Painting Tools selected Amarillo Habitat for Humanity to be the recipient of a portion of the proceeds from their end of the year sale. Shortly after, Richard and Dustin Speed donated their time and tools to train our staff and Collegiate Challenge participants to tape, texture, and paint walls. They also donated several sets of their invented tools to ensure clean and efficient painting of doors, along with many other miscellaneous tools to help further our mission. Their lessons to our staff and volunteers have become a cherished part of our organization, allowing everyone involved to learn new lessons in patience and painting. Not only have their tools been a greatly appreciated part of the painting process, their service to the community has been invaluable to the staff here at Amarillo Habitat. We are grateful for the time they took out of their busy lives to train the staff and volunteers in addition to the bond and alliance we now have with them. We look forward to seeing you again, Mr. Speed and team!

# Family Spotlight

Beh Beh and Do Noo are parents to four children. Originally from Burma, the couple migrated to Thailand seeking refuge from war and ended up in the Mae La refugee camp, where they resided for 24 years. They remember their home in Thailand as a one room "building" made from bamboo with leaves serving as their roof. The home did not lock or offer any privacy or security for the family of 6 and the roof would rarely hold up during storm season. This family set a goal of homeownership when they partnered with Habitat for Humanity in 2018 and have since completed over 800 volunteer hours, attended 30 financial stability classes preparing the family for homeownership and have saved \$1,500 for their required down-payment. The family says that their favorite part of being a Habitat partner has been learning to build a home from the ground up and they cannot wait for the space they will acquire when they move into their four bedroom Habitat home. Fun fact: They will be the owners of the first house in the new Lee Green's addition, scheduled to begin building later this year!



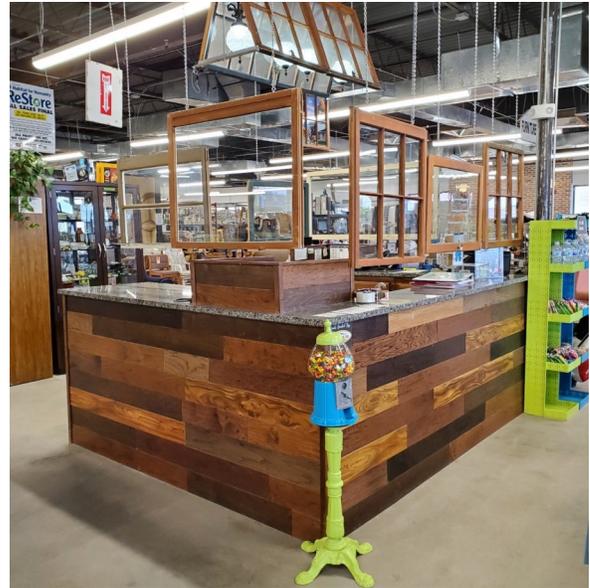
# A Word From the ReStore

## KEEPING YOU SAFE!

Thank you so much for your continued support through shopping and donating to the ReStore. We can't do this without our customers and donors. Together we are making a difference and building much needed affordable homes in Amarillo and providing an affordable place where families can purchase items they need. The safety of our Customers and Employees is at the forefront of everything we do at the Amarillo Habitat ReStore. Here are some of the protocols implemented to ensure safety, health and cleanliness to keep you safe:

### Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- Increased sanitization throughout the store.
- Hand sanitizer at entrance and exit, as well as employee only areas.
- Separate cart areas for clean and used carts.



### Social Distancing:

- Limiting number of customers in the store at any given time.
- Maintaining 6 foot distance with tape on the floor throughout the store, especially in main aisles.
- Window barriers at the checkout counter.
- Designated entrance and exit doors

### Donating:

- Staff wearing masks in store and at pickup locations and using hand sanitizer after handling items.
- Separate donation station on the side of the store to allow staff to clean and disinfect items outside of the building. You may call 806-373-1185 to let our crew know you've arrived with your donation. You may remain in your vehicle to allow distance.
- Pickups need to be scheduled in advance—due to new health protocols, we are unable to pick up as many a day and spots are limited.
- Donations being picked up may be left outside or in a garage to ensure everyone's safety.

## Donor Spotlight



Continuing their tradition of giving back to the community, Atmos Energy has donated \$10,000 towards the construction of Amarillo Habitat for Humanity's 115<sup>th</sup> home. Atmos Energy recognizes the need for affordable housing in Amarillo and is helping to make the dream of homeownership a reality for one deserving Amarillo family. "Atmos Energy is committed to investing in our community from the ground up!" says Michael Gonzales, Atmos Energy Manager Public Affairs. "Partnering with organizations in the Panhandle, like Amarillo Habitat for Humanity, helps provide a hand up to our neighbors and assists in offering an affordable housing solution." Employees from the Call Center and Field Services members hope to join us in building this home by volunteering their time later this year, in addition to the donation. We are grateful to Atmos Energy for showing their greater investment in the Amarillo community through their gifts of services and support.

## Letter from our ED

As we continue to move forward in this "new" world, we have made adjustments to make our Habitat family and supporters feel as safe and served as we can.

Our construction site has a limit of 5 volunteers at a time and offers face masks and hand sanitizer for all participants. At this time, most volunteer opportunities are outside and allow for plenty of fresh, circulating air.

The ReStore offers hand sanitizer to all patrons at the designated entrance and exit. In addition, hanging windows have been repurposed to serve as barriers between our cashiers and customers. Lastly, our staff members are wearing masks for your added safety and peace of mind.

It will not be long until our annual program application opens. Our staff is hard at work preparing for alternatives to our typical informational meetings and application distribution.

While everything feels different, our mission still continues: homes are continuing to be built, volunteers keep giving their time, our ReStore remains open for shopping, Habitat families and partners are being served, and most importantly, we still need you!

We are grateful for any of your donations of time, funds, or support, during this unique time. Despite the changes, one thing will remain the same: We will continue to press forward and create affordable housing options for our community. We hope the coming completion of our Glenwood neighborhood is a demonstration of that commitment and that you will be part of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alason Moorhead".

Executive Director  
Amarillo Habitat for Humanity

# Hanging Out with Amarillo Habitat for Humanity



Congratulations to the Hel Family on the purchase of their brand new home!  
We are so proud of their hard work!