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"Peace of Mind in An Extraordinary Year"

A Message from Executive Director, Andrew Killeen

To say that the past year at SNHFH has been like no other would be an understatement! We have accomplished much in pursuit of our mission, survived challenges presented to us by the coronavirus pandemic, and we have committed ourselves to doing better to ensure that all members of our communities are served by our work.

Last August in Dixon, we dedicated our first (and a first for Habitat anywhere!) Veterans' Residence. The six-bedroom, three-bathroom house we built in collaboration with Community Action North Bay (CAN-B) is safe, decent, affordable, and permanent housing for six formerly homeless veterans from Solano County. In his address during the dedication ceremony, U.S. Congressman John Garamendi said:

"This will be a model for the nation, and it's right here in Dixon!" During the same SNHFH event, State Senator

Bill Dodd (who had attended another one of our dedication ceremonies in Napa just a few months prior) said:

"Today's theme could have been, Promises Made, Promises Kept." Those comments were inspired by the good work of our supporters, and we are grateful to all of you.

In January, built on the success of our Dixon project, we poured the foundation in Rio Vista for our second Veterans' Residence. That project is a collaboration between SNHFH, the County of Solano, the City of Rio Vista, Berkeley Food and Housing Project, and the Rio Vista American Legion Post 178.

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In spite of the challenges of the pandemic, at print time, the house was ready to receive its roof, and we look forward to it too providing safe, decent, and affordable permanent housing for six more formerly homeless veterans from Solano County. When we hatched the idea of a Veterans' Residence, Solano County had 156 homeless veterans, and with your support, SNHFH and our partners are having a significant impact on this local problem.

In response to the State and County Health Officers' orders to shelter at home, on March 19th, we shuttered all SNHFH brick-and-mortar operations. For the next 70 days, we continued to pursue our mission remotely. We used the necessity for telecommuting to improve our I.T. infrastructure, and our administrative offices in Fairfield can now function fully without staff in the office. During the shelter at home orders, our construction staff and volunteers used their skills to make products that could be sold in our ReStore, such as coffee tables made out of conventional pallet lumber from our warehouses, and benches and barstools made out of wine-barrel staves from the Napa Valley. Repurposing materials is aligned with the ReStore's mission, and the funds those items are generating will support all our building efforts.

In late May, we were reminded of the injustices in our society, and as an organization, we committed ourselves to being actively anti-racist and ensuring that our work serves all members of our communities.

As we look back on FY2020, we do so with great pride in our accomplishments, resolve to do better for all, and gratitude for your support. As we look ahead, we do so with excitement and optimism for continued growth for SNHFH. We are in discussions with the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, and Vallejo to develop parcels of land with multiple affordable housing units on each, including a project which features Auxiliary Dwelling Units (ADUs) – an innovation with much promise in the Californian affordable housing space. With your support, we look forward to turning those projects into reality, so we can serve more low-income households in our communities.

Perhaps the most memorable of all the comments we received this year was the one from the first tenant in the Dixon Veterans' Residence, a U.S. Navy veteran named Leo Battle who, when asked what the house meant to him, said: "It's peace of mind" – so memorable and appreciated in this extraordinary year!

Please join us in providing peace of mind for more low-income members of our communities as we continue to build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

Yours in Partnership, *Andrew*



P.S. Our Habitat ReStore in Fairfield continues to go from strength to strength. We are in our ninth year and year-over-year growth continues with our highest weekly sales figures attained just prior to the pandemic. In the weeks immediately following the first shelter at home orders, gross sales figures approached pre-pandemic levels while we complied with the new Policies and Procedures in our Project Comeback Plan, including no volunteers, fewer business days, and shortened business days - all intended to protect the health and safety of everyone involved with ReStore. *Donate, Shop, Volunteer!*



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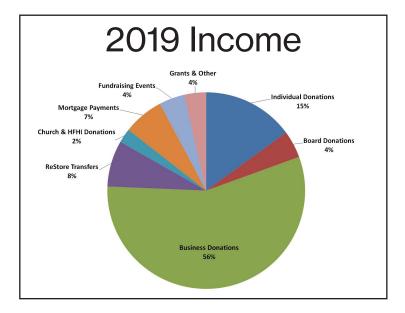
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to build decent, affordable homes
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