



## Building a Future Together

Construction began this summer on Mesa del Rio Phase II, a development project that will consist of six new energy efficient homes for low-income families. The families living here will be first-time home buyers who earn 30-60 percent of the area median income and could not qualify for a conventional mortgage. Families who are chosen for a Habitat home are offered a low down payment, zero-interest mortgage loan, and receive budget and financial counseling before and after purchase.

The opening ceremony for the first two homes under construction in Phase II was held July 29. Crista and her two children will be the homeowners of the Sandia Retirees' & Friends house, while Louis and Orariya and their four children will be the homeowners of the Burque Build, a home dedicated to Bernalillo County first responders. There were many friends and supporters



*First responders and soon-to-be homeowners of the Burque Build home, dedicated to Bernalillo County first responders, join together during the opening ceremony July 29.*

at the job site during the celebration including city officials, other Habitat homeowners, fire fighters, police officers, and emergency medical professionals.

Danny Valenzuela, division chief, Bernalillo Fire Department, said "Thank you for honoring first responders through the Burque Build. We share a common passion with Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity; to help families like Louis and Crista's family to gain a better future." During the ceremony Kirk Krumperman, chief, Albuquerque Ambulance Services noted, "What's common among all first responders is we would love not to have to respond to calls in the first place. We believe in prevention and Habitat for Humanity is one way

to prevent crisis that comes from people's lives. Getting stability and hope in your life, to have a wonderful place for kids to grow up, is a wonderful way to prevent the need for emergency services."

Soon-to-be homeowner of the Sandia Retiree's & Friends house, Crista, is a single mother who works graveyard shifts to care for her family and will be

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*Crista stands with her two children, soon-to-be homeowners of the Sandia Retiree's & Friends home. They are joined by Joan Costello, Executive Director; Robert Chavez, President, Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union; and Jeff Payne, GAHH Board President.*



*Bernalillo County first responders support the Burque Build during the opening ceremony on July 29.*



## Leading Mission & Vision

This is my favorite time of year...the sights, sounds, and smells of fall. A time for homecomings, harvests, chile roasting, leaves changing color, and the Holiday Season peeking around the corner. We leave the carefree days of summer behind and start to nest. This time of year makes me think of home and spending time with family. And yet, for far too many, home is but a dream. Here at Habitat it's our goal to deliver a message of hope and sow the seeds of possibility. We seek to inspire a vision of a better life and help the families we serve to build a foundation for their future. It's our mission to make those dreams of homeownership a reality.



*Joan Costello,  
Executive  
Director*

In August, we started Phase II of our Mesa Del Rio development. It is a bounty for us to have the land on which to build and provides a basis to help more families build better futures. These things don't happen by accident; they are the result of caring people like you who understand that safe communities are created by supporting the families and the children who live here and that investing in Habitat means building a better place to live, work, and play for everyone.

Don't think for a minute that your spirit of giving and caring for those in need doesn't make a difference; investing in others is indeed what sets us apart from those who simply turn away and think they have nothing to share. Gifts wear many hats at GAHH – from those who read our newsletter, to those who sign up for email news so we can share our work and progress with them, or those who get involved and donate to the ReStore or work on the jobsite, and those who choose to give financially and invest in our mission. The need in our community is greater than ever; thank you for joining us, for helping Habitat make dreams of homeownership come true and for investing in this community.

Blessings,  
Joan Costello



*Jeff Payne,  
GAHH President*

There is a story told of a boy on the sea shore. The tide had gone out and many starfish were left stranded out of the water and faced their destruction. The boy was picking up starfish one at a time and throwing them back into the water. An adult saw this and explained the futility of what the boy was trying to do saying, "There are so many starfish that you will not make a difference." The boy looked up at the adult, picked up one more starfish and threw it into the ocean and said, "I made a difference for that one!"

Make a difference for our community and support Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity. Each donation of time, material, and money makes a difference. The combined efforts of many have a great impact. This year marks Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity's 30th anniversary. During this time we've built 185 homes in the community. More importantly are the lives that have been impacted through homeownership.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Payne

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### In Memory

The staff, board, and homeowners of GAHH extend our condolences to Barbara and Pete Hosenfeld on the passing of husband and father, Leo. Leo was a long-time SWAT (Special Work Assignment Team) member, friend, supporter, and advocate of Habitat for Humanity in Albuquerque and across northern New Mexico for nearly 30 years.





# Homeownership Changes Lives

Shadé is a single mother to a joyful 3-year-old son. When they applied for a Habitat home more than a year ago they were living in a one-bedroom house “which was a fine place to raise my son when he was a baby, but now



Executive Director Joan Costello, homeowner Shadé, and her father Leo at the opening ceremony for the Wells Fargo home in March.

that he’s getting older we are ready to find a place we can call home,” said Shadé. “I want to be someone my son can look up to. I want us to have the same relationship as my father and I do.”

Her father was a single parent too, raising both Shadé and her brother. “My father always encouraged and supported me in every aspect of my life. If I didn’t have him in my corner, I don’t know what I would have done. Thanks to him, I have accomplished so much at such a young age and for that I am forever grateful,” said Shadé. Shadé is a certified pharmacy technician, is certified in office administration, and has a CDA in youth development. “I feel that acquiring a house is the first step in setting a solid foundation. I hope to provide my son with the life he deserves.”

When we celebrated the groundbreaking for her Habitat Home, the Wells Fargo House, Shadé said, “I am truly blessed. If it wasn’t for Habitat for Humanity and the

generosity of all the volunteers and sponsors, none of this would be possible for me and my son.” Shadé and her son will move into their new affordable, efficient Habitat home this fall.



Shadé stands in front of her new home.

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the first person in her family to own a home. During the opening ceremony she graciously said, “Thank you for this experience. We are excited to start working on and building our very own home.” From Burundi, Africa, Louis, Orariya, and their four children will be the homeowners of the Burque Build. Escaping war and violence, they moved to the United States just two years ago, finding jobs and a welcoming community here in Albuquerque. During the opening ceremony, Louis addressed the crowd

and said, “Because of war and political conflict, I have not lived in a home for 23 years. My children do not know what home is. Thank you Habitat for Humanity for helping us achieve this dream. God bless you for helping my family.”



New homeowners and Habitat friends gather during the opening ceremony for Mesa del Rio Phase II on July 29.



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# From One Home to Another

ReStore Rocks is a family friendly celebration held in the Restore October 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be special discounts all day, door prizes every hour, roasted chile, a photo booth, face painting, and more. All proceeds raised during ReStore Rocks will support the Burque Build, a Habitat home dedicated to Bernalillo County first responders.

## ReStore Rocks

Saturday  
October 21st  
9am to 5pm  
[www.habitatabq.org](http://www.habitatabq.org)



Miguel Sanchez, ReStore Manager and Sergio Ituarté, Assistant Manager, invite you to ReStore Rocks.



Enjoy art activities for the whole family during ReStore Rocks.

**ReStore Rocks Schedule**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Free Flu Shots by Walgreens (while supplies last)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Presentation by Wildlife Rescue of NM
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Create Birdsong Retablos with Wonderland Workshops
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Percussion Sounds by Recycleman

Updates on performances and events available online at [habitatabq.org](http://habitatabq.org).

## Supporting Hope

They're doing it in Colorado, Texas, Oregon, and Florida. Isn't it high time we make it happen in New Mexico? After all, the number of breweries in Albuquerque is mushrooming. Our city now ranks 12th on the list of the most breweries per capita.

Breweries are symbols of Albuquerque's vibrant culture and are at the forefront of building community spirit. "The Brew House" provides an opportunity to harness the unique flavor of craft beer and leave a lasting impact on those in need. The Brew House is an excellent example of generous community-minded

small businesses coming together to collaborate with GAHH, helping to raise funds and build part of the Mesa del Rio project.

With 10 breweries on board so far, big plans are underway. Look for information in our weekly email bulletins and on Facebook about upcoming Brew House events and promotions, including the Brew House Passport and the special release – on Giving Tuesday, November 28 – of Hops for Habitat, a collaborative brew in the making.

Thank you to our current brewery partners: Ale Republic, Boese Brothers, Bosque Brewing Company, Canteen Brewhouse, Dialogue Brewing, Marble Brewery, Ponderosa Brewing Company, Steel Bender Brewery, and The 377 Brewery. Support our brewery partners at <https://habitatabq.org/homeownership/homes-under-construction/the-brew-house>. Please drink responsibly.



Greater Albuquerque  
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Please drink responsibly.







# Sharing in Hope

In 2013, Leslye's life took a new direction. She left her job with Disability Rights New Mexico where she worked in development for six years. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a mastectomy – gratefully there was no further treatment needed. In the same year, she became the full time caretaker for her life partner until he passed away in 2014. In a very short amount of time her life changed, her purpose shifted, and she wasn't interested in going back to a traditional job.

Leslye began looking for volunteer opportunities and tried working with several different nonprofits. None were a good fit until she came to GAHH in 2015. She originally thought she would volunteer in the ReStore, but the tasks offered didn't suit Leslye. Thankfully Beth Goldman, Director of Resource Development, approached her and asked her to help coordinate GAHH's free monthly educational classes.

Today, Leslye organizes every aspect of the educational classes offered to the public each month – from conceptualizing the class topic to finding expert facilitators to promoting what's available. Classes are funded through grants from State Farm and Bank of the West. Leslye facilitated two classes based on her own talents and passions. "Leslye's ability to structure her time and take the lead is an exceptional gift to have in a volunteer. I'm thankful for her support, her dedication, and her friendship," said Beth.

Beyond volunteering with GAHH, Leslye hosts an Airbnb out of her home, which she shares with horses, chickens, and dogs. This provides some extra income and new friendships with people from all over the world. Leslye has also tapped into her creative outlet as an upcycle artist. "Every day I come into Habitat, I walk around the ReStore to see what I can use for my art projects. I'm a very good customer," she joked.

When asked why she continues to volunteer Leslye said, "I live modestly and I feel blessed to be able to spend my time volunteering. I believe that when you have the time

and means to help others, you should give back." She then added, "The atmosphere here at Habitat is so positive. This is the best nonprofit I've been involved with."

*Update: GAHH offered Leslye a part-time position, funded through the grants, to provide modest compensation for her time. She accepted. Find out more about GAHH classes at [habitatabq.org](http://habitatabq.org).*



Leslye with one of her works of art made from materials found at the Restore.

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— Irving J. Hall, PhD, Home Sponsor and Volunteer

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**If we inadvertently missed you on our list or if a correction is needed, we apologize. Please contact Beth Goldman (beth@habitatabq.org). Thank you.**





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