



Habitat
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North Central Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



With a little help, we all have the
potential to stand on our own.

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It's been quite a year and I'm very happy to say that with all of your help, Habitat NCM ended 2020 on a very positive note. Our greatest joy of the year is Jessica C and Jessica H moving into their new homes on Lake Shore Drive! We dedicated the homes in a small ceremony held on November 18th. Then with the help of Attorney David Rocheford, we closed on the homes in December and both families started moving in on Saturday. So many of you helped on these homes, and we can't thank you enough!

A special thank you to the teams from Monty Tech who worked so hard to overcome the challenges COVID 19 presented, Workers Credit Union for partnering with us on the build, and Rick Perkins, our construction manager, who worked incredibly hard to get it all done before the holidays. Jess H summarized the joy of both families: "I'm so happy that we'll be waking up in our home on Christmas Day."

The Old Keene Road, Athol project is moving along with the foundation complete and building starting this month. The family selection process for the home is underway with lots of interest from local families, and we'll once again be partnering with Monty Tech to bring a family home to Athol. Over the year we completed Critical Home Repair projects in Templeton, Sterling, Fitchburg, Clinton, Gardner, Lunenburg, and Leominster. The projects included accessibility additions, roof replacements, safety updates and weatherization. We have a number of projects underway already in 2021 and we have seen an increase in need for the program over the last few months.

My deepest gratitude for all you have done to help local families in need of shelter.

Yours in Service,

Carolyn Read
Habitat for Humanity NCM
Executive Director



Our Programs

Home Builds: Your volunteer efforts help local families build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter

Critical Home Repairs : Designed to provide a hand up, not a hand out, to homeowners who are in need such that they may feel proud and dignified about the place they call home.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteering is a great way to support Habitat's mission, meet interesting people and learn new skills! Join with us to end poverty housing in our communities and create a world in which everyone has a decent place to live.

Aging in Place: We apply for several elder grants to keep senior citizens in their homes.

Homes Built:

Homes built since 1988 : 37

Homes built in 2020: 2

Homes repaired in 2020: 19

Homes under Construction: 1

Lots Owned for Future Development: 3

At Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, this is what unites us; through shelter, we empower. Our shared vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Each family we partner with takes an active role in their success. Helping build homes alongside volunteers, taking finance classes, learning about homeownership and becoming an active member of the community are just a few of the ways we build homes **with** families not for families.

Communities we serve in North Central Massachusetts: Acton, Athol, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ayer, Berlin, Bolton, Boxboro, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Harvard, Hubbardston, Hudson, Lancaster, Leominster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Maynard, Pepperell, Phillipston, Princeton, Shirley, Sterling, Stow, Templeton, Townsend and Westminster, Winchendon.

Critical Home Repairs Completed:

Home repairs completed since 2014: 78

Home repairs in progress: 5

Goal: Build 2 and repair 24 affordable homes per year.



Every one
needs a strong roof to
protect their dreams.

Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts launched a new **Critical Home Repair Program** in 2015. This is a home preservation program that provides needed interior and exterior repairs for low-income homeowners, so that they may maintain a safe, decent, and affordable place to live. This program focuses on safety, security, accessibility, weatherization, and keeping houses up to city codes. Through project management oversight and volunteer labor, Habitat will assist families with completing home repairs. The Critical Home Repair Program is designed to provide a hand up, not a hand out, to homeowners who are in need such that they may feel proud and dignified about the place they call home.

Our **ReStore**, located in Leominster, sells home goods and home improvement items to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Every purchase benefits our mission to build homes, communities and hope.

FY2020 Impact:

Contributed more than \$341,617 in net revenue to Habitat for Humanity NCM.
Accepted more than 1098 donations total, on average 21 per week.



Every gift
helps a family build
a foundation.



FY2020 Volunteer Statistics

Total # of volunteers

Total # of Hours given

Non-Construction

189

3332

Construction

213

1846

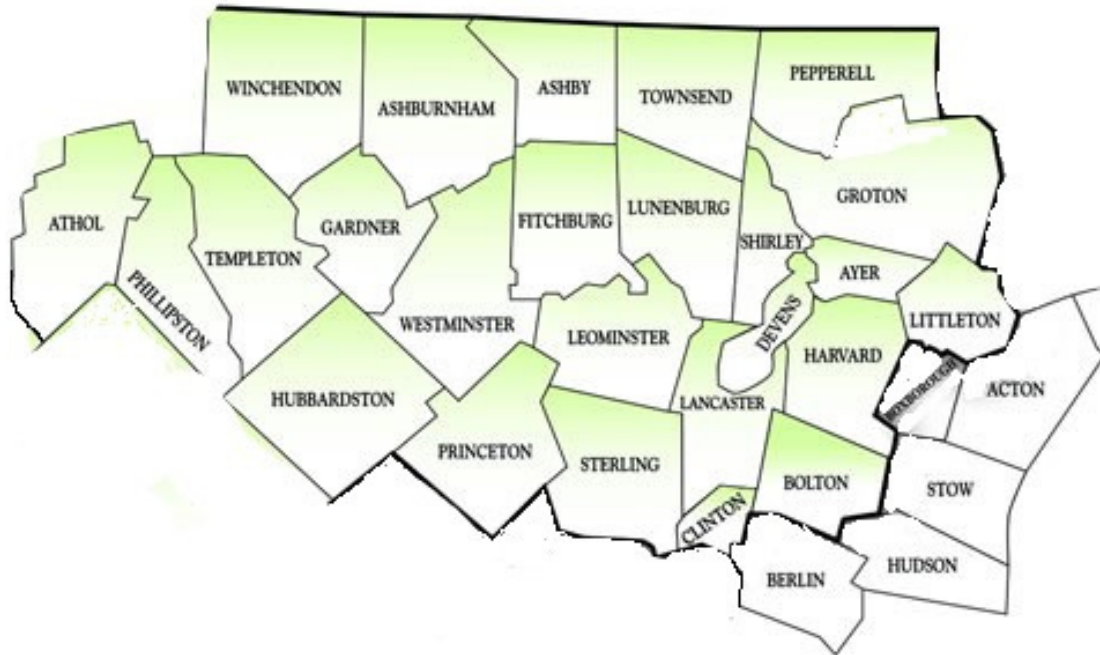
Total

402

5178



Building dreams one home at a time.



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