

Joel Dahlby

After Joel Dahlby retired from the laboratory in 1995, he began volunteering and has never quit. His efforts support the mission of Habitat for Humanity: a world where everyone has a decent place to live. He and other retirees built indoor bathrooms and bedrooms for northern New Mexico homes, along with home accessibility ramps for disabled people who couldn't afford them. Design, labor, and materials were all donated. Using his old truck, Joel regularly hauls materials to Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Española, which sells materials to raise money for houses. He also hauls food for needy Los Alamos families from a warehouse to LA Cares. Since 2000, Joel has transported people to regional medical appointments. He drives veterans to the VA hospital in Albuquerque. While waiting, he watches medically and physically disabled veterans. Struck by their sacrifices, "anything I do," he says, "seems pretty small compared to what they did for me."



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With the good fortune of a pension, God's grace, and good health, Joel is blessed to do these things for others.

Los Alamos became home in 1958 and is where Joel met and married Helen. Here they raised their three children, Karen, Douglas, and Alysia.