

BUILD COMMUNITY IMPACT

During 2016, and in line with our strategic plan, Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity constructed 11 new houses, completed 2 full house renovations, and finished more than 40 repair projects. Our ReStore celebrated its 2nd anniversary successfully supporting our mission throughout greater Hartford. Since 1989, Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity has provided affordable homeownership for 231 families.

BUILD SECTOR IMPACT

2016 witnessed the launch of our Financial Freedom Center, a community resource available throughout the Greater Hartford region. The Center offers families valuable workshops on personal financial management and budgeting practices. We expanded our volunteer recruitment model to engage more volunteers enabling us to broaden and sustain our impact by serving other nonprofits that also focus on providing affordable housing and basic shelter. These nonprofits include Mosaic, Hands on Hartford, the Community Renewal Team, among others. Good collaborations build strong, sustainable communities.

BUILD SOCIETAL IMPACT

Societal impact is a core element of our strategic plan. During the next two years, we will work to increase our impact by creating an advocacy and outreach initiative. Building broad awareness of the critical need for equal access to decent affordable shelter and housing is vital. Habitat for Humanity is well positioned to lead this initiative with its extensive network of volunteers and stakeholders who can be enlisted to serve as vocal ambassadors of the Habitat mission, which is wholly centered on bringing people together to build homes, community and hope.

BUILD A SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATION

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." -Andrew Carnegie

Over the past three years, we have invested significantly in our staff, and volunteers by developing strong, mission-focused teams. With our staff we have held quarterly training sessions, as well as periodic teambuilding outings, all of which are focused on advancing professional development and strengthening camaraderie. Through continuous improvement of our programs and procedures we have received Charity Navigator's coveted Four-Star rating, its highest, for three consecutive years, and we have been named a Best Place to Work by the Hartford Business Journal for two consecutive years.

