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Looking Back with Gratitude and Forward with Anticipation



**Bertha Delgadillo has lived in St. Helena for more than 30 years.
"Building my own house here is a dream come true!"**

This has been a successful year for OTSH's Brenkle Court Self-Help Homeownership project and we are on the move! Eight families started construction of their own homes on Brenkle Court.



Another milestone. Our first enclosed room.

We want to thank those across our community who have helped make 2019 a successful year. It includes a long list of donors who understand that affordable housing is key to maintaining the structure and character of St. Helena.



Like many of our families, Mariana Rodriguez had never used a saw before she began building a house

- Silicon Valley Bank was a major donor, and their Wine Division took an afternoon off to work on the job site
- The Episcopal Church lets us use their copying machine to reproduce reams of loan documents
- Kendra Kelperis' art students at RLS Middle School made the murals for the McCorkle St. fences
- Jeff Weineman at UpValley Electric donated the labor portion of the underslab electrical
- The Methodist Church brings lunch to our Brenkle Court crew once/month
- Father Brenkle treats our families to lunches at Villa Corona
- Central Valley gives us discounts on materials
- Our end-of-year mailing brought a huge response that will help defray operating expenses



The construction is getting more complex, including framing walls with windows. In another month or so, we'll be working on the ceiling.

With two affordable housing projects in development, we're eager to continue to work with our community--building partnerships and identifying more property where we can build affordable housing units.

963 Pope St. Update



Recent activity:

- An income-qualified family has moved into the existing house
- OTSH is submitting applications for loans and grants for predevelopment, construction and permanent financing for development of the rest of the property
- OTSH has hired an architect and has obtained input from City Departments on the design
- Preliminary concepts include four 2-bedroom, 1-bath units and preserves a substantial portion of the existing gardens and open space
- OTSH will host a community input meeting in the next few weeks

Meet Our New Pope St. Family
Ramona Gibbs



Ramona Gibbs and her six-year-old daughter, Iliana, moved into OTSH's Pope St. property in time to celebrate Christmas in their new home. After living in a studio apartment for four years, Ramona and her daughter were delighted to be putting up their Christmas decorations at this recently renovated 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom house." [Read more about Ramona](#)

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Our Town St. Helena wishes you a happy, healthy New Year. There's still time to donate! Help make 2020 our most productive year yet by [making a tax-deductible contribution](#) today.

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