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PRESS RELEASE

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity Celebrating Inspiring Women Everywhere Throughout the Month of May

San Gabriel Valley, CA - San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity's (SGV Habitat) annual Women Build celebration returns in 2021, with several remote options to keep participants safe and healthy while supporting Habitat's mission of helping local families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable housing.

Since 1991, Women Build has brought women and their allies together to raise funds, recruit their friends and build homes side-by-side with women in need of affordable housing. Despite the global pandemic, women across the country and right here in the San Gabriel Valley still changed lives through the Women Build movement. In 2020 alone, 5,725 Women Build volunteers nationwide helped build and repair 424 homes.

This year has taught us a home is more than just a shelter. It's a safety net, a prescription for health, and a foundation for the futures we build. At San Gabriel Valley Habitat, Women Build has grown to become a signature annual event attended by hundreds of women from all backgrounds (and their allies) coming together to build homes, communities, and hope.

To date, this event has helped house families in Glendale, Pasadena, Monterey Park, Baldwin Park, Monrovia and throughout the San Gabriel Valley through volunteering, donations, and advocacy.

As the Women Build movement continues to grow, SGV Habitat's hope is to empower more women, inspire change in housing, and raise more funds to help more families. While the 2021 Women Build effort, like 2020's, will be remote to ensure the health and safety of all, individuals from all walks of life can support this year's efforts in several ways: social media the entire month of May, volunteer at our construction sites or ReStores, and share stories of the most inspirational women in their lives to be featured across SGV Habitat's digital community.

To join the Women Build movement, participants can:

- Make a big impact every month by joining our [Builders' Club](#).
- [Volunteer](#) individually or in a group at one of our [construction sites](#) or at our [ReStores](#), which sell new and gently used home furnishings, building materials and more- all proceeds benefit our mission.
- Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) for the **month of May** for fun Women Build content: personal interviews, stories, and more to share using the hashtags #SHEro, #buildHER and #WomenBuildSGV.
- [Donate](#) in honor of and [Share a story](#) about an inspiring woman in your life by filling out a simple form – it might even end up on our website! One of the women featured in the stories

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submitted will be randomly selected to receive a \$300 Home Depot gift card provided as an in-kind gift by Khanh Oberley, a local woman realtor in Pasadena.

“Many studies have shown that the pandemic has disproportionately affected women in the workforce and is therefore more likely to threaten their housing security,” states Frances Hardy, Director of Resource Development, San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity. “This year especially, we hope that people will consider giving during Women Build Month so that we can continue to help our neighbors as they work toward homeownership and creating financial stability for their families.”

For more information SGV Habitat Women Build 2021, visit <https://sgvhabitat.org/womenbuild-2/>

About San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, a small group of committed volunteers founded San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity in 1990. Fueled by the generosity of volunteers and donors, we’ve served over 200 families in our local community and abroad. Families and individuals partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners receive a hand up, not a handout, as they help build their own homes alongside volunteers. All Habitat homebuyers pay an affordable 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. To learn more, visit sgvHabitat.org.