

## Meet a member of our Women Build CREW!

Mel George is a successful broker with Windermere Realty Trust. She got her start with Women Build in 2004 when she started swinging a hammer at a Habitat build site on NE Sumner Street in Portland. Her interest in housing and then real estate grew as she began to build her career in real estate. Today, Mel is dedicated to growing Women Build in a new way as a member of our CREW. She helps connect others in her circles to Women Build and makes Women Build a priority in her personal philanthropy.



We asked Mel why Habitat, and Women Build in particular, were important to her. “When I first started volunteering onsite with Women Build, I didn’t know anything about power tools, building practices or building systems. The uniqueness of Women Build drew me in and now I have lifelong skills to share. This helps me in my day-to-day with work as well as maintaining my own home, too!”

Even more, “Habitat has shown me just how much stability in housing impacts quality of life. After volunteering onsite for a couple of years, and seeing how the families thrived, I even made a career choice based on housing and homeownership. I’ll be forever grateful to Habitat for sending me down this path.”

**Thank you, Mel, for making Women Build stronger!**