



SPRING 2016

# COMING HOME

## How Selling a Door Can Open One...

On April 22, 2016, **Earth Day**, we will open our second ReStore in the Langhorne Square Shopping Center. As you read this, Habitat staff and volunteers are already busily running the truck and stocking the shelves in preparation of our huge Grand Opening—it will be a big party!

We have come a long way from the sales in the barn at Emerald Hollow in Quakertown. Now the ReStore in Chalfont, opened in 2008, is netting enough revenue to sponsor a single home each year! And we anticipate the high-traffic site of our new Langhorne store will mean our ReStores—**One Store - Two Locations**—will soon be supporting at least two home builds per year!

The Habitat Bucks' ReStores provide a place for the community to donate household goods and materials that are then sold at great discounts; the sales generate revenue for home building and repair. It has become much more than just a thrift store. It is a place where our Women Builders can host do-it-yourself clinics; where designers and interior decorators spot unique pieces to re-purpose and beautify. It has become a wonderful community resource where individuals with special needs can volunteer with their job coaches and pick up life skills. It's a place for volunteers of all ages—high school Key Club members, retirees or teams of corporate executives on their days of service—bond over dusting the shelves, unloading the donation truck or manning the cash register.

And it has caught the interest of local companies for their support. Generous financial gifts from **Univest** (see inside article) and **Samuel Adams PA Brewery** will help



defray the cost of setting up shop, as well as the new handling equipment from **Wesco** and quality installation of eye-catching signage by **Horizon Signs**. The renovation of the store will include removal of old flooring—thanks to **Toll Brothers** and **Holland Floor Covering**. Volunteer elbow grease will be contributed by teams from **Dow Chemical Company**, **Giant Food Stores**, **Inspire Federal Credit Union**, **Merck**, **Sykes Enterprises** and **Toll Brothers**. Special thanks to our partner, **Leck Waste Services**. Donations from families all over the county will help

us stock the new store; and we thank **College Hunks** for dropping off re-saleable items they pick up. You are going to want to see our fantastic opening inventory—we are thrilled to have brand-new, high-quality items for the kitchen and bath from **Robern** and **Fine Cabinetry LLC**.

How can you get involved? **Tell your friends. Shop - Donate - Volunteer at the ReStores!** Continue to visit us at ReStore Chalfont, 31 Oak Avenue, Chalfont, and join us at our Grand Opening on April 22 at ReStore Langhorne, 1337 Lincoln Highway, Langhorne.



## Celebrating Home



*The Muthoni-Mbugua Family*

**Lower Bucks Hospital, Parx Casino, Samuel Adams PA Brewery, Sykes Enterprises, Wells Fargo and William Penn Bank.**

As George and Lucy settle in, **Tim and Jessica Evans** are building their future home. The Evans family is eager to move back to Morrisville, where they had lived prior to having their son, Peyton, and where Tim had grown up. In fact, Tim grew up on the same street where their new house is located! While Habitat Bucks is thrilled to be building in a new location, the family is excited for all the new changes in their life including the adoption of their foster daughter and the arrival of a new baby this summer. The two Habitat Bucks' homes being built in Morrisville are sponsored by **Penn Color, Bucks County Foundation, First Niagara Bank, National Penn Bank and Penn Community Bank.**



*Tim and Jessica Evans (second from left and center) at the Harrison Avenue, Morrisville Groundbreaking in January with Habitat Bucks staff members.*

**George Muthoni and Lucy Mbugua** are finally HOME! George and Lucy, with their young daughter, Imani, purchased Habitat Bucks' 101<sup>st</sup> home this March, after celebrating their Home Dedication surrounded by friends, volunteers and Habitat Bucks staff and supporters on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Their new, three-bedroom home is a welcome change to this soon-to-be family of four. They had previously rented a small, one-bedroom apartment.

Welcome Home!

The family's home was sponsored by **Penn Community Bank (formerly First Federal of Bucks County), Bucks County Foundation, Bux-Mont Christian Church, Dominion Energy, The Dow Chemical Company, ISPE,**



*The Muthoni-Mbugua Family's New Home*

## A Brush with Kindness

### REPAIR YOUR HOME SWEET HOME

Low-Cost Exterior Home Repairs



- ◆ Repair home's exterior (painting, siding, railing)
- ◆ Add a ramp or railings for accessibility
- ◆ Replace aging doors, windows and porches

**Applications taken year-round!**

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## Univest Bank Supports Langhorne ReStore Campaign with Matching Funds

Thanks to Univest for offering area residents the opportunity to match their contribution to the Langhorne ReStore Campaign. Univest has pledged a total of \$20,000 to provide a dollar-for-dollar match to any individual gift of \$1,000 or more that is earmarked for the Langhorne ReStore Campaign.

“Opening the new ReStore is an excellent strategic decision. A more visible and accessible location will result in higher sales volume. By generating revenue from this new enterprise Habitat Bucks will be better positioned to fulfill its mission of providing affordable housing to low-income families in the County. The new ReStore is a tangible investment with an immediate return, and it deserves our community’s full support. That’s why Univest contributed to this campaign,” said Mike Keim, President of Univest Bank and Trust Company.



Mike Keim

Univest, a longtime Habitat Bucks supporter, prides itself on being a financial organization that continues to increase its scope of services while maintaining traditional beliefs and a determined commitment to the communities it serves. In 2015, Univest gave back more than \$1.5 million and its employees volunteered more than 17,600 hours to strengthen our local communities.

If you are interested in supporting The Langhorne ReStore Campaign, please visit [www.habitatbucks.org](http://www.habitatbucks.org) and click on “donate.” To receive the match, your gift must be \$1,000 or more; be sure to write “Langhorne ReStore” in the designation section on the final page of the online giving process.

### Habitat Bucks Receives Three Estate Gifts!

It was a bountiful December and January at Habitat Bucks as we received three generous estate gifts, including a bequest worth \$75,000! The second gift, also a bequest, was worth \$10,000 while the third was a charitable gift annuity valued at \$10,000.

“We are so fortunate that so many Bucks County residents view Habitat Bucks as a philanthropic priority. And the fact that these donors cared enough about our mission to include us in their estate plans is truly a blessing,” said Habitat Bucks Executive Director Florence Kawoczka.

While a bequest is an estate-planning vehicle giving donors the opportunity to support Habitat Bucks after they pass away, a charitable gift annuity allows donors to support Habitat Bucks, and receive tax and financial benefits, while they are living.

Here’s an example: Couple A, both aged 90, donate \$10,000 to Habitat Bucks to create a charitable gift annuity. They receive a tax deduction in the year that they made the contribution, and they receive \$840 income annually from the annuity (the annual payout amount varies based on the age of the donor(s)). Once they pass away, the funds that are left in the annuity support the mission of Habitat Bucks. For more information about how to include Habitat Bucks in your estate plans, please contact Tom Drotar [t.drotar@habitatbucks.org](mailto:t.drotar@habitatbucks.org) 215-822-2812 x 316.

### Join Habitat’s “Dream Builders Society”

Area residents who have supported, or plan to support, Habitat Bucks via their estate will soon be recognized via the newly created “Dream Builders Society.” Those who join this prestigious group will be listed on the Habitat Bucks website as well as other publications moving forward. Members may also remain anonymous. “This is a great opportunity for us to thank those donors who are truly committed to supporting our mission. And you can designate any size gift. We have donors who give modest gifts, and those gifts are very important to us!” said Tom Drotar, Resource Development Director. For more information about how to become a member of the Dream Builders Society please contact Tom Drotar.

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of Strength





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Building Communities,  
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## Volunteering with Habitat Bucks

On Site, at ReStore, in the Office



Join us!

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