

April 6, 2020

Dear Friend of Habitat Broward,

“Tomorrow is never promised.” It is an expression that is hard to believe when things go according to plan. Now suddenly, we are reminded how true it is, and we must adapt. Here’s how Habitat Broward is doing just that.

### **A New Way of Working**

We have had to close our ReStore and cancel all volunteer opportunities. Most staff work remotely and they remain laser-focused on our mission. We are reaching out to donors, volunteers, friends and the 300+ Habitat families who we serve. We know these moms, dads and children are particularly vulnerable during crises like this. We are also modifying our plans, prioritizing and getting ready to resume building at full speed when the time is right.

### **Almost HOME**

We closed our ReStore and cancelled our volunteers and Team Build events, but we still have work to do. We have hired subcontractors to finish homes for nine families who have completed their 300 hours of sweat equity and a year of education, and are waiting. They are **almost home**. One home will soon get a ramp for a child who is wheelchair dependent in Sabrina Williams’ family of five. Her family and the [eight others](#) are more than ready to move out of their inferior, unsafe and crowded apartments into a home they can call their own.



Housing and the work of nonprofits who serve populations of need are considered essential by the County and State. But we also recognize that we cannot build at breakneck speed in the face of uncertainty. Just as the ReStore generates income, so do our homeowners’ mortgage payments. Each day we learn about another homeowner whose work has been suspended. We are very sensitive to the tough times our families are facing and must defer payments for those who need it.

This loss of income and the need to use greater contract labor is temporary. Habitat Broward’s financial position is strong and we will continue to operate as the responsible stewards we have always been.

## Get Ready!

If you have worked with us, you know how much enthusiasm and energy we bring to each build, fueled by you---our amazing volunteers and donors. Trust me when I say we will accelerate our work with renewed energy when the time is right.

## Thanks to You

We are more focused than ever on our mission, especially when it comes to getting our [nine families](#) from almost home to HOME. We trust this threat will soon pass. When it does, Habitat Broward will pivot again to serve even more families in need of affordable housing.



Our Board of Directors, staff and families share our abundant thanks for all you do, and our wishes for your health and safety. We will keep you posted and encourage you to visit our website: [habitatbroward.org](http://habitatbroward.org) for updates. Again, stay safe.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy".

Nancy Robin  
CEO/Executive Director

P.S. I encourage you to meet our nine families [here](#). I also welcome your thoughts and comments. Email us at [webuild@habitatbroward.org](mailto:webuild@habitatbroward.org) and we will be eager to respond!

P.P.S. If you would like to help these families get into their homes, we humbly invite you to [consider a gift](#). If not, we understand that this may be the wrong time for you; and we thank you for being there for us in so many ways. Our work is possible, thanks to you.