

Habitat receives anonymous \$500,000 gift

Funding boosts Eureka Oaks development and critical home repair programs

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Habitat for Humanity Calaveras experienced an unforgettable moment last week when Office Administrator Beth Offield opened the daily mail and unexpectedly discovered a \$500,000 check from an anonymous donor. The gift – one of the largest in the organizations history – arrived without fanfare, but its impact will echo across Calaveras County for generations.

“This donation came entirely out of the blue,” Offield said. “I opened the envelope, saw the zeros, and had to stop and catch my breath. It was overwhelming in the best possible way.”

This extraordinary act of generosity fuels every part of Habitat Calaveras’ mission: supporting seniors, veterans, and lower-income families, expanding access to affordable homeownership, and advancing the construction of Eureka Oaks, the largest Habitat development in California. Foundations for the first homes will be poured soon, and this gift propels that momentum forward in a powerful way.

“Some heroes take center stage. Others choose to stay behind the scenes and change the world anyway,” said Morgan Grace, Habitat Calaveras executive director. “To our anonymous donor: thank you. Your gift is more than a number on a check – it is stability for future homeowners, critical repairs for those aging in place, dignity for our veterans, and a reminder that compassion can truly move mountains.”

The \$500,000 donation strengthens core Habitat Calaveras programs, including:

- Critical Home Repairs for seniors, veterans, and families who need accessibility, safety, or emergency structural repairs.
- Veterans Build, which engages local vets in community service and assists veteran homeowners with repairs.
- Eureka Oaks Development, a 107-home neighborhood that will provide long-term affordable homeownership opportunities for hardworking local families.

Every gift makes a difference

This remarkable six-digit donation also highlights the power of community giving. Habitat Calaveras invites residents, businesses, and supporters to join this moment of hope through: planned giving, monthly automatic donations, employer matching gifts, one-time contributors in any amount.

“We are humbled, grateful, and inspired,” said Grace. “From our board, staff, volunteers, and future homeowners... thank you for believing in this work. And to our anonymous donor – your quiet generosity will speak loudly for decades.”

Habitat for Humanity Calaveras is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating affordable housing solutions and providing critical home repairs for seniors, veterans, and families in need. Through volunteer labor, community donations, and partnerships, Habitat Calaveras builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. To get involved, visit www.Habitat-Calaveras.org.