



# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## **JIMMY CARTER, FORMER US PRESIDENT**

“God blesses us beyond our expectations. It’s difficult for people like you and me who are rich to know how to share it. Habitat, above any other organization I know on earth, gives us a chance to break through that shell.”

## **ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU**

“Every year President Carter and his wife Rosalynn spend one week somewhere in the world with Habitat for Humanity which is a fantastic thing...one wishes that maybe more heads of state might do that and then there might just be fewer wars. You are helping God. God smiles because he sees you doing this fantastic thing, and he laughs and says “that is why I created them.”

## **MARIA SHRIVER, FIRST LADY OF CALIFORNIA, JOURNALIST**

“The people that I’ve met that will inhabit these homes share a lot of the same issues that we all share. They’re people who want a home for their family, who want to teach their family values, ethics, and morals, who want to raise good kids, who want to be part of a great country and so I’m very much the same as them in that way.”

## **JON BON JOVI, MUSICIAN, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GLOBAL AMBASSADOR**

“As a Habitat for Humanity Global Ambassador, I have the opportunity to help Habitat’s work continue. The idea of getting personally involved in enacting positive change in your own community just feels right to me.”

## **JARED LETO, MUSICIAN, 30 SECONDS TO MARS**

“We are so proud of our friends and family around the world who have put together their own teams and volunteered. It’s a wonderful and selfless gift and we are so thankful and moved by the generosity shown by all. It was a great day...we ended the build covered in dirt, sweat and smiles.”

## **BILLIE JOE ARMSTRONG, MUSICIAN, GREEN DAY**

“I think I’ll be dreaming about extremely high ladders and soffit for the rest of my life!! It’s definitely been a learning experience. I’ve never worked on a house before so I have a new respect for the labor involved. I want to come back and build again. I recommend it to everyone. It not only builds a home for a stranger, but it also builds a home for your soul.”

## **RYAN BRAUN, NATIONAL LEAGUE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

“I knew I was a part of something special, and as I came to know the partner families and meet the other volunteers, I couldn’t help wanting to do more. I am lucky to make a living doing what I love and if I can help Habitat build more homes and change more lives, that is a greater gift than any bonus I could receive.”

## **JON FOREMAN, MUSICIAN, SWITCHFOOT**

“To plug our fans into an amazing organization like Habitat for Humanity is an honor. For us it’s a chance to donate more than money. If people can’t donate money, they can still use their hands to help.”

## **PAIGE HEMMIS, HOST OF “EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION”**

“The most rewarding part about the Habitat experience is being able to work alongside of the men, women, and children that will be living in these homes. Being able to provide a home for someone in need is just about the best gift you can give to someone.”

## **RICKY MARTIN, MUSICIAN**

“During my second trip to Thailand, I had the opportunity to hand the keys of the houses to the first set of Habitat for Humanity families that were moving into their new homes. It was incredible...we provided not only shelter, but more importantly hope to the most vulnerable citizens, the children, and their families.”

## **SIDNEY POTTIER, ACTOR**

“The home for the child is more than the roof over its head. When you enter the home it becomes your palace, the place that will center your children. On behalf of the children, who are going to be occupying these wonderful homes that their parents helped to build, thank you.”

## **MIKE SHINODA, MUSICIAN, LINKIN PARK**

“What stands out for me about Habitat is the “hands on” feeling. You raise the money and make projects happen, then you can come down and build the houses yourself. You meet the families and they tell you about their living conditions now and how excited they are about their new homes. This is the kind of day that makes up for the days where you aren’t as fulfilled. It just feels great.”

## **JOHN ABRAHAM, ACTOR, SPOKESPERSON FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INDIABUILDS**

“The fight to improve living conditions is the foundation of the fight to end poverty in India and around the world. To be happy in life, you need a home. You need to go back to four walls which belong to you, which you belong to. We can change the world if everyone spreads the vision and mission of Habitat for Humanity.”

## **RANDALL WALLACE, SCREENWRITER, BRAVEHEART, AND FOUNDER, HOLLYWOOD FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

“Habitat for Humanity is a perpetual motion miracle: everyone who receives, gives—and everyone who gives, receives. If you want to live complacent and uninspired, stay away from Habitat; come close to Habitat and it will change you, and make you part of something that changes the world.”



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**Photos:** (from left to right) Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day), President Jimmy Carter, Maria Shriver, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Ricky Martin, Paige Hemmis, Mike Shinoda (Linkin Park), Jon Bon Jovi.