



Every one of us deserves a decent,  
affordable place to call home.

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#### **Habitat for Humanity Women Build Empowers Women to Build Homes and Community while Honoring Massillon History**

*Canton, Ohio, Nov. 26, 2024* — On Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m., Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio will dedicate this year's Women Build home, a home built entirely by women, at 1107 Borden Avenue SW, Massillon. A key presentation ceremony will honor homeowner Jessica Indorf and the inspiring community of women who built with her.

The Women Build empowers women to join together to build a safe, affordable home alongside a hardworking Habitat family. The women who volunteered this year invested their time, shared their stories, and worked hard with Jessica to build her home from the ground up.

Jessica, a single mother of four daughters, was inspired by the women who worked with her, helping her lay the foundation for her family's future. "I have found beauty and courage in every single woman I have met along this journey," she said. "I worked with many amazing women and found that women are so strong when we come together."

Like all Habitat partner families, Jessica completed courses in financial literacy, home maintenance, and personal development, in addition to building her home with women from various volunteer groups and Habitat partners. Now that the home is complete, she will purchase it with an affordable 0% interest mortgage.

This build represents a bright future, but it also honors the past. The land on which Jessica's home now stands once held the historic Taylor Clay home, which in 1904 housed the John Hall Industrial School for young Black women. The school was said to be the only institution of its kind in the north and was funded by the abolitionist for whom the school was named. After the building was removed, the Stark County Land Bank worked with Habitat to acquire the property to build a home. A commemorative plaque will mark the lot and its history.

"Jessica's journey and the legacy of this historic lot remind us of the power of investing in our community to create a lasting impact," said Beth Lechner, CEO of Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio. "The Women Build exemplifies what can be accomplished when women join together with heart and intention to create lasting change. This home is more than just walls and a roof—it's a testament to women building up women and a brighter future for generations to come."

"It is a beginning that I never thought would be possible," Jessica said.

To learn more about joining or sponsoring the next Women Build, call 330-915-5888 or email [info@habitateco.org](mailto:info@habitateco.org).

**About Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio:** Serving Stark, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Harrison, and Jefferson Counties, Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio is driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live. People partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and purchase the homes with an affordable zero interest mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, Habitat empowers. To learn more, visit [habitateco.org](http://habitateco.org).

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