



Palouse Habitat for Humanity secures grants, offers Voucher Program to assist local families starting over.

Moscow, Idaho (July 11, 2022) — Palouse Habitat for Humanity, to better serve local families in need, is announcing a Voucher Program to support three local groups in need of help to start over: wildfire survivors of Malden and Pine City, and participants in the Family Promise of the Palouse and Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse programs.

In two separate grants, the United Way of Whitman County and the Women’s Leadership Guild of Pullman Regional Hospital provided matching funds to help the Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale create a pilot program with a limited number of shopping vouchers to individuals and families in critical need.

Under the Voucher Program, qualifying individuals and families will receive credit for up to \$200 to shop at the Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale. They can choose whatever items best meet their needs from the inventory at the store, which includes donated used or left-over home improvement and repair materials or home décor items, including furniture, appliances, lumber, paint, tools and more. Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale’s voucher includes one trip with the Surplus Sale box delivery truck. One voucher will be awarded per household.

The limited number of vouchers for this year have been assigned, and individuals and families identified for this pilot have been contacted. Depending on how the program is received, the Surplus Sale will consider extending it next year.

The Surplus Sale supports Palouse Habitat’s home building and repair programs. The Surplus Sale has repurposed over 715 tons of material since it opened its doors in fall of 2012. Each year Palouse HFH builds one new affordable home and completes 40 installations of ramps or other exterior repairs and improvements so low- and very low-income homeowners with limited mobility have safe access to and from their homes.

About Palouse Habitat for Humanity

Palouse Habitat for Humanity, the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is celebrating its 25th year building simple, decent, affordable housing in Latah and Whitman counties. Its mission is to serve our neighbors in need by working to eliminate poverty housing on the Palouse and worldwide. Construction on Habitat Home #22 started in June in Moscow. Habitat homes and repair projects are built with volunteer labor and help from the homeowner. Habitat homeowners are selected based on need, willingness to help build the home (including up to 400 hours of “sweat equity”), and specific income criteria including the financial ability to purchase the home from Palouse Habitat after completing their partnership requirements. Home repair recipients are referred by local care agencies.

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