

## **Wells Fargo donates \$319,200 and hundreds of volunteer hours to 13 Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Oregon, including \$60,000 in Hillsboro**

HILLSBORO, Ore. – Four homes, 24 volunteers and a large donation from Wells Fargo are helping to improve the Hillsboro community.

Wells Fargo has donated \$60,000 and volunteer labor to the nonprofit Willamette West Habitat for Humanity in Hillsboro. The support is part of the \$319,200 and the hundreds of volunteer hours that Wells Fargo and its team members have given to 13 Habitat affiliates in Oregon this year.

Habitat for Humanity uses mostly volunteer labor to build affordable homes. The agency sells the homes to low-income buyers with zero-interest mortgages.

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity used the \$60,000 from Wells Fargo to help build four energy efficient houses in Hillsboro that will become home to seven adults and eight children, said Hope Howard, Development and Communications manager.

“The goal Habitat has with this particular project is to both renovate existing homes as well as build new homes for families who currently live in sub-standard housing conditions in the greater Hillsboro area,” said Michael Orłowski, Wells Fargo branch manager in Hillsboro. “Some of our volunteer work included landscaping, painting, putting in fixtures, installing fencing and preparing materials for other construction projects.”

Wells Fargo team members across the nation volunteer thousands of hours every year for Habitat. They raise walls, make interior improvements, paint, landscape and perform a variety of other construction duties at build sites around the region. The grants are in support of their volunteerism.

“When I see smiling people in red Wells Fargo shirts arrive at our Willamette West Habitat site, I immediately know it’s going to be a very good day,” said Mark Forker, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity executive director.

“If it wasn’t for the support of Wells Fargo, our Habitat kids would be cooped up in their homes, afraid to go outside to play because of their dangerous surroundings,” said Forker. “Instead, they can be climbing trees and riding bikes and running through sprinklers, making those wonderful childhood memories.”

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