



By Every Measure – An Excellent Year

The 2017-18 fiscal year ending June 30th has been an outstanding year for the organization. By all key measures, the mission to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope in south Deschutes County is alive and well. This letter is to give you a summary review of the fiscal year just ended.

Putney Place Community

The late Jim Putney was for many years a strong supporter of our organization. After a successful career in the broadcast industry, Jim spent significant time in his retirement years as an advocate for nonprofit, service-based organizations in Central Oregon, including St. Charles Hospital and Foundation, the Sunriver Rotary, and others in the area. In our case, he led efforts to raise funds to retire ReStore real estate debt, to build homes in our service area in La Pine, and as an ambassador for our mission and activities over the long term. In view of his distinctive contributions to our Habitat organization, the Board of Directors is honoring him and his legacy by designating the new townhome community in La Pine as **Putney Place**.

In June of 2017, the Deschutes County Commissioners donated 1.8 acres of raw land near the La Pine city center. The land is within walking distance of shopping, schools, and medical services. Our subdivision application has been submitted to the City of La Pine, and approval is expected soon. Across the road from Bi-Mart and near the post office, our plan for the site is to build a 19-unit townhome neighborhood.

We will be completing submission of needed documents for site plan and permit approvals before the end of the year. Site preparation will commence in April 2019.

The demand for affordable housing continues to increase, and the new individuals and families who have submitted applications are exactly the people we seek for new home ownership. With experience in building two new communities over the past several years, we are excited to watch new homeowner neighbors transition into new communities.

Construction Activities

For the third successive year, three new homes are scheduled for completion this year. Construction commenced in May, and completion will be done by November. Three new home dedication ceremonies will be held before the end of 2018.



Critical Home Repairs

In addition to new home construction, we have engaged for many years in performing critical home repairs for low-income, disabled, veteran, and elderly homeowners in the broader La Pine community. This past year, almost twenty homeowners have been able to stay in their homes after needed repairs were performed. Already this year, more than twenty requests for repairs have been received, and several jobs are done. All critical home repairs are based upon health and safety needs for the homeowners, and all repairs are funded from grants. US Bank, the Umpqua Cow Creek Indian Foundation, the Sunriver Christian Fellowship, and the Sunriver Women's club have been regular supporters of the critical home repairs program for several years, so that homeowners in need get the work done at no cost to them. Repairs include access ramp installation, roof repair, plumbing fixes, septic repair, and weatherization repairs. This area of activity is needed in the community, and the number of jobs being done is growing.

ReStore Record Year

The ReStore in La Pine just completed its best year ever in sales. As of June 30 this year, the ReStore sales came in at more than \$205,000. Kristi Henderson, the ReStore Manager, joined us in February 2017, assessed the store's performance, developed a new team, and sales have taken off. The customer base is growing, the customer mix is improving, and donations of household goods are on the rise as well. This combination of dynamics offers even greater promise as we enter into the new fiscal year.

Record Funding Growth

Of course, nothing is free. The work we do costs money, and we are blessed with generosity of private donors, corporate donations, and grants, in addition to the funds provided from our ReStore operations.

In the fiscal year just completed, individual cash donations from private donors reached a new level. These donations made it possible for us to leverage more funding from charitable foundations and organizations, including:

- Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund – a three year challenge grant
- Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation
- Chambers Family Foundation
- Templeton Foundation
- Ford Family Foundation
- Oregon Community Foundation – a two year grant
- Les Schwab Foundation
- Umpqua Bank Foundation
- Sunriver Women's Club
- Sunriver Christian Fellowship

Additional requests are pending with Washington Federal Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, and US Bank Foundation.

These grants are to support the Putney Place development, the Critical Home Repair program, and new staffing for programs to expand our volunteer base.

Corporate donations have been growing steadily. The single largest corporate partner is the Sunriver Resort. Over the past three years, the Sunriver Resort has provided funding to build three of the 8.5 homes constructed.

Volunteer Time Is Needed

Success requires numbers of people helping with the processes and levels of work to be done. Demands on volunteers for new home construction, critical home repair, ReStore operations, support of board activities are real and expanding. Our volunteer community is overburdened, and more work lies ahead. Please consider setting aside a few hours a week or month to help us keep pace with the higher level of demands to achieve the successes that await us in the coming year.

Looking Forward

While we enter our new fiscal year with strong confidence, we recognize that the importance of our undertakings, coupled with the sense of responsibility to our donors and to the community we serve, require real hard work and good thinking. Our commitment is to steward well, serve well, and be accountable to God and others. This is our mission. We are committed.