With your partnership, we continue to build a better world one house at a time. Take a look at what you have helped us accomplish through the years.
I know Millard is smiling today

Every now and again, if you’re lucky, someone a little larger than life will cross your path. For me it was meeting Millard Fuller, a man of boundless enthusiasm, remarkable dedication and profound faith. His ability to engage donors and volunteers in his vision was without peer. He was truly a force of nature.

I had the honor of working with him in the ’90s at Habitat for Humanity and then again beginning in 2005 when we were putting together what has become The Fuller Center for Housing. Through the good times and bad I never saw him waver from his dream of eliminating poverty housing, never saw him lose faith.

When Millard died and I was asked to take the helm, I noted that his shoes were too large for any one person to fill — it would take many feet to get the job done. And those feet came forward allowing The Fuller Center to continue to prosper.

I can’t imagine how much further along we’d be today if Millard were still with us. Still, I can see him smiling down on the good work that’s being done to carry his vision forward, forever committed to following the principles that he and Clarence Jordan were inspired with some 50 years ago.

— David Snell, President, The Fuller Center for Housing
It’s fitting that the area where Millard Fuller grew up perfectly represents how this ministry can unite a community and empower its families. Through 2018, The Chattahoochee Fuller Center Project has built 42 new homes in the connected communities of West Point, Georgia, Valley, Alabama, and Lanett, Alabama — Millard's hometown. The Project is thriving in all three cities thanks to outstanding local leadership, strong support from city governments, enthusiastic involvement faith community involvement, an energetic volunteer base and consistent financial support from local industries. Millard embraced the entire world as his mission field, but he forever held a special place in his heart for the area that nurtured him through his youth.
TIMELINE

The affordable housing movement started by Millard and Linda Fuller dates back to the late 1960s, but here is a glance at some key moments in the history of Millard Fuller’s final ministry — The Fuller Center for Housing.

**February 2005:** After being ousted from Habitat for Humanity, the Fullers — joined by David Snell and Ken Henson — launch The Fuller Center for Housing as a return to the grass-roots, Christian principles they developed decades earlier.

**July 2005:** Home construction begins in Nepal.

**December 2005:** First U.S. homes built in Shreveport, Louisiana. “Building on Higher Ground” initiative fights housing shortage caused by influx of refugees from Hurricane Katrina. Work goes on to transform “hopeless” Allendale neighborhood from poverty-stricken and crime-ridden to neighborhood of choice today.

**2006:** First Millard and Linda Fuller Blitz Build held in Shreveport with 10 new houses built.

**2007:** Work begins in El Salvador. Second Millard and Linda Fuller Blitz Build takes place, again in Shreveport.

**2008:** Inaugural Bicycle Adventure awareness and fundraising ride led by Ryan Iafigliola runs 3,300 miles from San Diego to Savannah. The annual event becomes Fuller Center’s most productive annual fundraiser in subsequent years.

**November 2008:** Third Millard and Linda Fuller Blitz Build held in El Salvador. This will be Millard Fuller’s final blitz build.

**February 2009:** Millard Fuller dies unexpectedly and is buried at Koinonia Farm. Board votes to continue pursuing Millard’s dream of eliminating poverty housing and names David Snell president.

**August-September 2009:** Inaugural Millard Fuller Legacy Build kicks off in his hometown of Lanett, Alabama, with President Jimmy Carter and Morris Dees the keynote speakers at opening dinner.

**2012:** Launch of Save a House/Make a Home program in response to glut of foreclosed and vacant properties in U.S. Initiative takes donated “toxic assets” off hands of banks and property owners and renovates them into like-new homes for families in need — which also boosts communities around them them.

**March 2012:** Global Builders program hits 1,000-participant mark on trip to Haiti.
2013: With $300,000 gift from Pink Floyd’s Roger Waters and more celebrity support from volunteers including Grammy-winner John Mayer, four-home veterans project completed in Shreveport.

April 2013: More than 20 homes repaired during Millard Fuller Legacy Build helping residents of Atlantic City, N.J., who were impacted by SuperStorm Sandy.

February 2014: Global Builders program passes 2,000-volunteer mark when 68-member team from Ontario works in Nicaragua.

June 2014: Spring Street in Americus, Georgia, renamed “Millard Fuller Boulevard” in event with keynote speakers including President Jimmy Carter.

July 2014: Bicycle Adventure crosses $1 million all-time fundraising mark.

October 2014: Completion of 56-home Lambi Village in Haiti.

April 2015: Strong earthquake rocks Nepal with epicenter just 30 miles from where Fuller Center is building in Trishuli. The 11 Fuller Center homes built before the quake emerge unscathed, leading to increased efforts in the area.


January 2016: Partnership begins with New Story Charity, which will result in more than 250 homes (so far) in El Salvador and Bolivia. More to come!

August 2016: Fuller Center awarded highest-level Platinum rating for transparency from charity watchdog GuideStar.

April 2017: 20th Habitat for Humanity affiliate in U.S. transitions to Fuller Center, a trend that will accelerate into the present day.

2018: More than 1,000 volunteers work during the year with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders in Texas, helping families impacted by previous year’s Hurricane Harvey.

May 2018: Partner established in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico.

June 2018: President David Snell attends Fuller Center of Armenia’s 10th anniversary celebration, honoring organization’s most productive building partner with more than 650 families helped into simple, decent homes over the decade.

July 2018: Nation’s premier charity watchdog Charity Navigator finally evaluates Fuller Center, awarding the highest-level “exceptional” four-star rating.

December 2018: Fuller Center ends year with 75 covenant partners across the U.S. and 20 international covenant partners.

Coming in 2019: Fuller Center homeowner partner No. 5,000!
Across the United States

The Fuller Center grew to more than 75 covenant partners across our great nation in 2018, the most ever. Many of these are former affiliates of another organization who came under our umbrella because they prefer a simple, grass-roots approach to solving housing problems in their community. We know that each location The Fuller Center works is different. Therefore, we leave it up to local leadership to best decide how to help their community instead of handing out dictates through a top-down bureaucracy.

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Greater Blessing repair projects helps people — especially the elderly and disabled — stay in their existing homes.

We do not build with government funds, but there are ways we can work with government — such as turning unused Katrina cottages into new homes in Greenwood, Mississippi.

The Carters are thrilled to raise their young son in Shreveport’s Allendale neighborhood — an area we were told was “hopeless.”

The Franklin family of North Chicago

A community full of homes for veterans is rising in Shreveport, Louisiana.
The Fuller Center now works in more than 20 countries around the world — from such far away spots as Thailand, Nepal and Papua New Guinea to closer locations like Haiti, El Salvador and Nicaragua. Our Global Builders program grows and sets new records for participation each year, giving us yet another way to spread God’s love around the globe.
Foundational principles

We believe the concepts with which Millard Fuller and theologian Clarence Jordan were inspired back in the 1960s at Koinonia Farm were inspired! We will never waiver from our grass-roots, Christian principles. We'd love to visit with you and talk about them sometime.

We are unashamedly Christian and enthusiastically ecumenical. We preach the Gospel through action — the theology of the hammer as Millard Fuller called it. Every house that we build is a sermon of God’s love. We do not have religious requirements of our volunteers or homeowners. All are welcome under our big tent.

We offer a hand-up, not a handout. Our families provide “sweat equity” in the building of their homes and repay costs of materials on terms they can afford, over time, with zero interest charged and no profit made. This allows them to be partners and not charity cases. As Thad Harris (left) says: “It gave me self-esteem.” He now is one of our most prolific volunteers, helping others build homes.

Volunteers are an integral component of our mission. Not only does the use of volunteer labor help us keep construction costs as low as possible, but the volunteers themselves have a real, tangible way to bolster their faith by putting it into action. They also boost the spirits of the families with whom they work, proving that God loves them no matter how hopeless they might feel.

We believe in and support local leadership. A one-size-fits-all approach is not effective in addressing the world’s housing crisis. Local leaders know best what is needed in their community and how best to address it. Covenant partners in the U.S. and around the world are expected to adhere to some basic principles, but specifics of how to apply them are not dictated from our headquarters.

We run a lean operation with little overhead. There’s a reason we get the highest possible ratings from charity watchdogs like Charity Navigator and GuideStar. Your donations are put to work in the field as much as possible. Our headquarters staff remains housed in a small, former Chinese restaurant that was donated to Millard Fuller when we launched The Fuller Center in 2005.