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Celebrating



in 2020

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Happy New Year! 2020 what an amazing number, what an amazing time to be a part of this incredible year God has graciously put in front of us. We at Blue Water Habitat for Humanity are not only celebrating a new year but are looking forward to celebrating our 30th Anniversary with all of you. As the excitement builds I thought, before we move forward, let's pause and reflect back on the 29 years we have had the joy of being a part of.

In the past 29 years we have come a long way- from 1990 to 2020 we have faced challenges and experienced many blessings. We have served over 175 families in St. Clair and Sanilac Counties, through homeownership and home repair. We have had 3 locations for our ReStore: from Lapeer Rd. in Port Huron, to Gratiot Blvd. in Marysville, to our current location in our beautiful ReStore on Pine Grove Ave at the north end of Port Huron.

Our journey has been wonderful and in some way we have all been a part of it. Thank you for your support and friendship. We will be celebrating throughout the year with a festive celebration on 3/30/20; please watch for your invitation and for all of the celebration events!

Meet the Hernandez Habitat Family

We at Blue Water Habitat for Humanity would like to introduce to you our newest family. Brittany Hernandez has already been actively pursuing her sweat equity hours by volunteering at 910 Howard and various other volunteer opportunities. Brittany is a single mother of two incredible twin boys, Niko and Carter. She has accepted a property offer from us at 513 14th St. in Port Huron and is very excited about starting work on her new home in the spring of 2020. She has worked in the same position and career for over 12 years and is ready to begin a new chapter of her life with the boys, helping to provide a safe, stable environment for them. Ladies and gentlemen....

The Hernandez Family.



These Sponsors ROCK!

Can you believe it ? in less than 6 months we will be Rocking it again. We are blessed to announce that The James C. Acheson Fund will be sponsoring as well as Walmart. Thank you to these incredible organizations for their support. As we all know, it takes a village and we welcome all volunteers and sponsors. Let's keep the momentum going so we really Rock the Block in 2020!

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity

- BWHFH serves St. Clair and Sanilac Counties.
- Formed in 1990, BWHFH has helped 175 families build or improve a place to call home.
- Each housing project required roughly 2,000 volunteer hours from start to finish to complete.
- Families purchase their homes after contributing more than 300 (500 for two adult families) hours of sweat equity with BWHFH.
- Affordable mortgages and energy efficiency make homes affordable for our low-income neighbors.





Cost of Home Advocacy Campaign: Supply and Preservation

Increasing supply and preservation of affordable homes: Almost every area in the U.S. faces a shortage of safe, decent and affordable homes, particularly ones available to those earning modest incomes. The campaign will support advocacy for policies that enable the production and preservation of and access to homes affordable to lower-income households.

In Michigan,

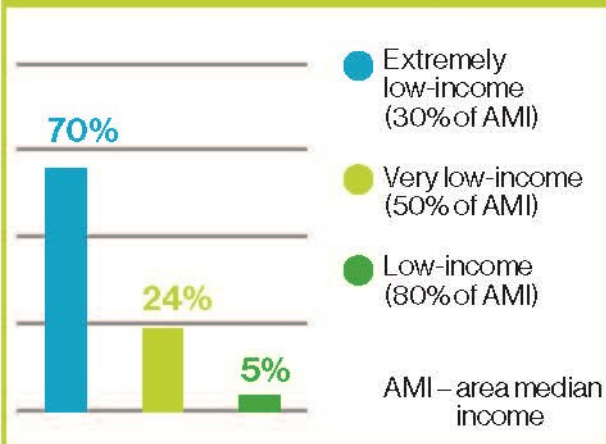


1 IN 8 HOUSEHOLDS

spend half or more of their income on housing.

Everyone deserves to build the foundation for a strong, healthy future for themselves and their families – no matter where they live or how much money they earn. Every family deserves the chance to thrive.

Households spending half or more of their income on housing by income level in Michigan



Together, we can make the cost of home something we can all afford. Get involved by visiting habitat.org/costofhome.

Stay tuned for more explanation on the next key area: [Optimizing land use for affordable housing](#)

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Shortage of affordable and available households for extremely low-income renters in Michigan.

Answering A Call

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity is currently working on build plans and volunteer opportunities for 2020. How can you, your business or organization get involved with projects? Contact us today at 810-985-9080 ext. 206.

January-March: Veteran Repair Corps– Critical Home Repair Port Huron and Women’s Build in early March. In addition to working on construction projects, volunteers and volunteer groups are invited to participate in hospitality projects, fundraising events and on committees. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Port Huron utilizes volunteers in a number of ways. Call 810-364-6919 to volunteer at the ReStore!

To see a list of volunteer opportunities visit: www.bwhabitat.org



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