An empty lot on Watson Avenue in Bristol is quickly taking shape as the next Habitat home in Bucks County. This is the 87th house to be built by Habitat Bucks since its formation in 1990. The slab has been poured and walls are going up as volunteers and sponsor groups come out to participate in construction. Mercy Nderitu and her daughter look forward to calling this ‘home,’ and Mercy is busy fulfilling her sweat equity hours as she prepares for homeownership.

“\textit{I can’t wait to start working on my house. Thank you all, with all of my heart, and I pray God blesses the work Habitat Bucks does for people.}”

This house will become a home thanks to the generous support of many of you. While Habitat Bucks builds homes and hope, we are also building partnerships and want to especially thank Bergey’s Auto Group for joining Ally Financial, Wells Fargo, Bux-Mont Christian Church, Bank of America, and ADP as sponsors of this project. At a recent build day on the site, Glenn Bergey, President of Bergey Auto Group said, “We are happy to be supporting this project and thankful for the work Habitat Bucks is doing.” Join us in bringing decent, safe and affordable housing to the region.
**Family Spotlight**

Mercy Nderitu will be living in Bristol Township.

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Mercy Njenga and her daughter, Sandra, will be living in Perkasie Borough.

Lazaro Waiganjo will be living in Milford Township.

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**Partnership = Homeownership**

Homeownership can be overwhelming. What sets Habitat Bucks apart is that our Family Programs Department does everything it can to make the process as straightforward and worry-free as possible. After connecting with potential homeowners through word of mouth referrals and leads from other agencies, the Family Program Department communicates with each family through every step of the process. Our staff works with partner families from the first inquiry until well after settlement. **Clarity of information, compassion and respect are the keys to a successful homeownership partnership.** Future homeowners are encouraged to improve and protect their credit and are educated about mortgage terms and procedures. The sweat equity requirement provides hands-on training for future home maintenance needs. As we build homes and hope, Habitat Bucks is working hard to help build stronger families.

For more information about homeownership, please contact Stefanie Clark: s.clark@habitatbucks.org/215.822.2812 x307 or John Kolanko: j.kolanko@habitatbucks.org/215.822.2812 x304 or check the Application Information page of our website.

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Our mission: To build affordable homes, better lives, stronger families and safer communities through partnerships with people and organizations throughout Bucks County.

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**Rainy Day Didn’t Stop Women Build Volunteers!**

Despite inclement weather, a group of highly motivated Women Build volunteers put their construction skills to work as they removed damaged siding, replaced rotted insulation and installed new siding on our most recent *A Brush with Kindness* project in Bristol. Led by Mary Pat Holewinski, who donated all the proceeds from her recent birthday party to fund the project, the Women Builders brought tears to the homeowner’s eyes. “I can’t believe there are people who would come out and help my Mom in this way,” said Dennis, son of the homeowner helped by this project. To learn more about our *A Brush with Kindness* program please visit our website.
Volunteers are the **Heartbeat** of Habitat Bucks!

One of the first things people think of when you say “Habitat” is **Volunteers**! Did you know that approximately 70% of the construction of our homes is done by volunteers? The experience of helping to build a home is often a life-changing moment, and one that is long-remembered and treasured.

**National Volunteer Week is April 15-21, 2012.** Thank you to the hundreds of people who advance our mission by volunteering with Habitat Bucks. **Hats off to our volunteers!** They help in the office, serve on committees, build on the construction site, and work in the ReStore.

One very special group of volunteers are our **Women Builders**. Marking their eighth year with the Habitat Bucks affiliate, these women gather to attend Lowe’s and ReStore clinics and learn construction skills. They hold events to help raise money for Habitat Bucks, and then come out to the construction sites to put their skills to work. The friendships and camaraderie among these volunteers is amazing. If you are interested in more information about Women Build, please check our website. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

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  - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Drinnan
- Richard Edmonds
  - Mr. and Mrs. Philip Myers
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**Thank You Kim White!**

For the past 12 years Kim has coordinated pin sales at local retailers. Kim’s creativity resulted in beautiful displays and helped boost revenues to support Habitat Bucks. Thank you Kim for all your hard work and dedication!

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**Volunteer Spotlight**

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