



Dear Community Partner:

It is with deep appreciation that we announce our selection as the beneficiary of the 2019 Riverhouse on the Deschutes Gala. This annual event has generated more than \$2 million dollars for local community programs and we are thrilled to benefit in 2019!

Celebrating 30 years, Bend Area Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1989, by like-minded people that saw a need for affordable housing for local families in Bend. Since then, Bend Habitat has built 125 homes and repaired 100 additional homes, serving more than 600 children and adults

On January 21, 2019, an expected audience of 450+ will gather at the gorgeous Riverhouse on the Deschutes Convention Center to lift their glasses in support of Bend Area Habitat for Humanity's mission. Featuring an exciting Master of Ceremonies, a Guest Speaker & Entertainer, a five-course gourmet dinner, wines from top producers, and a one-of-a-kind silent and live auction, the Gala at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes is the place to be next January! With 100% of all the food, beverages, and facilities donated by the Riverhouse on the Deschutes for this event, you can feel confident that your support will be directed straight to Bend Area Habitat for Humanity.

There has never been a time more critical than now to help secure affordable housing for deserving families in Bend. With the median home price recently surpassing \$449,000, the families we serve would not be able to live here if it weren't for Habitat. With that in mind, we'd like to invite you to donate an item or a package to our Silent and/or Live Auction and become a vital part of this very special night. Your participation as a donor will ensure that every dollar generated through ticket sales and at the event itself goes directly to building more homes in Bend.

Affordable homeownership through Bend Area Habitat for Humanity is transformational and impacts families for generations to come. It helps lift families out of poverty and gives them opportunities for stability and healthy living.

- 63% see an increase in grades by an average of 10 points in reading and math
- 92% chance of graduating high school
- 116% better chance of kids going to college
- 50% better chance of getting a 4 year degree
- 40% less chance of teenage pregnancy
- 74% of families report better health
- Almost without exception, Asthma improves

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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