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When you support Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, you impact families for generations. Deborah bought her Habitat home more than 20 years ago. Today, her granddaughter Sienna shares how that home—and her Nana—have shaped her life.

### My Nana's House

By Sienna

Whenever I think about some of the best moments of my childhood, I'm reminded of my nana's house. I always loved going to visit, whether it be for holidays, sleepovers, or just to spend time with her.

I look back at various photos and videos of myself at my nana's house and I realize that I basically grew up there. It was my first home and it's still a place I enjoy returning to as it changes, as the family enlarges, and more memories evolve along with it.

I continue to view it as an environment for family to gather around, and somewhere where



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anyone is welcomed, loved, and cared for.

My nana has taught me how to cook several things. She has told me about her traveling experiences. She taught me how to play games. And she's taught me several times to put myself first and how to take care of myself properly.

My nana repeatedly says that her home is a huge blessing, and she wants to keep it in the family and pass it along. She doesn't want it to be sold off if something were to ever happen to her; she would wish to pass it down to someone like my mother or my aunts or uncle.

“My happiest moments with my family occurred in the house.”

**Sienna**  
Granddaughter of Habitat Homeowner Deborah, above left

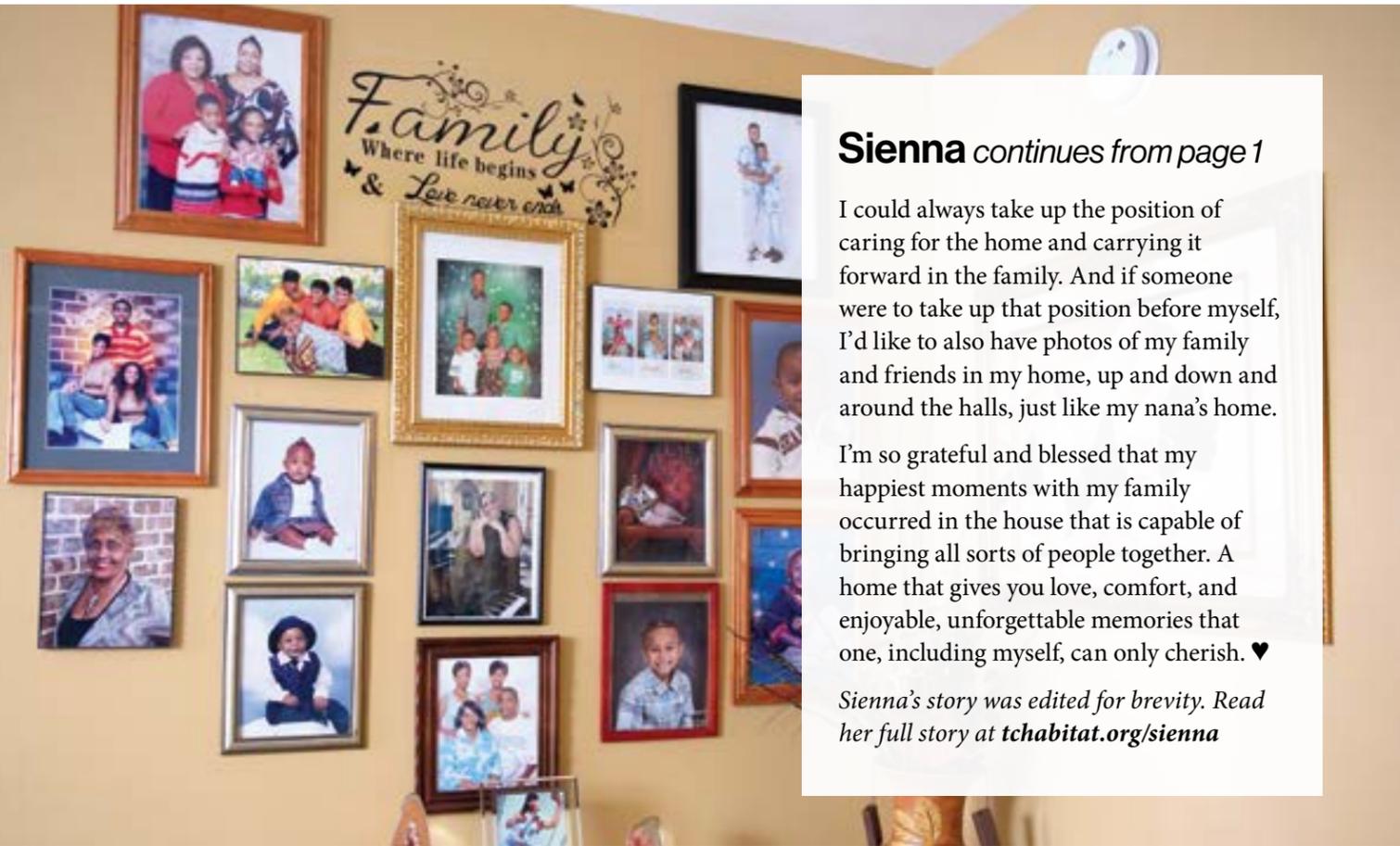
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I could always take up the position of caring for the home and carrying it forward in the family. And if someone were to take up that position before myself, I'd like to also have photos of my family and friends in my home, up and down and around the halls, just like my nana's home.

I'm so grateful and blessed that my happiest moments with my family occurred in the house that is capable of bringing all sorts of people together. A home that gives you love, comfort, and enjoyable, unforgettable memories that one, including myself, can only cherish. ♥

Sienna's story was edited for brevity. Read her full story at [tchabitat.org/sienna](https://tchabitat.org/sienna)

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#### Celebrating a Historic Milestone

## Home Loan Impact Fund reaches 500 closings



Photo by Steven Stinson

In 2017, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and Bremer Bank launched the Home Loan Impact Fund, a historic mortgage partnership that unlocks the power of your donations. Late last year, we celebrated a huge partnership milestone of serving 500 families together!

Asia, pictured here with her son, was overcome with joy and emotion at her closing, knowing her life was about to change. Thanks to you and Bremer for unlocking the transformational power of home for Asia and her family.

# Raise Your Voice!

The Minnesota legislative session is just starting, and your voice is needed to advocate for affordable homeownership. This year, Twin Cities Habitat's top legislative priorities include:

1

### First Generation Down Payment Assistance

Invests \$176 million in accessible, meaningful down payment assistance to support 5,000 first-generation homebuyers over three years.

2

### Homeownership Education, Counseling, and Training

Increases funding for financial coaching, pre-purchase counseling, homebuyer education resources, and foreclosure prevention.

We have a great chance of advancing these exciting priorities, but only with your help. Join us for *Habitat on the Hill* this spring!

Learn about Habitat's advocacy efforts at [tchabitat.org/advocate](https://tchabitat.org/advocate).



## The Impact of Your Purchases

Shopping never feels better than when you do it at Habitat's **ReStore Home Improvement Outlets**. Because when you shop at ReStore, you're giving the gift of home. Last year alone, **70,490 Twin Cities ReStore shoppers helped build five Habitat homes.**

Here are some of the ways your purchase makes an impact:

- Upgrading your dining set for \$250 installs a welcoming front sidewalk for a family's home.
- Purchasing a \$100 dresser for your house helps one Habitat homebuyer go through all the homeownership preparation classes.
- Purchasing \$50 of paint for your bedroom covers the cost of paint for a child's new room.

Become a **ReStore VIP and Hot Deals** member and get exclusive deals! Text RESTOREVIP to 24365 or visit [restore.tchabitat.org/vip](https://restore.tchabitat.org/vip)





Will you join us and become a Winter Warrior?



# Warm Your Heart as a Winter Warrior

Looking for ways to stay active this winter? You're in luck! At Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, winter volunteering opportunities are as bountiful as they are fun.

Winter Warriors are regular people, just like you. There are two ways to earn the title: volunteer on designated

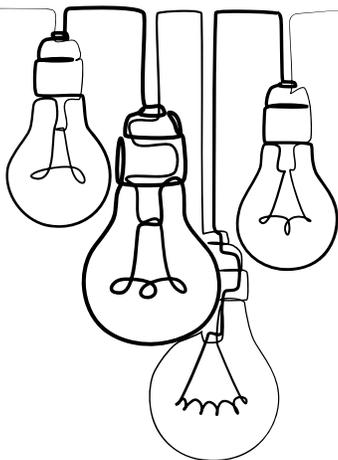
days or volunteer three or more times from January through March. To make it easier to lend a hand, we open build sites for volunteers on Saturdays. You'll earn exclusive swag as a reward!

Volunteer solo or with a group. Building projects include adding trim, placing flooring, installing hardware,

and painting. On nicer days, your team may install porches or siding.

If building isn't your thing, try volunteering at ReStore. Volunteers organize merchandise, handle donations, and work the checkout. Enjoy the warmth of the indoors while still making a big impact! As our Winter Warriors like to say, "Hope doesn't take a snow day!"

To learn more, scan the QR code or visit [tchabitat.org/winter-warriors](http://tchabitat.org/winter-warriors)



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