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## HERALD

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## You make home possible

*“I never would have thought that a single person with my income working in education would be able to buy a house.”*

Lindsay is in her mid-30s. She has a job she loves as a Program Manager at a Montessori School in St. Paul’s East Side. She has a 16-year-old Chihuahua named Lily. But she didn’t own a home. Like so many of her generation, the dream of homeownership seemed too far out of reach. Decades ago, starter homes would’ve been affordable to someone with her income. Skyrocketing housing costs and stagnating wages put a dent in that dream.

Still, Lindsay was determined to try.

Lindsay partnered with NeighborWorks Home Partners to build a budget and start saving for a home. She even found a Real Estate Agent and started house hunting, but everything—even a studio apartment—was stretching her budget.

Then, her advisor at NeighborWorks shared the option to buy a home on the open real estate market through Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.

“Right away after I hung up with my advisor from NeighborWorks, I went online and got the application from Habitat and started working on it.”

From that moment on, Lindsay was impressed with all the support she got from Habitat—support not available elsewhere, made possible by the generous Habitat community you’re a part of.

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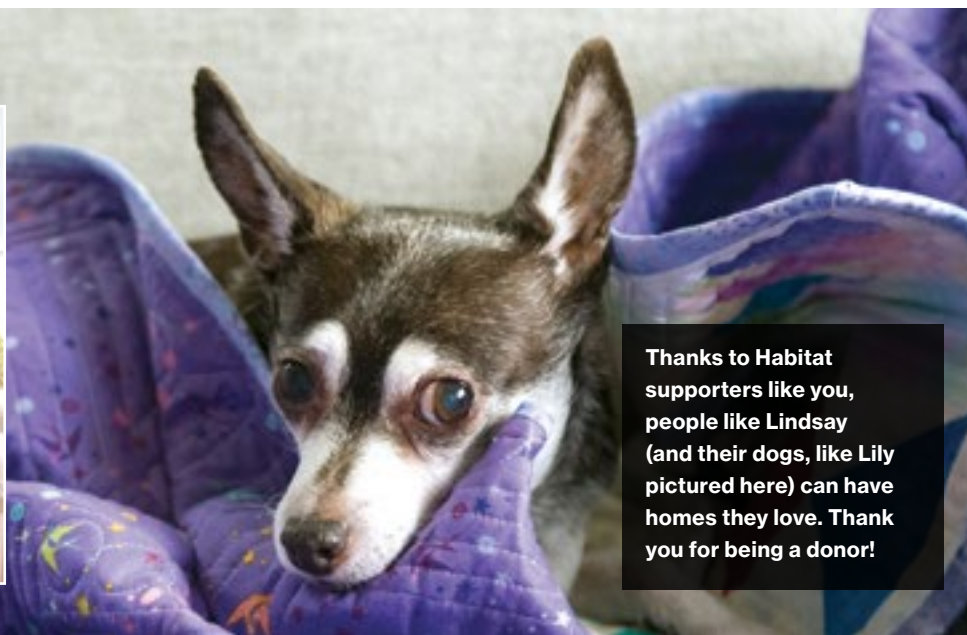
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**Lindsay**  
*Homeowner since 2023*



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Thanks to Habitat supporters like you, people like Lindsay (and their dogs, like Lily pictured here) can have homes they love. Thank you for being a donor!

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“What stood out to me is the amount of people who work for organizations like Habitat and want people to get into homes,” Lindsay shares. “Just the care and empathy that they have and the resources that are available.”

Lindsay closed on her East Side home in March 2023. She’s settling into the neighborhood she loves, and she

gathered family members to help paint her garage—a moment that brought her tremendous pride. Next, Lindsay is planning to create a yard full of native plants and edible gardens. Her older dog Lily loves the home too—Lily even started playing with her toys again!

As Lindsay approaches her one-year anniversary of homeownership, she’s

so grateful that Twin Cities Habitat supporters helped her put down roots in a community she loves. She shares her story regularly because she wants everyone to know about Habitat.

“I fully believe that everyone deserves housing. How that looks is different for everyone, but everyone’s basic needs deserve to be met!”

### Celebrating Home

On a crisp day in October, Twin Cities Habitat homeowners, volunteers, donors, and staff gathered for the first Home Celebration since before the pandemic. Attendees came together for games, snacks, crafts, music, and a lot of joyful family fun. Music and good vibes filled the Securian Financial Club at CHS Field in an event that celebrated homeowners who closed on their homes in 2020 and 2021.



### Save the Date

Spring Home Celebration  
May 18  
Harrison Townhomes Development, Minneapolis

### Coming Soon

# Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project

The world’s biggest week of Habitat homebuilding is coming to the Twin Cities this fall. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity has been named host of the 2024 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, which honors the legacy of Habitat’s greatest humanitarians.

From September 29 to October 4, thousands of volunteers from around the world will build homes at our largest development ever at The Heights in St. Paul. We’re honored to carry on this tradition which has built, renovated, or repaired 4,417 homes in 14 countries over 40 years—raising awareness of the need for affordable homeownership.

Learn more at [tchabitat.org/cwp](http://tchabitat.org/cwp)



 **4,000** volunteers

 **35+** homes

 **Global spotlight** on housing



### The Heights

Starting with 35+ homes during Carter Work Project, we’ll build up to 150 homes at The Heights, a transformational 112-acre development in St. Paul’s richly diverse East Side community. The broader environmentally-friendly redevelopment effort will deliver 1,000 housing units, 1,000 living-wage jobs, greenspaces, and amenities.



To thank you for your support of Habitat, please enjoy this exclusive coupon to our ReStore Home Improvement Outlets **through March 30!**



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Valid through March 30, 2024, only at 510 West County Road D, New Brighton and 2700 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis locations. Limit one coupon per customer. Code: **HERALD24**



# Be a Winter Warrior!

Cold weather doesn't stop our work creating affordable homeownership! Thankfully, winter volunteer opportunities across the metro are plentiful and fun. Become a Winter Warrior by volunteering on designated days or by volunteering three or more times from January through March. Build sites are open on Saturdays, and you can serve individually or with a group. Winter Warriors receive limited-edition Habitat gifts! Stay warm and make a lasting impact this winter.

Learn more and sign up at [tchabitat.org/winter-warriors](https://tchabitat.org/winter-warriors)



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**Construction Field Manager Terra Lumley (pictured), says, "I sure do enjoy visiting sites during winter! The warm atmosphere is filled with good conversation as important work gets done. We need volunteers like you so we can close on homes this winter. I'll see you out there." Site supervisors have impressive people and building skills. Along with others on site, they support volunteers in learning new skills.**

"The work is engaging but never too challenging. Being a Winter Warrior brightens the colder months with fun, focus, and camaraderie!"

**Linda**

*Winter Warrior*

**HARD HAT & Black Tie**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
@ THE DEPOT - MINNEAPOLIS

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