



Habitat for Humanity® La Crosse Area

September 11, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally request an extension for completion of the new construction project at 1121 Avon Street. We are asking for a six-month extension to complete this project (amended from March 13, 2021 to September 13, 2021).

Construction at Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area was halted for over three months this year due to COVID 19. At that time, we were in various stages of completion on five homes for five families in our community. Since reopening, we have limited the number of individuals on our construction sites to six or less. We have also halted our Team Build program, which brings in up to 20 volunteers per team. These decisions were supported and approved by our Board of Directors in order to protect the safety of our staff and volunteers. Habitat construction volunteers tend to be older and are at higher risk to severe impacts from COVID-19. Therefore, only about one-third of our regular volunteers have opted to return to our construction sites at this time.

The loss of production during shut-down as well as the limited daily workers has severely slowed down our construction timelines. A typical Habitat home requires approximately nine months from start to finish. Due to the continued impacts associated with COVID 19, we anticipate our new timelines for the homes currently under construction to be between 16-18 months.

We are hoping 2021 will allow for production to return to normal operations. Until then, we have prioritized completion of the five homes that were under construction prior to the pandemic. The extension for Avon Street home will allow us to complete our five in-progress homes as well as accommodate our extended schedules.

We appreciate the support and assistance from staff at the City of La Crosse. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions (608-797-8086 or exdirector@habitatlacrosse.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kahya Fox'.

Kahya Fox
Executive Director