



## Qualified Charitable Distribution

### **Attention: All You Folks 70-1/2 Years Old!!**

Consider Habitat when taking that required minimum distribution (RMD) out of your IRA in 2020. Contact your financial advisor and discuss how to make a direct withdrawal/transfer of funds to HFHWRA. By giving to a charity, the donated amount is excluded from your taxable income. And you can claim it on your list of itemized charitable donations. So if you had already planned to donate to HFHWRA, this is a win-win situation for all concerned, and it's easy to do.



## Thrivent Choice

Each year, Thrivent Choice dollars help us build. If you are an eligible Thrivent member, you can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice funds to Habitat for Humanity Wisconsin River Area. Talk to your Thrivent financial adviser for more information. And don't forget to ask about Thrivent Action Teams!

## Our 79th Completed Home Is Also A “First”

This month we're celebrating the completion of Trever's home in Lake Delton. This was our first fully-accessible ADA build, so we worked closely with Trever to make sure his home supported his independence while remaining affordable.



*This home was built with over 1300 hours of volunteer help*

You can join us in a virtual house blessing, watch video of Trever touring his completed home, or see a photo slideshow of the many people who contributed to the build by visiting our website [hfhwisconsinriver.org](http://hfhwisconsinriver.org).



*Trever and friend Teresa celebrate groundbreaking in June 2019*

# Let's Build Together



**Habitat  
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Wisconsin River Area



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Letter from the President

My message to you in this “safer at home” time is that we are all in this together. Granted, some are affected more than others, but we are all affected. We feel helpless, and yet there is so much to be done. We want it all to move on; however, life is sort of at a standstill.

But is it at a standstill? While our day-to-day life might be, this is not so with the natural world around us. Stop and look. The sun still rises and sets. By the time you read this, spring flowers will be blooming. Trees will be showing fat buds and, soon, leafing out. All of this comes to remind us that we have a huge God who is in control. So in our “stay at home” mode, there really is much each of us can still do. Seemingly small gestures can have a mighty impact, whether it’s checking on a neighbor with a call, sewing masks and donating them, or saying thank you to the grocery store worker. We know that these can have a ripple effect, like tossing a pebble into still waters, making a tiny wave that may just have a much larger effect than we ever intended or realized. Knowing who is reading this, I’m quite sure you are already doing these acts of kindness.

We wish to thank you for your continued support of our mission as we navigate this difficult time. Because of your financial and prayer support, we have been able to continue moving forward. Although our ReStores have had to temporarily close, progress is being made. The home in Lake Delton is completed and Trevor has moved in. Excavation and construction has begun in Portage for Jade and her family. All of this is happening while following the safety guidelines.

So please be safe. Be well. We are all in this together.

Your partner in this effort,

Marcia Brown, President



A House Is Not A Home Until It Is Filled With Love

“Blessed by this build and filled with love; Jade and her children Brock, Aubrey, and Bella will make this house a home. Through faith, this journey of love begins!—Pastor Brenda Pulver

The Lloyd family has long held roots in the Portage community, where mom Jade has been employed for more than 7 years while living in Marquette County. Juggling the responsibilities of family and work has meant long hours driving back and forth each day. Last summer she participated in Habitat’s free “Home Buyer’s Club”, working with a financial coach to prepare for purchasing a home for her family. This led her to apply to the Habitat Home Ownership program, where an affordable mortgage and minimal downpayment means she can make her dream a reality without struggling to make a monthly housing payment.



Groundbreaking for the Lloyd family

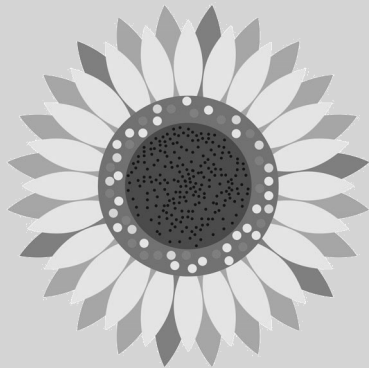


Jade building walls for her future home.

On March 14th the family celebrated the groundbreaking for her future home at 424 W. Oneida in Portage. Jade’s family, friends and members of the Oxford-Packwaukee Presbyterian church were on hand and vowed to help her complete the 250 hours of volunteer labor required of her. Jade has already put in more than 20 hours, helping to pre-build the walls of her future home. While volunteering on site is currently limited, Habitat welcomes individuals to help Jade build by calling (608) 448-2888 or emailing [office@hfhwisconsinriver.org](mailto:office@hfhwisconsinriver.org).

ReStore® News

We’re working hard on plans to re-open with your safety in mind!  
We also have convenient online shopping.  
Keep up to date by visiting [hfhrestorewisconsinriver.org](http://hfhrestorewisconsinriver.org).



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 19th  
Charitable Golf Outing  
Baraboo Country Club

Thursday, October 15th  
“Giving Back” Able Trek Tour  
Villa Louis & Potosi Brewery

More info on our website  
[hfhwisconsinriver.org](http://hfhwisconsinriver.org)

VOLUNTEER MYTHS



I need to have construction experience.



We love to teach new skills!



I need to have the right tools to build.

We’ll supply the tools & safety gear.



I need to recruit a team to help.

We welcome individuals too!



I can’t make a difference in just one day.



Every hour you give brings a family one step closer to achieving their dreams.