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Official Newsletter of Skagit Habitat for Humanity

Construction is Underway at Caledonia Cottages in La Conner!

There's plenty happening at Skagit Habitat for Humanity this season! In this issue, you'll find updates on construction progress at Caledonia Cottages in La Conner, learn how our Critical Home Repair Program is helping local homeowners stay safe in their homes, and discover ways to get involved through volunteering and Women Build Classes.

We're also gearing up for exciting events, including Beer & Bingo Night and the Skagit Habitat Store's Anniversary Sale, which help raise crucial funds to support our mission.

Thank you for being part of the team that is building more affordable homeownership opportunities for local families!



June 2026: Stem Walls Poured at Caledonia Cottages in La Conner

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3 More Affordable Homes in La Conner

Caledonia Cottages



Future Homebuyer Families at Caledonia Cottages

You can help make these homes a reality by making a tax-deductible donation. Your support helps purchase the building materials needed to keep construction moving forward.

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In 2026, Skagit Habitat is building three more permanently affordable homes in La Conner, including one two-bedroom and two three-bedroom homes.

We are so excited for our future Homebuyer families: Rocio, Tarra, and Steven & Steffanie, and to see these future homes starting to come to life!



May 2026



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Homebuyers, not just Homeowners

Skagit Habitat for Humanity helps low-income, Skagit families (earning between 30-80% of the County's Area Median Income) build and buy a permanently affordable home.

All Homebuyers purchase their homes with an affordable mortgage set at no greater than 33% of their gross monthly incomes. Donations and volunteerism help lower construction costs, keeping our Homebuyers' mortgages permanently affordable.



48th Homebuyers: Bobak and McKenzie

Parkside Cottages in Anacortes

Applications Open

We are accepting applications for the last two units at Parkside Cottages in Anacortes. These 2-bed, 1.5-bath units are perfect for smaller families and a great opportunity to pay no more than 33% of your gross monthly income to own a home in beautiful Anacortes.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, you can find more information about the requirements and application process on our website.



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Skagit Habitat for Humanity's Model

Skagit Habitat for Humanity's Homebuyer Program: How Does It Work?

- 1 Skagit Habitat sells the home.**
Skagit Habitat for Humanity sells our homes to low-income families earning between 30-80% of the County's Area Median Income.
- 2 The Homebuyer experiences the benefits of homeownership.**
Our Homebuyers pay an affordable mortgage based on their monthly income and build equity.
- 3 If the homeowner is ready to sell, they do so at an affordable price.**
Homeowners benefit from an appreciation in value and equity. In our newest model, Skagit Habitat owns the land, therefore it remains affordable for the next Habitat Homebuyer.

The Cycle of Skagit Habitat Homeownership

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Critical Home Repair Program



Denise, Sedro Woolley Homeowner

Applications Now Open

Are you, or someone you know, in need of a critical home repair? Skagit Habitat is now accepting applications!

This program offers critical entry repair services to low-income, disabled, and senior homeowners who are struggling to maintain their homes. Our focus is on repair and/or rehab projects that will improve the quality of life for the homeowner and provide a safe, healthy place to live.

Project Scope

Skagit Habitat is excited to offer the following repairs:



Installation of new exterior steps and railings



Installation of new accessibility ramps with railings

Note: Qualified homeowners are eligible for a no-interest loan from SHFH for 10% of the total cost of the project, which may not exceed \$5,000. See our website for more details.



Janet, Sedro Woolley Homeowner

How To Apply

To get started, visit our website to submit an inquiry form! Our Program Manager will respond as soon as possible.



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Upcoming Events



Beer & Bingo Night, July 10



Join us on Friday, July 10, at Chuckanut Brewery's South Nut Taproom in Burlington for our next Beer & Bingo Night! (Chuckanut Brewery is family- and dog-friendly.)

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., guests will enjoy multiple rounds of bingo, exciting prizes, great beer, and updates on Skagit Habitat's work in the community. We'll provide all bingo supplies, and a food truck will also be on-site!



Players are encouraged to make a donation, of any amount, in exchange for bingo cards. While donations are not required, every contribution will help purchase building materials for our 3-home project in La Conner: Caledonia Cottages!



NPSAR Charity Golf Tournament, Aug. 13

On Thursday, August 13th, the North Puget Sound Association of Realtors (NPSAR) is hosting their annual Charity Golf Tournament at Avalon Golf Links in Burlington, benefitting Skagit Habitat and other housing-focused nonprofits.

Player registration is now open! Visit our website to register your team today and support more affordable homeownership opportunities in Skagit County.

REGISTER TODAY



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Skagit and Island Habitat Staff

Women Build Classes

Earlier this year, Skagit Habitat launched our new Women Build Classes, hands-on workshops designed to empower women by building confidence with both hand and power tools.

Classes are free and accessible to everyone in our community, creating a safe and welcoming space for women to come together, learn, and grow their skills in construction and home-maintenance.



Building Skills Through Hands on Projects

Skagit Habitat's first two classes focused on building cedar planter boxes. Participants learned how to measure and cut lumber; safely use a chop saw and drill; and assemble their own planter boxes from start to finish. Next, we took on building a wall-mounted key holder. In this class, participants gained experience using a miter saw, drill, and wood glue to create a sturdy, practical key holder.



Sponsored By Julia Phillip Realty

Women Build Classes are generously sponsored and co-led by Julia Phillip! Thank you, Julia, for all your time and support!



Visit our website to sign up for notifications of future classes and open spots!

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Skagit Habitat Store

Store Anniversary Sale, July 17th - 18th

The Skagit Habitat Store is celebrating 17 years of business with an Anniversary Sale you won't want to miss!



Friday, July 17: 40% OFF storewide



Saturday, July 18: 50% OFF storewide

Doors are open from 10:00AM – 6:00PM both days, so come early for the best selection! (Exclusions may apply. See Store for details.)

Every purchase helps make a difference right here in Skagit County. The Skagit Habitat Store's net proceeds support Skagit Habitat for Humanity's mission of building homes, community, and hope.

The graphic is a colorful announcement for the Skagit Habitat Store's 17th Anniversary Sale. It features the store's logo at the top, which includes the text 'Store' and 'Skagit Habitat for Humanity'. Below the logo, a large blue banner reads 'ANNIVERSARY SALE'. The sale details are presented in two columns: 'FRIDAY JULY 17TH 40% OFF STOREWIDE*' and 'SATURDAY JULY 18TH 50% OFF STOREWIDE*'. A central circular badge states 'TWO DAYS! BIGGER SAVINGS!'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of home appliances (refrigerator, washer, dryer) and furniture (couch, coffee table), along with a '17 years of service' starburst. The footer contains the store's hours, location, phone number, and website.

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17 years of service

*Exclusions may apply. See Store for details.

Store Hours: Tues - Sat, 10AM - 6PM
Location: 1022 Riverside Dr. Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 428-9402
www.skagithabitat.com



Store Team Members, Bailey and Andy

Free Donation Pick Up Service

We offer a FREE donation pick-up service to the Skagit and northern Snohomish areas! This service is crucial in boosting the Store's inventory, which depends on donations from the local community.

To schedule your FREE donation pick-up service, call (360) 428-9402 or visit our website!

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Raising the Roof, Together!



Raise the Roof Gala & Benefit Auction

Together, We Raised \$65,000!

On Saturday, April 18th, our incredible community gathered to raise \$65,000 towards our 3-home project in La Conner: Caledonia Cottages. We are blown away by the support of our sponsors, donors, guests, and volunteers: thank you!

Because of YOU, we're helping 3 more local families achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership this year.



The evening was packed with energy and generosity! Guests bid in the silent auction, tested their luck with raffles and the Spin-to-Win, and rallied together during an exciting live auction and Dessert Dash.

While the event was filled with laughter and fun, what stood out was a shared commitment to expanding access to affordable homeownership.



Spin-to-Win Volunteers: Helen, Natasha, and EJ

Thank you, 2026 Sponsors!



Volunteer Recognition

Volunteer Appreciation Night

In May, Skagit Habitat for Humanity celebrated our incredible volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Bingo Night! Staff and volunteers gathered at Hillcrest Lodge to enjoy catering by Pacioni's, bingo, exciting prizes, and special recognition for several long-time volunteers.

It was a wonderful evening spent reconnecting and sharing exciting updates from Skagit Habitat!



Volunteer Appreciation Night - May 2026

Special Recognition

Skagit Habitat was proud to recognize several longtime volunteers who have dedicated decades of time and expertise to our mission. We would especially like to celebrate the following, who are familiar faces at the Skagit Habitat Store:

-  **Chuck H – 20 years of volunteer service**
-  **Dave G – 18 years of volunteer service**
-  **Bob R – 10 years of volunteer service**

Thank you, Chuck, Dave, and Bob, for your years of service and all you do!



Volunteer Dave



Volunteer Bob



Volunteer Chuck

Skagit Habitat Runs on Volunteer Power

Skagit Habitat Store

From sorting and pricing items to helping with our donation pick-ups, our Store volunteers play a huge role in supporting staff and ensuring the Skagit Habitat Store's success. Thank you to our incredible team of volunteers!

To start your volunteer journey today, visit our website and fill out an Inquiry Form.



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Critical Home Repair Program



Amanda, Homeowner, with volunteers Chris and Andy

We want to give a special shoutout to our Critical Home Repair Program volunteers: Chris, Andy, Chad, and Doug! These volunteers work together to complete our Critical Home Repair Projects, replacing rotting porch steps and installing new accessibility ramps for local homeowners in need.

With construction ramping up at Caledonia Cottages, we look forward to opening more construction opportunities on the job site. Stay tuned!

Committees & Special Events

Thank you to our incredible committee members and event volunteers! From serving on the Homebuyer Selection Committee to helping at our Raise the Roof Gala, the dedication of your time and talent is inspiring. Thank you!



Homebuyer Selection Committee with Homebuyers Irene and Bobak & McKenzie

YOUR SKAGIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWSLETTER IS INSIDE!



Learn more about construction updates at Caledonia Cottages in La Conner, the Critical Home Repair Program, and upcoming events like Beer & Bingo Night on July 10th at Chuckanut Brewery!

Stay Connected

Sign up for email notifications and stay up-to-date on all things Skagit Habitat, including construction updates, fundraising events, volunteer opportunities, Skagit Habitat Store sales, and more!

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