

# Habitat Homeowner Network

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## Volunteer & Learn with Habitat passes one year

The *Volunteer and Learn with Habitat* program for homeowners celebrated its first Anniversary in February. *Volunteer and Learn* helps you build community, learn about topics valuable to financial well-being, and improve your home maintenance skills. Over the past year, our team has averaged two events each month with an overall attendance of 234 homeowners!

Together we have celebrated homeownership at the Harrison Recreation Center and the Minnesota Children's Museum, volunteered on Habitat homes across the metro, and attended in-person and virtual trainings about insurance, homeowners' associations, voting, selling your home, plumbing, electrical, tools, and more.

Offerings are created based on Habitat homeowners' needs and requests. Check out our upcoming opportunities or share what you'd like to learn at [tchabitat.org/learn](https://tchabitat.org/learn)



## Home Celebration Recap

Homeowner families joined our Home Celebration on February 20 at the Minnesota Children's Museum. It was a night full of fun, laughter, and play. Our next Home Celebration will be an end-of-summer event in August. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming months.



Insurance can help you to prepare for those rainy days when unexpected costs arise. Get an insurance check-up each year and make sure that you're getting the best rate and coverage.

## Insurance Tune-Up

We all face risks in life. Insurance is one way to help reduce costs when these challenging life events happen. But home and auto insurance rates have risen significantly. That's why it's a good idea to review your insurance coverage with an agent once a year and ask these questions:

- Do I have enough coverage to insure my assets?
- Do I have enough money to meet my deductible in case of a loss?
- Are there better insurance policies that cost less and/or cover more?

The National Association for Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) offers many insurance resources at [naic.org](https://www.naic.org)

## America Saves Week

April 7–11 is *America Saves Week*, encouraging people to save for the future at a time when many people receive tax refunds.

Here are a few ways to join the cause:

- Open a savings account
- Set up automated savings
- Save for the unexpected
- Save for major milestones
- Pay down debt (that's savings!)
- Start saving at any age

Learn more on Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity's Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn channels.

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## Save on Your Energy Bill

The Low-Usage Affordability Credit (LUAC) is available to residential electric customers in Minnesota who meet income and usage requirements. Customers who qualify for this program receive a 35% credit on the energy they use. Check with your energy provider to see if you qualify.

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## Discounts for Homeowners

All Habitat homeowners get a 20% OFF discount at ReStore, Twin Cities Habitat's home improvement outlets in Minneapolis and New Brighton. Simply mention you are a Habitat homeowner at the register to take advantage of this deal.

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