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**40th Anniversary
Harvest Dinner
November 17, 2026
Presented by**



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Dear Friend,

Planning is underway for our 40th Anniversary Harvest Dinner on November 17th at BASE at the Extraco Events Center. We are celebrating 40 years of building homes, communities, and hope. Since 1986, we have built 191 new homes and completed over 700 critical home repair and wheelchair ramp projects. Each project represents a life-changing event that allows families to live with dignity in their own homes.

Ascension Providence is returning this year as our Presenting Sponsor. The Cooper Foundation, Bird Kultgen Ford, and the Anderson Foundation have pledged to match all gifts up to \$120,000!

We are raising funds to build a home with Deborah Beechner (pictured here). She has one daughter and has been working on her sweat equity hours building other homeowners' homes for the past several months. Deborah works at Care Net Pregnancy Center.

In addition to funding the construction of Deborah's new home, funds raised by at the event will support our Critical Home Repair program. We will complete at least 30 critical home repair projects this year, along with 50 wheelchair ramps.

We hope you will review the enclosed materials about sponsorship opportunities and join us in building homes, communities, and hope!

If you need any more information or have other questions, please reach out to me or Suzanne Surratt at suzanne@wacohabitat.org or 512-809-7388.

Sincerely,

John Alexander
Executive Director
jalexander@wacohabitat.org



**Your gift will be matched up to
\$120,000 by gifts from the Cooper
Foundation, Bird Kultgen Ford and
the Anderson Foundation!**



Habitat Harvest Dinner 2026
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
BASE at Extraco Center

Sponsorship Levels

All Sponsorships include the following **Harvest Package**:

- Website and social media recognition
- Logo in a looping slideshow at the event
- Name and logo on sponsored table
- 8 event tickets & 8 drink tickets (except as noted)

Presenting Sponsor:



___ **Community Builder - \$15,000**

- Logo on 40th Anniversary T-Shirt
- Priority Build Day for Harvest House
- [Harvest Package \(See above\)](#)

___ **Home Builder - \$10,000**

- Logo on 40th Anniversary T-Shirt
- Priority Build Day for Harvest House
- [Harvest Package \(See above\)](#)

___ **Craftsman - \$5,000**

- [Harvest Package \(See above\)](#)

___ **Master Carpenter - \$5,000**

- [Harvest Package \(See above\)](#)

___ **Journeyman Carpenter - \$2,500**

- [Harvest Package \(See above\)](#)

___ **Carpenter - \$1,500**

- [Harvest Package \(See above\)](#)

___ **Table Sponsor with Drink Tickets - \$800**

- 8 Event Tickets & Drink Tickets

___ **Table Sponsor - \$600 (No Drink Tickets Included)**

- 8 Event Tickets

Yes! I would like to be a sponsor for the Harvest Dinner and help the Beechner family build a home!

Name for sponsorship recognition

Sponsorship level

Contact person

Contact person email

Contact person phone

Sponsor's mailing address



I have a logo to use for my sponsorship

Email this page to suzanne@wacohabitat.org, or mail to Waco Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 2124, Waco, TX

Your gift will be matched up to
\$120,000 by challenge grants
provided by the **Cooper Foundation**,
Bird Kultgen Ford, and the
Anderson Foundation!



For more information about the Harvest Dinner, or to donate online, scan the QR code or visit

wacohabitat.org



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Silent Auction Item Donation Form

Thank you for donating an auction item for Waco Habitat for Humanity's 2026 Harvest Dinner. Your gift will help us raise the funds needed to build a home located on Payne St in partnership with Deborah Beechner and her daughter. Please provide the information below for your item.

Donor Name

Donor Address

Donor e-mail

Donor Phone

Auction Item (with description, if applicable)

Auction Item approximate value_____

CHOOSE 1 OPTION BELOW

Would you like to drop off the item at the Habitat office at 220 N. 11th Street, Waco, 76701?

☐

Would you like us to contact you about us picking up the item?

☐

40 Years of Building Homes & Building Hope

The following homes were completed through support from previous Harvest Dinners:



2022

1208 Payne Ave built with the
Ellison Family funded by
Harvest Dinner 2021

2023

1209 Payne Ave built with the
Willis Family funded by
Harvest Dinner 2022



2024

1822 Seneca Ave built with the
Watson Family funded by
Harvest Dinner 2023

2025

1202 Payne Ave built with the
Llanas Family funded by
Harvest Dinner 2024



Building Homes, Building Hope

A Home Changes Everything – Homeowner Story

Mr. Manning has partnered with Waco Habitat since 2023, **contributing his time and effort** to building his own home while assisting with other projects. Known for his kindness and dedication, he expressed deep appreciation for the team and volunteers who supported the **rehabilitation of his home**.

“I come from a family of construction tradesmen, which shaped who I am today. After health challenges forced my move to Texas with my family, affordable housing felt out of reach. A family member connected me with Waco Habitat — and that’s where my journey began.”

Through **sweat equity and collaboration**, he witnessed the **commitment** behind each build.

“The best part of working with Habitat is helping build your own home and seeing the craftsmanship and effort of the construction team. My home was rehabilitated with care and quality, and it was inspiring to watch the community come together.”



Hugh Manning helping on 1822 Seneca Ave, 2024

Today, that partnership provides stability and peace of mind.

“The best way to live life is with a home to call your own. Habitat made that possible — with consistent payments and a zero-interest loan.”

His experience reflects the lasting impact made possible through **community support** and **partnership**.

Harvest Dinner 2025 Impact Summary

A business professional in Waco once said, “A house can transform into a sanctuary—a place where dreams and futures can take root.” This powerful quote inspires our team every day.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Waco Habitat for Humanity raised \$232,591 at Harvest Dinner 2024. With additional funding and community partnerships, this support helped advance our work throughout 2025 — providing **stability, safety, and a place to grow** for families throughout our region.

- **3 homes completed** on **Seneca, Flint & Hatton Ave** for the Watson, Varella, and Moore Families
- **28 families served** through our Critical Home Repair projects
- **79 ramps built** through the Texas Ramp Project in 2025

Where Your Support Makes a Difference

New Habitat Home Construction

Each year, Waco Habitat partners with a selected family to construct a home through a shared-investment model built on accountability and long-term stability. Partner families contribute sweat equity and complete financial preparation prior to purchase.

Homes are sold at cost through a zero-interest mortgage structure that promotes ownership while maintaining personal responsibility.

- Family qualification and selection process
- Families contribute, on average, **300 sweat equity hours**
- Financial education preparation
- Volunteer-supported construction
- **\$160,000 of Harvest Dinner funding is dedicated to building a home**



Zimiri and Maeli Llana completing their sweat equity hours

Wheelchair Project

This initiative improves accessibility for individuals with mobility limitations by funding ramp construction that allows safe entry and exit from their homes. These projects support independence, aging in place, and reduced injury risk.

- Accessibility restoration
- Partnership with Texas Ramp Project
- **79 Ramps** were **built** through Texas Ramp partnership in **2025**
- **A portion of Harvest Dinner funding is allocated to fund the Texas Ramp Project**



Ramp for Wilma Smith on N. 12th St

Critical Home Repair

Critical Home Repair addresses conditions that pose a threat to safety or habitability. By stabilizing existing homes, the program allows residents to remain in place while reducing long-term housing disruption.

- Electrical system restoration
- Structural safety repair
- Weather and environmental mitigation
- **26 home repairs** were **built** through our **Critical Home Repairs** program in **2025**
- **A portion Harvest Dinner funding is allocated to fund Critical Home Repair and accessibility modification projects**



Accessibility installations for the Lawrence Family on Avendale

Building the Next Home Together

Each Harvest Dinner, we build with a new family. Through sweat equity, financial preparation, and community support, partner families invest alongside volunteers and donors to build lasting stability.

This year, we are proud to partner with the Beechner Family.

Deborah Beechner, and her daughter, found Habitat through a friend, who is a current habitat homeowner. After attending a homeowner information session and applying for a home, she was finalized for a home in February 2026.

Your support directly contributes to making this next home possible.



Deborah Beechner working on the Major Family's Habitat home

Volunteer with Us

Volunteers are the backbone of Habitat — contributing time, skills, and energy to construction, outreach, and community events throughout the year.

Contact Suzanne Surratt
Director of Development

(512) 809-7388
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Contact John Alexander
Executive Director

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Donate to Help

Financial contributions directly support construction materials, project coordination, and program expansion that make homeownership attainable.



Scan to Support this Build

Spread the Word

Advocacy strengthens community partnerships and expands the reach of Habitat's work.

- Share Habitat initiatives
- Connect potential partners
- Promote community awareness

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