

ACTS *IN ACTION*

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ACTS HOUSING

Dear Friends,

This year ACTS Housing and our families reached an incredible milestone: **2,500 families have become homeowners through ACTS programs since 1995.** This means more than \$140 million invested into our community, over 860 distressed properties reclaimed, and, most importantly, 2,500 families who are creating stability and strengthening neighborhoods through sustainable homeownership. Read about homeowners such as Horacio and Maria who tackled an incredible rehab with diligence and pride. Or Neva and Robert, who worked incredibly hard to get their home ready for Christmas. 2018 has been a year of celebrating much success, and I thank you for the role you play in this success.

Michael Gosman
Michael Gosman, Executive Director

DEDICATED AND ON DISPLAY: HORACIO'S HOME

Upon meeting Horacio, it's evident he's proud of his home. He proudly displays the home's progress on his Snapchat. Sitting cozy on Milwaukee's north side, he and members of his family (including his 74-year-old grandfather) have been working hard on the home rehab: insulation, finishing walls, pulling up carpets and refinishing the original hardwood floors.



Horacio Huerta, ACTS Homeowner

"It's been a lot of work," he said, "but we're almost finished." He worked for five months getting the home code compliant after purchasing it for \$3,500 in May. The family moved in in September.

Horacio hopes to complete the cosmetic rehab projects in another six months. Previously, Horacio and his wife Maria rented a small two-bedroom apartment. Living in a 4-bedroom, single-family house has taken some adjustment.

"Sometimes it feels like it's too big," he said. The neighborhood has them smitten. Horacio knows his neighbors: a janitor to the right of him and a third-shift worker to the left. "This area is good," he said, "and quiet."



Before and after of the Huerta's bathroom



HOT PROPERTY

4419 N 38th STREET

Price: \$10,500

Bed: 3, Bath: 2

For more info Call Tess Wynn at:
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LONGEST NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE EVENT RECAP

THANK YOU! To all of you who attended ACTS Longest Neighborhood Table Event in August 2018. The event raised over \$220,000 to support homeownership in Milwaukee!



The Reynolds Family, Recipients of the 2018 Homeowner of the Year award



2018 Longest Neighborhood Table Event



Generous contributors in 2018

Check out www.actshousing.org or visit us on Facebook @ACTS Housing to see photos and learn more.

SAVE THE DATE! The Longest Table will tentatively take place on:

Thurs, Aug 1st, 2019

2017 ACTS HOUSING IMPACT REPORT

123

Home Sales

100%

Of ACTS loans are current

28

Foreclosures Reclaimed

AN ACTS MILESTONE: 2500 HOMEOWNERS

ACTS celebrated our 2,500th homeowner with our long-term supporter Steinhafels this month. Neva and Robert Gaines moved into their new home in Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood in October after working with ACTS for a year. They received a warm welcome to their new neighborhood from the Sherman Park Neighborhood Association, Steinhafels, and their local community members. The Gaines' home is the 25th house in the Sherman Park neighborhood to be purchased by an ACTS family in the past five years.



Andrew Steinhafel with Neva Gaines



When commended on their hard work over the past year, Neva said *"It takes a lot of faith, and a lot of sacrifice"*.

Steinhafels Vice President, Andrew Steinhafel, also participated in the Gaines family's festivities and provided them with a \$500 gift certificate to furnish their new home. *"The work ACTS does and the work the homeowners put into their new home, it's a really holistic program and it's pretty incredible,"* said Andrew. *"We're just happy to support it."*

"Your home is your sanctuary, your community should be too, so that's what we're focusing on."

-Neva Gaines

ACTS is on track to help 130 families transition from renter to homeowner this year, turning houses to homes, and blocks to communities, and we can't do it without hardworking families like the Gaines family and dedicated supporters like Steinhafels.

MEET THE ACTS TEAM:

YUSSUF MURSAL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Yussuf Mursal, 36, just hit his six-week milestone as an employee of ACTS. He says he is enjoying his time here.

"Everything I do here I like," he said. "I have never had such a warm welcome and people to support me and show me how I can do a better job."

Yussuf works as ACTS' administrative assistant which often requires him to interface one-on-one with interested homebuyers. It is a natural fit for him.

Yussuf, too, is an ACTS homeowner and was a featured speaker at ACTS' very first Longest Neighborhood Table fundraiser.

"We like it here," he said of himself and his family who immigrated from Somalia in 2004.

They fled the country's civil war and he recalls that they walked to the refugee camp in Kenya. It took 17 days.

His experience as a refugee has carved a lane for him professionally. Up until six weeks ago, he worked as Lead Case Manager at Catholic Charities of SE Wisconsin where he helped other people who were immigrating resettle in Milwaukee.

Yussuf continues to assist the Somali community in Milwaukee, and gets them on the path to homeownership. Recent ACTS orientations have boasted at least one referral from Yussuf.

"I like helping people," he said. *"Your neighborhood is where you get back to normal and say 'this is my starting point in life.'"*



OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR ACTS HOUSING IN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER OF 2018

Allison and Andrew Steinhafel

Andrea and Michael Zimmerman

Andrew Ruehl and Meagan Porter



Renovated ACTS home just in time for winter

Associated Bank

Austin and Heather Ramirez

Bert & Patricia Steigleder Charitable Trust

BMO Harris Bank

Brady Corporation Foundation

Britton and Charlie Domer

Burke Properties

Byline Bank

Debbie and Ron Maturo

Dick Larsen

Dohmen Company Foundation

Eileen and Chuck Stoner

Einhorn Family Charitable Trust

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Marcus Corp. Foundation

Marine Bank

Mary Houghton

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MGIC

Michael Woods

Mike and Sara Ullmer

MillerCoors

Molly and Scott Schweiger

Mr. Cooper

Murph and John Burke

Nancy and Steve Einhorn

Nathan and Kelsey Brenn

Northwestern Mutual Foundation



New ACTS homeowners Eleodoro & Sofi with team members Ramon & Tess

Park Bank

PNC Bank

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Ralph Evinrude Foundation
Ritz Holman LLP
Roxanne Shears



Gwen and David close on their home

Sean Malaney
Sequoia Borgman
St Eugene Congregation
St. John Vianney Parish
St. Luke Congregation
St. Therese Catholic Church
Stand Together
State Farm Foundation

Steinhafels
Steve and Ricka Long
Stew Brase and Sharon Reed
The Cudahy Foundation
The Kern Family Foundation
Timothy and Vivian Sullivan
Family Charitable Foundation
Tri City National Bank
US Bank Foundation
Vaughn and Katie Allen
von Briesen & Roper, sc
Waterstone Bank Foundation
Weiss Family Foundation
Wells Fargo Housing
Foundation
Wintrust Financial Corp
Wisconsin Alumni Research
Foundation



Anayely and her family on closing day



Granddaughter of ACTS Homeowners Neva & Robert helps out with ACTS marketing



ACTS receives a gift from the Wisconsin Mortgage Brokers Association

ACTS Housing's mission is empowerment through homeownership.

ACTS Housing's vision is to create vibrant Milwaukee neighborhoods through homeownership.



Homebuyer Counseling - One-on-one, HUD approved homebuyer counseling for individuals interested in developing a personalized homeownership road map.



Neighborhood Housing - ACTS' licensed realtors represent families in the purchase of affordable central-city homes.



Home Rehab Counseling - Rehab counseling staff represents families during coordination and execution of rehab plans, with a focus on the reclamation of vandalized foreclosures.



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