



Seeking to put God's Love into action, Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community, and hope through shelter.

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**Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity welcomes you to help celebrate the first groundbreaking of Habitat's newest project, The Vine.**

**YAKIMA, WA (October 4, 2021)**—Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity (YVPHH), Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC), Vern Forenpohar Sons Excavating (VFS), and Perry Technical Institute invite you to participate in the groundbreaking celebration of its newest and first affordable home of The Vine development. The groundbreaking celebration will take place on October 6, 2021, at 11:30 am, at 1502 Conrad Avenue, Yakima, WA (the intersection of 24th Avenue and West Mead Avenue in Yakima, WA).

During this celebration, project partners will discuss the project and its impact on the Yakima community. WSHFC is the financial supporter of the Vine project. YFS&L provides low interest construction loans to Habitat to pay for upfront construction costs. VFS oversees all the infrastructure work of the project. While Perry Tech will construct one home a year by utilizing their construction, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical students to build the entire home.

**WHAT: Groundbreaking Celebration**  
**WHEN: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 11:30 am**  
**WHERE: 1502 Conrad Ave, Yakima, WA (the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W Mead Avenue)**  
**WHY: To celebrate the first groundbreaking of Habitat's newest project, The Vine.**



*Opening doors to a better life*

#### **About Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC)**

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission is dedicated to increase housing access to affordable housing. The WSHFC is the financial supporter of the Vine project. WSHFC offers a Land Acquisition Program (LAP) which grants developers like Habitat, to purchase land at and preserve it for a later development dedicated to affordable housing. If you would like to find out more about their services WSHFC offers, please visit <https://www.wshfc.org/>.



#### **About Yakima Federal Savings and Loan Association**

YFS&L is an equal housing lender that offers mortgage loans, refinancing loans, purchase, and construction loans. Our partnership with Yakima Federal allows YVP Habitat to continue building decent and affordable home for more families in the county. Yakima Federal offers our future homeowners low interest loans. To learn more about what Yakima Federal Savings & Loan Association offers, please visit [yakimafed.com](http://yakimafed.com).



### **About VFS**

Vern Forenpohar Sons Excavation company is located in Selah, Washington. Owner, Vern Forenpohar has operated his excavating company since 1999. VFS services range from the removal of trees or brush to the installation of a new water line, to the infrastructure of a home. For more information about pricing or scheduling excavating services, call (509) 834-8007.



### **About Perry Technical Institute**

Perry Technical Institute, founded in 1939, is a private, non-profit educational institute in Yakima, Washington. This institute offers 14 specialized training programs that provides students the skills necessary to succeed in their desired career. Perry provides HVAC, electrical, and plumbing services for all home builds. This provides student with real-life experience in their field while cutting construction costs and maintaining affordable housing. To learn more about what Perry offers, visit [www.perrytech.edu](http://www.perrytech.edu).

### **About Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity & The Vine**

YVP Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing organization that helps low-income families attain safe, affordable housing. Since 1984, YVP Habitat for Humanity has helped 195 families, including over 825 individuals, build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

Generous partners have come together to help develop a plan to provide decent and affordable homes for ten families. This project will consist of building ten single-family homes, which will be the first Habitat homes that will be solar-ready. Perry Tech will build one home a year by utilizing their construction, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical students to construct the entire home. All future homeowners go through an extensive application process to determine homeowner eligibility, which includes a screening process, homeowner education, and community partnership.

If you are interested in donating or sponsoring the Vine, please contact the Executive Director, Meloney Rosen directly via phone at 509-453-8077, ext. 1002, or by email at [meloney@yakimahabitat.org](mailto:meloney@yakimahabitat.org).

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Visit [www.yakimahabitat.org](http://www.yakimahabitat.org) and mention the "The Vine" in the shipping address

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