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“Raising the Roof and Building Community: Habitat for Humanity Missoula teams up with North Missoula Community Development Corporation at Missoula’s newest housing cooperative”

Missoula, MT – The North Missoula Community Development Corporation has long been a leader in creating permanently affordable housing opportunities for residents of Missoula. By partnering with Habitat for Humanity Missoula, the organizations are taking a significant step towards ensuring that the community's most vulnerable families have access to safe and affordable housing options. This partnership will focus on repairing and upgrading roofs to ensure that the homes are structurally sound, safe, and habitable for the residents.

The newest homes within NMCDC’s Community Land Trust, River Rocks Cooperative, were purchased by their residents in mid-September. A majority of the cooperative members had been living in their homes as rentals for over a decade. Through their collective ownership, River Rocks Cooperative residents can pool their resources to ensure the long-term preservation and affordability of these homes. The land is also held in trust by NMCDC ensuring the homes will remain affordable for generations to come.

By investing in necessary repairs and maintenance, River Rocks Cooperative aims to provide stability for its residents, allowing them to live comfortably in their homes without the fear of displacement due to substandard housing conditions. Habitat’s pilot program for home repair makes these necessary repairs happen at a price well below the market! This ensures that the cooperative has funds left over in their reserve for upcoming projects as well as addressing delayed maintenance on the properties.

Volunteers from the community will be working on-site on October 26th and 27th. Community members can sign up for a morning, afternoon or full-day shift here:

<https://app.initlive.com/web-admin/app/#/join-party?k=az4yqk7e1uo4p6>

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