Local Families Who Need a Safe and Affordable Home Need You More Than Ever Before!

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for your support of local families and veterans who need a safe and affordable home. And I’m looking forward to the new year and new beginnings—a year that will bring our families hope for a safe home and community.

Many families, already struggling with a need for safe, decent, and affordable housing, have seen their daily lives upended during COVID. Some lost their jobs, and those who still have jobs choose between food, transportation, medicine—or to pay high rent for substandard housing.

No one should have to live this way. That’s why we depend so heavily on your generosity to make sure local families have a safe and decent home.

Meet our latest homeowners, Izzy and Kayleigh. Izzy is a veteran who found it difficult to return to his former life. The effects of the Marine Corps have kept him distant from the people he loves, but Kayleigh has kept him strong. Izzy is a veterinarian’s assistant, and Kayleigh is a veterinarian’s technician. In April of 2021, they were thrilled to welcome a baby boy, Emerson, into the world. They are animal lovers and have a little dog named Evee.

Both work hard in their professional lives. But it’s still not enough to make ends meet. They are blessed with so many good things, but not a safe and decent home.

Izzy, Kayleigh, and Emerson live in a poorly insulated apartment where the heat doesn’t work, often leaving them to battle freezing temperatures. Sometimes they are forced to use space heaters, making the apartment unsafe, and causing the heating bills to be high. To make matters worse, the ceiling leaks in several places. Especially with the coming winter and melting snow, it’s an unhealthy and ominous way to live.

The yard is filled with trash, glass, and debris. Luckily their small dog, Evee, is smart enough not to walk on the glass or go near the trash pile. But now with Emerson’s safety in mind, the situation is perilous.

The rent and other monthly expenses are difficult to afford, leaving little left over for the necessities. Izzy has a truck with no heat or A/C. The truck needs new brakes, but there is no money for repairs. Izzy has to be careful not to damage the truck further as he pulls in the deeply rutted and pothole filled driveway. Emerson can only be transported in Kayleigh’s vehicle for safety reasons.

Use the envelope and reply card provided to mail in your tax-deductible donation. Or make a secure donation online by visiting: www.habitatmwgw.org. Click the orange donate button and direct your gift to Annual Appeal.

Thank you!
This is a predicament many people in our community face. Most of their money goes for rent to pay for substandard housing, leaving them with little left over to pay for transportation, food, medicine, or to save for education. It’s a never-ending cycle of trying to climb up the ladder, only to fall down again.

That’s why your gift is so important to us. With an affordable home, the families we help will not only be able to afford the basics, but they will live in a safe community where their children will attend a good school system. Their future will be filled with hope for a better lifestyle, one that will improve and bolster their families for generations to come.

Izzy and Kayleigh are looking forward to simple things in their new home: a heating system that works, a ceiling that doesn’t leak, a secure yard, cooking in their functioning kitchen, watching Emerson take his first steps in a safe environment, and happy in the thought that he will attend a good school system in a great community.

As we begin the new year, I know that together we can build more homes, communities and hope for local families and veterans.

Would you please consider sending a gift to help the families who so desperately need a safe and affordable home? With your donation of any amount, local families will build strength, stability and self-reliance that comes with the security of living in a safe and decent home. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Debbie Maruca Hoak
Executive Director

PS: As the winter months are upon us, I think of the families in our communities who don’t have the luxury of a warm home, a safe neighborhood, or a secure place for their children to play outdoors. The simplest and greatest of pleasures—a place to call home—eludes so many. Especially during these turbulent times when so many are suffering, we count on your generosity.

PPS: Thank you again for giving our families hope in the new year—for a safe, decent, and affordable home! And Happy Holidays!

Meet some other Habitat homeowners pictured in front of their homes, below. From L to R: Maggie and her family in Holliston, Sophie and Marc (a Marine Corps. veteran) with Governor Baker in Worcester, and Cherine, Emad and their sons in Northborough. With your help, they are all living in a safe and affordable home. Please help more local families to build strength, stability, and self-reliance. To find out how you can get involved, contact Deborah.Huegel@habitatmwgw.org.