



EVENT DETAILS

When is the Gala?

The 2026 Hard Hats & High Heels Gala will take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, located at **1515 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**.

What time does the event run?

Festivities begin at **5:30 PM** with a champagne and cocktail reception, followed by dinner, the evening program, and live auction beginning at **7:00 PM**. The celebration continues with an after-party featuring music and dancing until **10:30 PM**.

What should I wear?

The Hard Hats & High Heels Gala is a **black-tie event**. Guests typically wear tuxedos, suits, formal dresses, or floor-length gowns. Need some inspiration? Check out last year's [recap video](#).

Is parking available?

Yes! **Complimentary valet parking** will be provided on 15th Street (side entrance to Memorial). Champagne, wine, beer, and specialty cocktails are included throughout the evening, so we strongly encourage guests to plan ahead for safe transportation by using a designated driver, Uber, Lyft, or another rideshare service.

Additional 24-hour parking options nearby include:

- [Memorial Garage](#) — approximately a 5-minute walk from Memorial Auditorium at 801 14th Street.
- [K Street Garage](#) — approximately a 4-minute walk from Memorial Auditorium at 1500 K Street.

What can I expect at the Gala?

Hard Hats & High Heels is Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento's premier fundraising event—an unforgettable evening celebrating the people, partnerships, and generosity that make our mission possible. Guests will enjoy:

- Champagne and cocktail reception
- Dinner and evening program
- Complimentary wine and beverages
- Live entertainment

- Exciting live auction
- Opportunities to support Habitat's mission
- After-party with music and dancing

TICKETS & REGISTRATION

Will I receive a physical ticket?

No. The Gala is completely **ticketless**. If you are attending through a sponsorship or ticket purchase, your name will be included on our guest registration list. Once you are registered through the [Trellis event site](#), you'll receive information to access your guest profile. We strongly encourage guests to complete their profile—including adding a credit card—before the event to make check-in as quick and easy as possible.

Why do I need to enter a credit card?

Throughout the evening, guests will have opportunities to participate in the Silent and Live Auction, purchase a Golden Ticket, and support our Fund-the-Future appeal. Adding a credit card in advance through Trellis's secure system makes participating during the event simple and helps streamline your experience.

Can I wait to provide my credit card until I arrive?

Yes. You can add a credit card when you arrive but adding it to your Trellis profile in advance will make check-in much faster.

What should I bring?

Please bring a **valid photo ID** and a **credit card** if you plan to participate in fundraising activities during the evening.

SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

When does the Silent Auction open?

The Silent Auction is scheduled to open on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Anyone can browse and bid online at trellis.org/habitatgala2026/auction. The auction will remain open until **8:00 PM on September 19**, so be sure to share the link with friends and family. You do not need to attend the Gala to participate in the Silent Auction!

When can I preview the Live Auction?

Guests can look forward to incredible travel packages, unique experiences, and one-of-a-kind opportunities revealed throughout the Gala program. To bid, you'll need to be in the room with your paddle ready. Want a sneak peek? Follow Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento on social media leading up to the Gala for previews of select auction items.

When can I pick up my auction item?

Auction items will be available for pickup at **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento Headquarters, 819 North 10th Street, Sacramento**, from **September 23 through October 7, 2026**, Monday–Friday from **8:00 AM–4:30 PM**. Extended hours may be available by appointment. For alternate pickup arrangements, please contact TPayne@HabitatGreaterSac.org.

Back by popular demand: the Golden Ticket!

Guests will once again have the opportunity to purchase one of just **100 Golden Tickets for \$200 each**. One lucky ticket will reveal the word **WINNER** beneath the scratch-off, and that guest will get to choose **any Live Auction prize** before bidding begins. Guests may purchase multiple Golden Tickets. The winner will be announced at the beginning of the Gala program and **must be present to win**.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

What if I have dietary restrictions?

When completing your Trellis registration, please include any food allergies or dietary restrictions so our team can plan accordingly.

What's on the menu?

Guests may select from the following entrées:

- **Grilled Flank Steak** with Sauce Chasseur, mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetables
- **Salmon** with Beurre Blanc sauce, mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetables
- **Moroccan-Spiced Chickpea Cake** with basmati rice, sautéed baby spinach, red pepper coconut curry, apricot-date chutney, and micro basil (*vegan and gluten-free*)

Dinner will also include house-baked bread and butter and a wintergreen salad featuring apple, pear, beets, goat cheese, cherries, toasted pecans, and balsamic fig vinaigrette.

Dessert: Each table will receive an assortment of mini desserts, including cupcakes, raspberry chocolate decadence, fruit tarts, and chocolate avocado mousse in a gluten-free shell.

Complimentary champagne, wine, beer, specialty cocktails, freshly brewed coffee, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available throughout the evening.

DONATIONS

Can someone support Habitat without attending the Gala?

Absolutely! You do not need to attend the Gala to make an impact. Donations can be made online at <https://trellis.org/habitatgala2026/checkout/donation>.

I'd like to make a matching challenge or significant gift. Can I coordinate it in advance?

Absolutely. We would be happy to work with you in advance. Please contact us at gala@habitatgreatersac.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

How else can my friends and family support Habitat?

There are many ways to support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento throughout the year:

- [Make a donation](#)
- [Join the Carpenter's Club with a monthly gift](#)
- [Donate goods to the Habitat ReStore](#)
- [Sign up to volunteer](#)
- [Donate a vehicle](#)

Every contribution helps build and preserve affordable homeownership opportunities in the Greater Sacramento region.

Still have questions?

We're happy to help! Please contact us at gala@habitatgreaterSac.org.