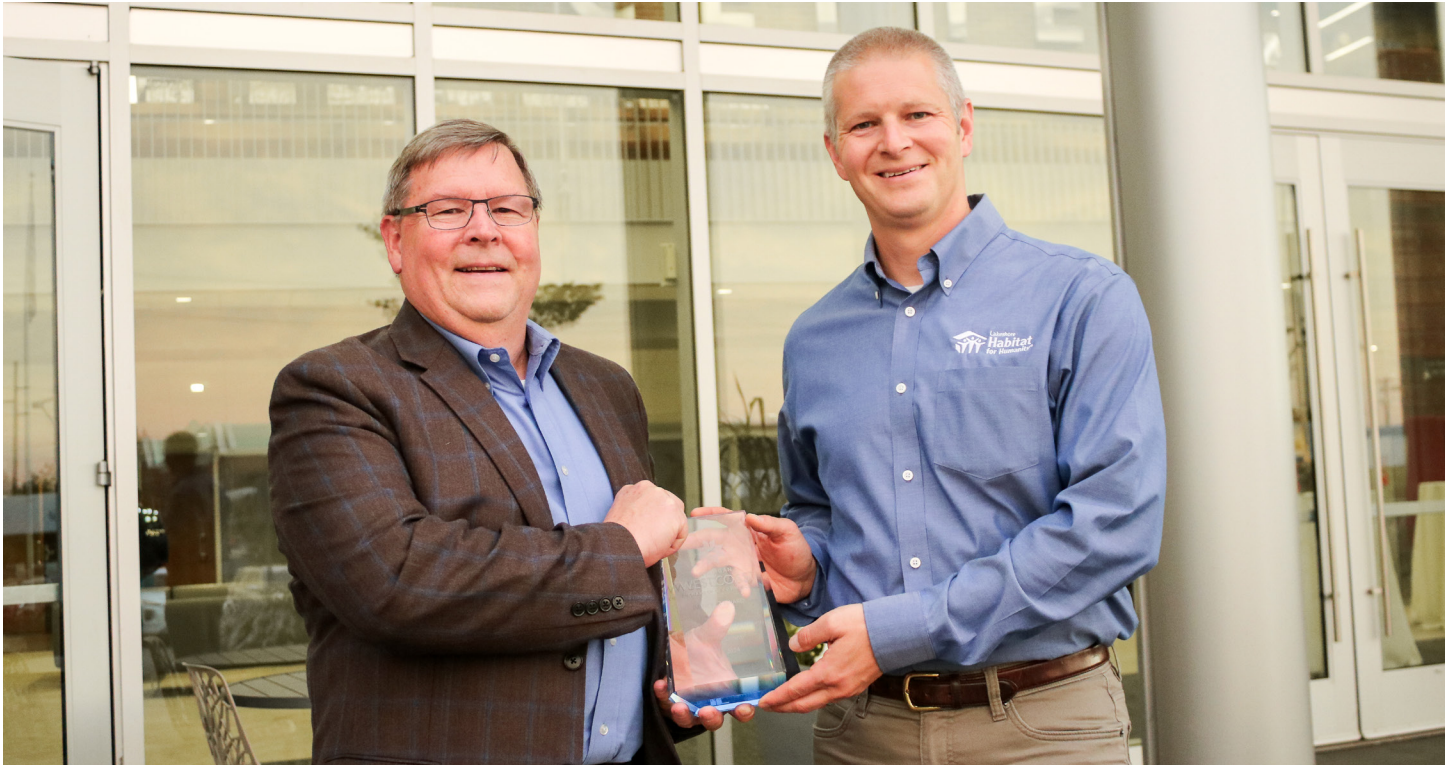




Habitat Happenings

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity Quarterly Newsletter



Passing the Torch

Lakeshore Habitat welcomes a new Executive Director

Don Wilkinson, Executive Director of Lakeshore Habitat for the past 8 years, has stepped into a new role — he is now the President & CEO of Habitat Michigan! Don has done an incredible job leading our team and expanding the work and impact of Lakeshore Habitat over the last 8 years, overseeing the building of 37 homes for families in our community. While he is greatly missed, we are so excited for him to step into this well-deserved promotion. He shared, "I have loved my time at Lakeshore Habitat, and it will always hold a special place in my heart. I am confident in the team and sure I'm leaving them in good hands to continue to grow our impact."

We are excited to share that Dave Rozman has accepted the role of Executive Director. Dave has served as our Senior Development Director for the last 6 years, working daily to raise funds from businesses, grants, and individuals so that we can continue building homes for families in our community. He brings with him into the role years of experience in non-profit leadership, extensive knowledge of Habitat, and expertise in planning and development. We are excited for the future and the gifts Dave will bring to Lakeshore Habitat through his leadership.

What we've
accomplished
together
so far in 2024



16 closings



**3 homes
started**

Build Update



Vista Green: Phase 1

We're so excited to share that Phase 1 of Vista Green is almost entirely finished! The first 7 homes in Phase 1 are complete and have received Certificates of Occupancy. The last two are in final stages of finishing work, receiving trim and final inspections. Families have moved into six of the nine homes, and we are seeing the beginnings of the Vista Green community come together!

Vista Green: Phase 2

Exciting things are happening in Phase 2 of Vista Green! The first three homes are fully framed out with roofs installed. Footings and foundations for the final six homes will be going in the beginning of October. We hope to frame as many of the final six as we can before winter! Homeowner Partners have been selected for six of the nine homes in Phase 2.

Interested in supporting our work at Vista Green? Reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator!



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Dale Alderink: Hanging Up His Hardhat



After 18 years of service with Lakeshore Habitat, long-time regular volunteer Dale Alderink has officially retired - for a second time. Dale retired from his career as an engineer in 2006 at 70 years old. He shares, "I got tired of sitting around at home doing nothing, and I had to find a way to use all my free time. Habitat is a good place that's helping others, as well as myself. I have enjoyed the work." During his tenure, Dale volunteered with Lakeshore Habitat 445 times, worked on 68 different projects, and completed over 3,000 volunteer hours. Dale, we are so thankful you chose to volunteer with us! You will be missed.

Over 3,000 lifetime volunteer hours

Habitat for Humanity International Collaborative Operating Model

You may notice some changes in the materials you receive from Habitat for Humanity in the coming months!

Habitat International has adopted a Collaborative Operating Model, which allows all of Habitat to work together to better advocate for and create affordable homeownership. **In the future, communications will come from Habitat International's CEO Jonathan Reckford, as well as Lakeshore Habitat's Executive Director, Dave Rozman. By sharing local, national, and international updates, we hope to strengthen your connection to the Habitat mission, provide a better understanding of the scope of Habitat's work, and share the impact of your support throughout the Habitat network.** In responding to future mailings asking for financial support, you will have the option to designate funds to Lakeshore Habitat so your donation will still go directly to us. **We encourage you to do so and to remain connected at the local level through social media and our e-newsletter!**

Holly & the Impact of Home



Meet Holly. Holly recently graduated from Holland High School where she played several sports, was on student council, and in National Honor Society. She thrived academically and made the most of her time in high school, ultimately receiving a full-ride scholarship to University of Michigan to study Environmental Engineering, where she's studying now.

Holly is also the daughter of Lakeshore Habitat homeowners, Quincy (current City of Holland councilman) and Sara, and has lived in a Habitat home since 2010. She partially credits the stability and safety provided by her home with her success in high school. She shares, "Living so close to the high school was huge. I was able to be more

involved because we lived close by, and I had a quiet and safe space to do homework or rest after school. Our house was also where everyone came back to hang out after school, and that was cool too. I'm really thankful."

Statistically, children of homeowners are 116% more likely to graduate from college. Homeownership also leads to better test scores and higher high school graduation rates, especially among children of low-income homeowners.

What a joy and privilege to see firsthand the impact that home can have. We are so thankful for the small role we got to play in Holly's story, and we can't wait to see where she ends up and what impact she will have on the world around her. Homeownership benefits everyone, and what a beautiful example of the strength, stability, and self-reliance that home can provide.



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Over the last 23 years I have had a wide variety of roles at local and national non-profits, often during those years I was confused as to why my roles would change and I would have to learn new skills. But looking back now, I can see how God's hand was guiding me, building me up, developing me and preparing me to be the Executive Director of Lakeshore Habitat. I am honored to be stepping into this role, and I am excited to continue the work and ministry of Lakeshore Habitat as we strive to build homes, community and hope in West Michigan.

to Miami, to serve with the local Habitat affiliate. I enjoyed it so much I returned the next year, as trip leader, with 40 college students.

Around 2006, while working at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Holland, I mentored a teen whose family was receiving the 75th Habitat home built by Lakeshore Habitat. I led a group of teens to assist with landscaping and attended the home dedication. In 2017, while in a job search, I had a chance run-in with a family friend who inquired as to what I was looking for. A couple weeks later, at a men's group, this individual heard a friend share about a position at Habitat that had just opened up. This led to a conversation and eventually me stepping into the

a message from our new executive director DAVE ROZMAN



My journey to this role as Executive Director of Lakeshore Habitat began over two decades ago, and looking back now, I can see God's hand throughout. Back in 2001, while attending GVSU, I had the opportunity to go on a spring break missions trip