



“What an emotional day. First seeing the dedication and meeting the new Homeowner. Then to work side by side with the future homeowner of the Levittown house was incredible. We all work so hard on our own life journey but to help others is positively grounding. I look forward to helping as much as I can.”

– Lori , Construction Volunteer



“I love volunteering at Habitat, it’s such a great organization and everyone at the ReStore is amazing, from the staff to the volunteers! Thanks for doing what you do to make it a great place to volunteer.”

– Denise, ReStore Volunteer



“The two gentlemen who picked up our furniture could not have been more professional and helpful...we were so happy to be able to donate to such a worthy cause.”

– ReStore Donor



“We are so appreciative of now having a railing on the stairs and grab bars in the bath because mom can now go upstairs and take a shower without worry or making the family stand guard! And she says that everything, gutters included, is beautiful.”

– Home Repair Family Member



Heather purchased in Croydon.



Dawn purchased in Morrisville.

WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Habitat Bucks is helping individuals and families take the necessary steps to achieve or sustain affordable homeownership.

With the high cost of living in Bucks County, an affordable Habitat home can be just the answer for families who have settled for less than desirable living conditions because that is all they can afford. Likewise, our neighbors who already own their homes sometimes find themselves unable to afford critical repairs necessary to their safety or the integrity of their home. They may be retired on a fixed income, or working and paying-off extraordinary health bills. Either way, the cost of hiring a contractor to repair deteriorating doorways and windows, install bath modifications, or rectify poor grading to improve drainage can be prohibitive.

Each Habitat family is unique, yet they

all just need a hand-up. And that hand-up is a life changer!

Many families, like Dawn and Heather, were doubling up with family in order to save on housing costs. Both single moms with teenage children, their new Habitat homes provide the space their children need to flourish. A local borough employee, Dawn is thrilled that her son was able to work closely with our Construction Site Supervisor, gaining confidence through learning building skills and feeling empowered. Heather, a data analyst, knows that her new energy efficient home will likely reduce the chronic health issues her son and daughter battle.

Mamie is a spry 85 years young, living an active life in her own home in Langhorne. She loves to exercise on her treadmill each day before going to her part time job or to volunteer in her church ministry. But the poor lighting was a safety hazard on the stairs down to her treadmill in the basement, and her front and back porch steps were crumbling! Since Habitat helped with these repairs,

Mamie feels safer and is very proud of her home!

Senior citizens, two parent families, or young single moms... bank branch manager, certified nursing assistant or school district bus driver...Habitat families may not look alike, but each one is taking control of their situation. They know that their home is more than just a roof over their heads. It is the answer to better physical and mental well-being. Thanks to you, Habitat Bucks can offer them the hand-up they need and fulfill our mission: *Building Communities; Empowering Families.*



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TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE...

We celebrate a lot at Habitat Bucks. This winter, we celebrated our three newest homeowners! Omar and Martha welcomed the New Year with their four sons in their renovated house in Levittown. Dawn and her family bought a newly renovated home in Morrisville. Heather and her children purchased their newly constructed home in Croydon. These achievements are big celebrations for us because they are the culmination of months of hard work and dedication by our homebuyers and our volunteers, sponsors and staff.

Sometimes our celebrations are simple, intimate moments: when our

applicants get the call welcoming them into our homeownership program; when our prospective applicants reach their financial goals after battling obstacles for months or even years; when our Almost Home participants turn moments of frustration into renewed efforts toward their goals of financial freedom.

Sometimes we celebrate first steps. Our homebuyer-readiness program, Almost Home, is kicking off its fourth cohort this Spring! We celebrate that many of our program graduates are becoming homeowners. We are thrilled that our past and present

participants feel confident with their finances. Through coaching and workshops, Almost Home is helping participants learn how to reduce their debt, improve their credit scores and increase their savings. Each celebration along the way leads them closer...they are Almost Home.



Together we build a better future.

There are simple ways everyone can make a difference.



You can partner with us to help empower families with a gift that has an impact right now. You can also make a gift in your will, trust, or other account that becomes your personal legacy. You can help us do what we do today, even better, for generations to come. These kinds of planned gifts are simple to arrange and often return benefits back to you. For example, you can:

- Make a gift today that costs you nothing during your lifetime
- Receive guaranteed payments for life in return for your gift
- Save big on taxes by giving appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds

Call Candace Clarke, our Resource Development Director at (215) 822-2812, ext. 316

Learn more at habitatbucks.org/legacy

Together we can make home safer for everyone.



Before

Dangerous
open steps



After

Much safer
double hand rails!

Over the past year Habitat Bucks focused on making repairs that support improved health and safety for all who live in the home. "What kinds of repairs" you ask?

- Kathleen doesn't have to worry about her disabled husband and four generation family using the *new back steps with two railings*, interior stairs with *improved lighting*, repaired *baseboard outlets*, and new *basement door*.
- George is thankful that the *frayed wiring has been replaced*, and new outlets installed so he no longer needs a 50 foot extension cord to plug in his wife's oxygen concentrator.
- Mamie lives alone and at age 85 is an active lady. She spoke to Habitat Bucks to learn about our affordable Home Repair program. The result was *new front and back steps with additional hand rails, improved interior lighting, new gutters and fresh exterior paint*.
- Susan, who lives with her mother and son, had *gutters and leaky siding replaced, a new banister on the stairs and grab bars* in her mother's bathroom.

If you or someone you know may qualify for affordable home repairs, go to habitatbucks.org/homerepair to apply.

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every day is Earth Day

Recycle your car now and help a family build strength, stability and self-reliance through homeownership. Your donated car can help repair the roof on a senior's house, or help a family build a decent, affordable home where kids can finally have their own room to play, study and learn. Working and non-working cars are accepted.

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