



Habitat Kent families Satoya (left) and Chantal & Modeste (right), closed on their homes in February. They are the first of six Habitat Kent families who will move into "zero lot line" homes this year thanks to an important new zoning law that will help address the housing shortage in Grand Rapids. Watch [this video](#) to learn more.

innovative housing solutions

In February we celebrated two families closing on their Habitat Kent homes. While every closing is special, these mark the beginning of new opportunities that will provide more affordable housing in Grand Rapids.

Satoya and Chantal and Modeste (pictured above) are the first families to move into our zero lot line homes that are possible because of a new zoning law in Grand Rapids called the Non-Condo Zero Lot Line Development. This change allows the development of more homes in a more timely fashion. Both are extremely important as economically buildable land is in short supply in our community.

Because of this rule, two residential units can be built sharing a common wall, like a duplex, yet owned through separate deeds like a condominium, but without a homeowners association.

It will allow for low-complexity, higher density housing, without drastically changing the neighborhoods where they are developed. This is particularly exciting as Habitat Kent looks for ways to house more families in our community. To find out more about this new law, watch this short, informative [video here](#).



This short [video](#) explains the new Non-Condo Zero Lot Line Development zoning rule, and how that impacts Habitat Kent's ability to develop more housing for families.

material recovery

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Shop Habitat Kent ReStores during April and donate \$1, \$5, or \$20 at checkout to help provide home and stability for more families.

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new construction and rehab

Throughout the winter, Habitat Kent's construction work continued. During the coldest days, we got creative and were able to use our warehouse to do the framing work for our next new home project away from the wind and freezing temperatures.

Now that we're thawing out, more work is moving outdoors. Earlier this month we broke ground on two new build sites where we will use the framing built over the winter.

Here (pictured right), new fascia is being applied to an existing home that Habitat Kent is helping to fix up for another family. Moderate rehab projects are another way Habitat Kent helps more people keep or buy affordable homes!



"Home for the Holidays" in review

Thanks to our generous supporters and matching gift sponsors, our "Home for the Holidays" celebration raised significant funds to help build more affordable homes in the new year:



\$100,000 raised by meeting the \$50K match



400+ gifts made to Habitat Kent

matching gift partners:

- Lake Michigan Credit Union
- Mercantile Bank of Michigan
- National Nail Corporation
- OST
- Marsha Veenstra State Farm
- Warner Norcross + Judd
- Wolverine Building Group

thank you to our corporate partners last quarter

- Amway
- Barr Engineering
- Buist Electric
- The DECC Company
- Dematic
- DeWys Manufacturing
- First National Bank of America
- Houskamp's Auto Service
- Marsh USA
- Northpointe Bank
- Rodco
- State Farm
- UFP Industries
- Vibrations Research
- Williams Kitchen & Bath



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mission

seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Kent County brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope

vision

a world where everyone has a decent place to live

ways to give



gifts of cash, check or stock



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