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A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I want to take this moment to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible sponsors, donors, and volunteers of Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity. Your unwavering support is the foundation upon which we build brighter futures for hardworking families. Thanks to your generosity, countless families are now able to



achieve the dream of homeownership. Your partnership enables us to offer critical programs that empower families to thrive. We are proud to recognize the vital role you play in creating a stronger, more resilient community. Your commitment directly impacts the lives of homebuyers, giving them a fresh start and a sense of belonging. Together, we are fostering stability and economic growth in Fredericksburg. Thank you for believing in our mission and for making a tangible difference every day. We look forward to continuing this journey together and building a better future for all.

PS: Please stay tuned for exciting news in the upcoming weeks!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Jayne Johnson, Executive Director

Looking Back at Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity with Cindy Miller



Cindy Miller, a passionate former employee of Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity (GFHFH), dedicated over a decade to the organization, serving as the ReStore Manager. Her commitment stemmed from a personal connection to Habitat's mission of providing affordable,

sustainable housing and empowering families. Cindy's favorite memories involve witnessing transformative moments, such as handing over keys to new homeowners and seeing children receive their first beds, which reinforced her belief in Habitat's impactful work. indy also helped establish vital community in this issue

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Looking Back at Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for **Humanity with Cindy Miller**

partnerships and supported numerous families through the Homebuyer program. Guided by her faith and family, she remains inspired by the collective effort of donors, volunteers, and community members. Her story highlights how dedication, faith, and community support have helped countless families achieve stability and underscores the ongoing importance of service and compassion in transforming lives. To see the full article, please click the link above.

Volunteer Update

Amazon Volunteer Service Day

Our friends at Amazon spent a service day at the Greater Fredericksburg ReStore completing muchneeded projects. We thank the wonderful team of volunteers from Fredericksburg Amazon for coming out and dedicating time to our ReStore as a part of their global month of volunteerism. Over 134,000 employees from around the globe have volunteered their time this month to various causes.



Thank you for choosing us.

Aspasia, Cara, Geo, Ivory, Kirsten, and Macedonia are shown on the right.

Fredericksburg Auto Auction Service Day

Last month, the dedicated staff members of Fredericksburg Auto Auction volunteered their time at the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity ReStore. They rolled up their sleeves to help update and refresh a section of the store, making it more inviting for shoppers. The team worked together efficiently, painting walls, organizing inventory, and creating a welcoming display area. Their efforts not only improved the store's appearance but also supported a great cause in the community. Fredericksburg Auto Auction is proud to give back and partner with local organizations like Habitat for Humanity. The staff enjoyed the teamwork and the opportunity to make a tangible difference. Customers and volunteers alike appreciated the new look and improved organization of the ReStore. This event showcased the commitment of Fredericksburg Auto Auction to community service beyond their business. It's inspiring to see local businesses actively involved in community development.

Upcoming Events

July 30th, 2025

Noodles for Good Fundraiser Night 4 pm - 8 pm

August 9th, 2025

Always Flavored Plant Bingo Night <u>4 pm - 8 pm</u>

August 22nd, 2025 FREDNATS Chuck-A-Ball Event <u>5 pm - 10 pm</u>

September 10th, 2025 FAAR Expo Passport to Success Event <u>9 am - 3 pm</u>



Fredericksburg Auto Auction Service Day volunteers, shown above.

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Homebuyer Information Session!



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Toolboxes, shown below.

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Community Outreach Update

Thrivent Member Community Outreach Events

Thrivent's La Jolla Gateway Team recently carried out a meaningful service project that highlights community spirit and generosity. Volunteers from Living Hope Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Matthias United Methodist Church, and Peace Lutheran Church collaborated to assemble 100 Build Volunteer Welcome Kits and 11 Homebuyer Welcome Home Toolboxes.

These kits and toolboxes are intended to support new homeowners and volunteers, easing their transition into their new homes and making the experience more welcoming. The team's efforts showcase their dedication to serving others and strengthening local neighborhoods. Thrivent contributed \$1,000 to help fund these essential resources, reflecting their commitment to impactful service. The volunteers invested their time and effort into

assembling these items, knowing they will make a meaningful difference. Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity expressed sincere gratitude for this generous support and thoughtful contribution. The welcome kits contain practical tools, supplies, and helpful information to assist new homeowners as they settle in. The La Jolla Gateway Team's initiative is a shining example of faith in action and community outreach. Their generosity is sure to bring joy and comfort to many families beginning a new chapter.



RIDE VIRGINIA Annual Poker Run

The 17th RIDE VIRGINIA Poker Run took place on May 31, 2025, and was a fantastic success.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, donors, and participants, we raised \$9,500 for the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity.

The event started promptly at 9:00 am at the GFHFH ReStore and concluded at Gourmeltz.

Participants submitted their poker hands by 1:30 pm for a chance to win prizes of \$250 for the best and worst hands.

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The mission of the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity RIDE VIRGINIA Poker Run is to raise funds and awareness to support affordable homeownership in our community.

Through this event, they aim to gather motorcycle enthusiasts, donors, and volunteers to contribute to building safe, decent, and affordable homes for families in need. Our goal is to strengthen neighborhoods and foster stronger, more resilient communities by providing families with a hand up, not a handout. Every dollar raised helps us construct and repair homes, creating stable and supportive environments for those striving to improve their lives.

The Poker Run also promotes camaraderie and community involvement among local residents and motorcycle riders. By participating, individuals help us turn the dream of homeownership into reality for many deserving families. They believe that everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home, and this event is a vital part of making that vision come true. We thank every participant, donor, and sponsor for their dedication.

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