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Building Homes, Building Hope, Building Community

Partnerships the Key to Success

Building on
25 Years
of Strength



For over 25 years there has been one consistent, crucial element behind Habitat Bucks' success. It began with our founding in 1990 and continues with our 100th home scheduled to be built by the Spring of 2015 – collaboration! Habitat Bucks addresses the affordable housing shortage in Bucks County, but we don't do it alone. As we celebrate our 25 years of service, we give thanks to the thousands of volunteers, businesses, civic organizations, schools, synagogues and churches who partner with us to help make affordable homes a reality for 100 families and counting!



Our motto for this anniversary year is "Building on 25 Years of Strength". Our strength comes from you in the community who sacrifice your time and treasure. Last year, over 1,500 volunteers pitched-in, and individuals, foundations and corporate donors contributed over \$600,000 to support the Habitat mission.



Top to bottom - Habitat Bucks Women Builders, Habitat Bucks Board of Directors, and a local Girl Scout Troup.

On behalf of the over 350 Habitat Partner Families whose lives have been transformed, we thank you for 25 years of generosity. We look forward to continuing this impactful collaboration for the next 25 years!



L to R—Fred Schea, President & CEO, First Savings Bank; Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director, Habitat Bucks; Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick and an FHLB representative.

Habitat Bucks Receives Grant for Over \$76,000

Habitat of Bucks County recently received a \$76,992 grant that was presented by First Savings Bank of Perkasio in association with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLB). The grant will assist us as we complete work on the second cluster of townhomes at Penn Villa in Sellersville. The families who will occupy the second cluster include a single male veteran; a husband and wife with four daughters currently living in a two-bedroom basement apartment; a retired disabled man; a single mother and her son; and a husband and wife with four children.

The grant was awarded in a ceremony at First Savings Bank of Perkasio. First Savings' President and CEO Fred Schea serves on the Board of Directors of FHLB Pittsburgh and helped facilitate the grant funded through FHLB's Affordable Housing Program. "This grant goes a long way to securing the future of families by giving them the means to build and own their own homes," Schea said.

"Habitat for Humanity provides a hand up, not a hand out to families in need in our communities," said Fitzpatrick. "It is a pleasure to join both Habitat and local community lenders to help present this grant."

"We are so appreciative of this grant from FHLB, which will cover a significant portion of project costs," said Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director of Habitat Bucks. "This funding will greatly assist us in serving our families and is also an opportunity to partner with our good friends at First Savings Bank of Perkasio."

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

Construction and Family News

Habitat of Bucks County Improves Lives

The sound of speeding cars whizzing past their house is constant. The memory of the vehicle that crashed into their neighbor's home this winter is still too fresh. The soot and dust from the road is ever-present. No outdoor space welcomes the children for play. They are two parents and four children crowded into a two-bedroom row home. It was all they could afford. Until now. Approved for the Habitat Bucks homeownership program, the Lee-Barnes Family will come home to a new, safer, larger house in the Spring of 2015: a quiet road, safe sidewalks, a backyard, three bedrooms and Energy Star® certified construction. They couldn't be happier!

"We feel blessed with the opportunity to partner with Habitat in constructing our home," Victoria Barnes said. "We are currently living in a two-bedroom rental, and it's becoming more crowded with our growing family."



The Lee-Barnes family is all smiles in anticipation of their new home.

The family has been active on Habitat build sites and on A Brush With Kindness projects. Construction on their home started this fall. The Lee-Barnes' home will be Habitat Bucks' 100th home since our founding in 1990, and is being celebrated during Habitat Bucks' 25th anniversary year. The property was donated by **Bank of America**, which has pledged to transfer 2,000 previously foreclosed properties to Habitat affiliates throughout the country. This is the second property transferred to Habitat Bucks; our Corson Street property, completed in June, was the first (see "Family Spotlights" - next column). "It will mean so much to us knowing that we helped to build our own home. We are excited to start construction and can't wait to have a home to call our own," Victoria said.

Family Spotlights

The Habitat Bucks Family celebrated two Home Dedications this summer. Welcome home to two very special families!



Mike and Melody Cendrowski hold the keys to their new home.

Corson Street, Bristol. Just six months after their wall-breaking ceremony, **The Cendrowski Family** gathered with many friends, volunteers, neighbors and Habitat supporters to accept the keys to their new home at the end of June. Mike and Melody, married this spring, quickly made their move from a tiny, leaking, two-bedroom apartment to a spacious, renovated, four-bedroom home. The space is already a boon to them and their four children. Soon after settlement, Melody shared, "Love this house, the kids are so happy! We love it! Thank you!" The property was generously donated by **Bank of America** through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity International.



The Tomlinson family at the Dedication of their new home, July 2014.

Pacific Avenue, Bristol. **The Tomlinson Family** is finally HOME! For nearly 25 years, Theresa has been focused on her two children, doing what she needed to provide them with good schooling and happy memories. Her dream of their own home had to wait. Their trailer home, in the meantime, had seen better days. Having originally contacted Habitat for assistance through the A Brush With Kindness program, she ended up buying that dream home! "Through all my worrying, Habitat was there for me," Theresa said at her Dedication, surrounded by her family and friends. "I'm finally here. I'm so happy! I can't wait to move in!"



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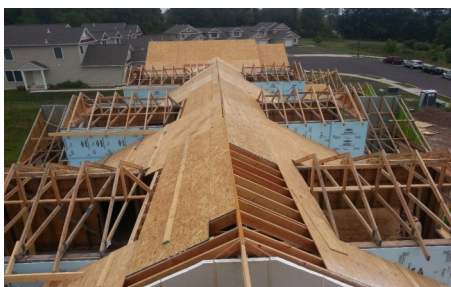
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Faith Community

For the past two years Bucks County's faith community has united to support *The House that Faith Built*. What started as an ambitious, collaborative opportunity to provide affordable housing to a low-income family is now entering its final stage. *The House that Faith Built* is one of 10 Habitat-built townhouses in a community known as Penn Villa in Sellersville.

The Sam Family will move into this home in early 2015! The Sams, a family of six, have been crowded into a tiny, two-bedroom basement apartment in Doylestown for the past 10 years. The new house will provide additional room for the family, and the quiet neighborhood will serve as a happy playground for the girls to enjoy. *The House That Faith Built* will also provide the family added savings, as their expected mortgage is less than their current rent.



Our goal of \$110,000 is almost in reach! Thank you to everyone who has already participated in this important project either through prayer, financial support or volunteering on the build site. Due to extraordinary contributions of \$20,000 from **Woodside Presbyterian Church** and \$35,000 from **Doylestown Presbyterian Church**, the organization that founded Habitat of Bucks County 25 years ago, we are now less than \$25,000 away from our goal! Use the following link to contribute to *The House that Faith Built* www.habitatbucks.org/donate or contact Tom Drotar at t.drotar@habitatbucks.org or 215-822-2812 x316.

ReStore News

**Holiday Extravaganza SALE:
50% OFF Your Entire Purchase!**

Two-Day Event:

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 28-29, 9 am to 5 pm

Not to be combined with any other offer.



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Residents in our community make donations to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore every day! Their donations help fund the construction and rehab of homes for low income families in the area.

We accept items in good condition that can be resold in our ReStore.

Doors • Windows • Appliances • Tools • Cabinets
Lighting • Building Materials • Furniture & much more!

DONATE SHOP VOLUNTEER



Habitat Signature Event

Habitat Bucks will be celebrating 25 years with our annual *Hard Hats & High Heels Signature Event* on November 21.



For sponsorship information or to purchase tickets, please visit our website: habitatbucks.org/news/signature-event/.

Join Our Growing List of Sponsors!

\$5,000 – First Federal of Bucks County, First Savings Bank, Johnson & Johnson, Parx Casino, St. Mary Medical Center and Wells Fargo.

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Giving Tuesday 2014

We have a day for giving thanks. We have two days for getting deals. Now, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back!



On **Tuesday, December 2, 2014** people around the world will come together for one common purpose: to encourage philanthropy in support of non-profit organizations. Locally, it's a simple idea – make a contribution to Habitat of Bucks County, then tell everyone you know via Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms!

PLEASE SUPPORT HABITAT OF BUCKS COUNTY THIS GIVING TUESDAY

It's easy - just use this link: <http://habitatbucks.org/donate/>. Thanks to **Inspire Federal Credit Union** who has pledged a dollar-for-dollar match for all online gifts (up to a total of \$10,000) toward the Giving Tuesday campaign, made on December 2, 2014!

Harness the power of social media to spread the word about supporting Habitat of Bucks County!



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Building Homes and Hope...
Thanks to You!

Board of Directors News

The Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is pleased to announce the election of four new members:



Sandie Bauder, retired, is a weekly volunteer at Habitat's ReStore.



Michael Block is Vice President, Senior Business Banker, at PNC Bank.



Nancy Buckner is a Branch Manager of First Savings Bank in Perkasie.



Sherry Cordery is the Vice President of Marketing for 3rd Fed Bank.

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