





Thanks to you, this family is home.

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Homeless seven years ago, Tina and Bill found themselves with their dreams dashed and no place to go. Just 24 hours away from buying their first home, Bill got laid off from work. Everything changed. They spent the next several months living in a hotel, rebuilding their lives, struggling for stability. They found a house to rent; Bill found a new job. They raised their family, they continued on.

"We were renting a home, paying ridiculous prices to somebody else," Tina shared. "Homeownership was not something we even thought we could do." Then Tina found Habitat on the internet. Habitat purchased a foreclosed property in Morrisville through the National Community Stabilization Trust and razed the severely water-damaged home. The opportunity for new floor plans provided Tina and Bill the customized living space and accessibility they needed for their family.

Tina completed the bulk of the family's required sweat equity, as Bill's work took him out of state for long periods. Tina became a regular fixture on the

construction site, all the while balancing the responsibilities of home life, and her roles as Councilwoman of Tullytown Borough and as a drug prevention advocate.

"[Tina] started this ball rolling two years ago," Bill said at their August 25th home dedication. "And she kept going with it, going with it, and here we are today. I couldn't be more proud of her."

Tina and Bill made their long-overdue dream come true. The house they helped build has four bedrooms for them, their five children and granddaughter. Their son, Evan, now has an accessible bedroom and bathroom. They have a large backyard to gather with their friends and for the kids to play. Their mortgage is over \$400 less than their rental payment.

This family was overwhelmed by the volunteers, donors and community partners who gave so graciously to make their new home possible. After several years of having an eyesore of a decaying home on the block, the neighbors are thrilled to see this beautiful home.





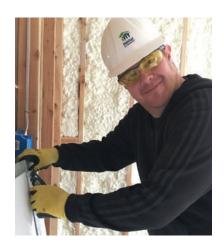
Their home is the symbol of hard work, patience and courage in the face of adversity. "This is just a dream come true," Tina said. "It's beyond my wildest dreams. We've been blessed!"

ACCELERATED IMPACT!

With your support, we're leading the way in building affordable homes for low-income households in Bucks County. We're always looking for ways to have an even greater, faster impact, and one way is through the renovation of existing homes.

The U.S. housing market remains extremely uneven. While some areas have rebounded significantly from the recession and have a robust housing market, others continue to grapple with high rates of vacant, abandoned and distressed properties. This weakens nearby home values, creates health and safety risks, lowers local tax revenues, and thwarts neighborhood revitalization efforts.





The same is true here in Bucks County. Habitat Bucks has purchased several properties listed with the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST) with the goal of rehabilitating them into energy efficient Habitat homes. (The NCST is a non-profit organization that seeks to restore vacant and abandoned properties to productive use and protect neighborhoods from blight.) So, we are taking on the challenge of expanding our impact. With this new model, we can help three families achieve their dream of homeownership in about the same time it would take to build a single brand-new house.

We recently dedicated our first two renovated homes, one in Quakertown, and Tina and Bill's home in Morrisville; we have six more coming up soon in Bristol, Levittown, and Morrisville. Our home sponsors have also embraced the idea of faster, greater impact. Everyone is happy when a former neighborhood eyesore becomes a beautiful, restored home. Just like new!

Habitat Bucks is making "Aging in Place" a safer choice





We know that the over-65 age group is growing quickly. To help residents of Bucks County age in place safely, Habitat Bucks has added a Safe at Home specialty to our Home Repair program.

Well-placed grab bars, improved lighting, widened doorways and wheelchair ramps can make a big difference in helping a homeowner avoid a nasty fall or gain much improved access to their beloved home. Our staff can share ideas to help make your home a good fit for all, regardless of age or ability.

With the support of sponsors and trained volunteers we're reaching out to make a significant difference in quality of life.

Lead support provided by:

AARP Foundation, Connelly Foundation, Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Leff Family Foundation, and United Way of Bucks County



Your Legacy

You don't have to be rich to make a meaningful charitable bequest

More and more people just like you are leaving their mark by including a charitable gift in their will, trust or other estate plans. With a stroke of your pen, you can leave your mark on Bucks County more significantly and powerfully than you ever imagined. Making a charitable gift through your will or your IRA is a simple, tax friendly way to support Habitat Bucks and the community you love. And it can keep giving back forever.

Now THAT's legacy.

Want to learn more? Call our resource development director at (215) 822-2812 x316.



Need a holiday gift? Make it a charitable one!

Holiday tribute gifts can be made at HabitatBucks.org or by calling (215) 822-2812 x317

THE GIFT OF PAYING IT FORWARD

Habitat homeowner assists a refugee from Eritrea by sharing his own experience when he was a new immigrant.

"I just want to let you know that your homeowner turned out to be an INVALUABLE resource for our refugee team. He was so generous with his time, and his ability to talk openly about cultural differences was a gift. Thank you for connecting us with this wonderful man!"

- Barb Stanley, Mission Committee, Doylestown Presbyterian Church

Home Repair Team Installs Safety Fence

"Our family would like to thank the team at Habitat Bucks for all you do to make the homes of families feel like a home. We are extremely thankful for the work that has been done in our home. Our kids are now able to freely run in their backyard because of the amazing fence that secures their safety. Thanks for the smiles and laughter."

- Rachel, Kerwin, Ray, Elisha, Elyah, Amelia and Arianna.





Events

NOVEMBER 25TH 2017

Annual 5K Run

Quakertown, PA Visit habitatbucks.org/news

APRIL 13TH 2018

Hard Hats & High Heels

Fun, Dinner, Auctions A benefit for Habitat Bucks

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS





1400 volunteers 26,000 hours donated this year!

101 CARS DONATED VIA CARS FOR HOMES
Raised \$62,400 \(\Rightarrow \Rightarrow

RESTORES

2 ReStores in Chalfont & Langhorne

2,450,000 lbs of material diverted from landfills

12,000 DONATIONS
IMMEASURABLE GRATITUDE



70%

of every Habitat Bucks home is built by volunteers register today at volunteer@habitatbucks.org

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