**TEMPLATE NEWSLETTER WRITE-UP**

**YOU CAN SUPPORT HABITAT AT TAX FILING TIME**

It’s that time of year – W-2 forms are rolling into your mailboxes and you’re starting to make a pile of tax forms for filing your 2018 taxes before Tax Day on April 15, 2019.

Did you know that you can support Habitat for Humanity [AFFILIATE NAME] when you file your California tax return?

With as a little as $1, California tax filers – you, your friends, and your family – have the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the ***Habitat for Humanity Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund*** on your 2018 California tax return and maximize our efforts to help children, families and veterans have a decent home.

The Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund has generated more than $509,000 to support families across California. As a dedicated volunteer, Habitat for Humanity homeowner or supporter, you’ve seen the difference a stable home makes in the lives of families and children that Habitat for Humanity [AFFILIATE NAME] serves.

Here are three ways you can help build homes and hope with your state tax return today:

1. **Share a portion of your tax return.**

The Habitat for Humanity Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund is line 437 on the California Resident Income Tax Return Form 540. Detailed steps on how to contribute – whether you file taxes on your own or receive assistance from a tax preparer – as well a donation reminder form can be found at [www.habitatca.org/taxfund](http://www.habitatca.org/taxfund).

1. **Tell 5 friends and family members they can help build homes too.**

Forward this message and share[www.habitatca.org/taxfund](http://www.habitatca.org/taxfund) by email with 5 family members, friends or coworkers and encourage them to become virtual builders today with their tax returns.

1. **Post about this giving opportunity on Facebook.**

Social media is a great way to tell your network about the campaign. Post about the campaign and why you are participating.

***Can we count on you to join us in urging California tax filers to donate as little as $1 from their state tax returns to the Habitat for Humanity Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund?***

Thank you for joining us to build homes and hope this tax season!

Habitat for Humanity [AFFILIATE NAME]