

Looking back at the previous year, we have so much to celebrate.

In June, our community supporters came together on a seasonally warm morning to dedicate and celebrate the completion of Habijax's 2,000th home, which was purchased by the Raysor family. Mrs. Raysor works for a local social services agency while Mr. Raysor stays at home with their three children.

At that event, we also celebrated our longtime partnership with the Northeast Florida Builders Association as the Raysor's home, along with 11 others, were built in 6 days as part of our 2016 Homebuilders Blitz. Just a few months prior, NEFBA also lent their talent and treasure for their President's Project, where they spearheaded building a home in just 24 hours!

Since our commitment to New Town began in 2011 our investment into the revitalization of that historic neighborhood has provided homeownership and financing opportunities for over 300 families and helped to complete 190 repair projects for New Town homeowners. Our fundraising goal was surpassed, but we continued to see the need for additional affordable housing, and by June 2018, Habijax will continue to provide that for low income families with the support of donors like you.

Looking back to those 2,000 families like the Raysor's, the impact of our work extends far and wide. Habijax provides homeownership opportunities to families in need, and in turn, those opportunities benefit the Jacksonville community as a whole. During the construction phase, income is generated locally. Once the construction is complete and the homeowner purchases their home, they make yearly payments of property taxes to the City of Jacksonville. Here you see what that impact has been over the last 28 years.

Over the past 12 months, there has been a lot of activity in New Town. This last year, residents in New Town, supported by the leadership of George Maxey, Executive Director of the New Town Success Zone, formed the Vision Keepers. Comprised of over 80 residents, the goal of this community-driven collective is to enhance the quality of life in the area to help address issues that have a direct impact on the community – employment opportunities and blight removal.

Habijax continues to work with the Vision Keepers to support efforts in blight removal. Work continues on a comprehensive plan to develop the Kings Road corridor with needed resources, while supporting local businesses and recruiting new businesses to increase employment services and opportunities in New Town.

For our work in New Town, we are also proud that we were nominated for LISC Jacksonville Community Development EPIC Award this year!

I look forward to your continued support of Habijax's work as we celebrate serving our next 2,000 families like the Raysor's.

With Warmest Regards,
Mary Kay O'Rourke
President & CEO

P.S. In other exciting news, Habijax will open up its second ReStore, a retail outlet open to the public, in the Spring of 2017. Stay tuned for more information about a grand opening event!

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HABIJAX HOMEOWNERS SINCE 1988



\$88,533,935
Total Local
Income from
Construction



\$15,994,296
Property Taxes
paid by Habijax
homeowners

