



Dear Friends,

In 2013, I accepted the position as Executive Director with Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH). This allowed me to work with hundreds of people, many of whom I now call friends. Thanks to community collaboration and support we built a solid, sustainable foundation from which MAHFH can continue its work. We built 5 homes, but learned early on that simply building homes didn't fulfill our mission of transforming people and communities. Together, we dug in our heels in and got to work. We added exterior home repairs to our program services, expanded our outreach, advocated for affordable housing, increased visibility and brand recognition. But we didn't stop there, we generated a pipeline of homebuyers, commenced homebuyer education workshops, constructed a tiny house, provided thousands of hours of volunteer opportunities, diverted hundreds of tons out of our local landfill, witnessed an eruption in ReStore awareness and sales, introduced Explore with ReStore, kicked off Habitat Hoedown, and re-ignited our annual Chocolate & Tea fundraiser.

During this time, we touched and impacted people's lives in our community. I offer all my heartfelt thanks. It has been a privilege to work with such an incredible group of people.

After all of these wonderful Habitat experiences, **I am announcing my departure from this great organization to begin a new chapter.**

I am proud of our collective work and grateful for the support you have shown Manhattan Area Habitat and to me personally, as donors, volunteers and advocates.

In this moment, it is hard for me to envision my life outside the day to day energy experienced at Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity. What's next? We are RV bound for San Diego. I'm certain to return to my roots and spend a day or two volunteering on a Habitat jobsite!

With much gratitude,

Roxann Janes  
Executive Director  
Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity

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