

*Street Dedication Party, message from our new Executive Director, Mary Stern, lessons of success from the Bend ReStore and more!*



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## You're invited to our Street Dedication Party!

Join us on Sunday, **October 23rd from 2pm-4pm** as we dedicate Turner Way in our newly developed Aspire Community. Celebrate with us as we thank our founders and honor 25 years of volunteers and supporters!

Featuring the *Yamhillbillies*

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Welcome to  
Mary Stern, our  
new Executive  
Director!

## Message from our new Executive Director, Mary Stern!

It's hard to believe that three months have gone by since I took the helm at MacHabitat. It has truly been a whirlwind! So much has happened in

only a short amount of time. I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful organization, that has been building homes, community, and hope for 25 years....

[Click here to read Mary's full message](#)

## Lessons of success from the Bend ReStore

At MacHabitat we never stop learning! We attend quarterly networking meetings and our annual, statewide conference. We also try to get to the international conference in Georgia that happens every two years as well. Closer to home, we also take field trips, and such was the case this past August. Six staff members visited the Bend ReStore to learn the details of their successful operation, and we learned a lot...



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## Such a Fine Fellow! Meet Sam Fields



Sam Fields is the newest member of our MacHabitat team. Sam comes to us as an Encore Fellow a program that matches newly retired professionals interested in community service with non-profit organizations for a 1,000 hour assignment.

[Click here to read the rest of the article about Sam](#)

## Disaster relief volunteers learn new skills to help their neighbors

Volunteers with Team Rubicon, a veteran-led non-profit disaster relief organization, conducted a "Readiness Exercise" September 16th- 18th in McMinnville at MacHabitat's Aspire Development. The goal of the drill was to increase their ability to help homeowners impacted by events such as floods, wind storms and wildfires. This event was conducted like a disaster response operation, without the disaster...



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## Traci Spurgeon's Home Dedication Report

Traci Spurgeon and her three children were living in substandard housing when she began her relationship with MacHabitat. Traci applied to our Homeownership Program in January 2015 and was accepted into our program in April

2015. Over the following 15 months, Traci, along with her friends and family, completed over 300 hours of sweat equity, by attending homeowner classes, working on her house, working in the ReStore, volunteering at events, and

[Click here to read the full description of Traci's dedication](#)

## Meet our September Volunteer of the Month, Kurt Holmgren!

Kurt Holmgren started volunteering with MacHabitat in 2015; he was an out of the blue blessing. He showed up in the office one day asking to volunteer and, after only one year with us, he is an integral part of our "regular crew". When asked why he chose to volunteer with MacHabitat he said...

[Click here to read more about Kurt and how you can become a volunteer](#)



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