

BREAKING GROUND

It has been tougher than ever to identify appropriate properties to build affordable homes, whether it is open land to build new houses or existing homes that we can renovate. The very competitive real estate market is putting properties out of reach for Habitat Bucks.

At the same time, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Croydon has been faced with a different problem: despite many attempts to repurpose their empty elementary school, the limited parking restricts potential uses. The school building has been vacant, at threat of becoming blighted, while the cost of upkeep created a drain on parish finances.

Wonderfully, blessings have emerged from our separate struggles! We are breaking ground on three new homes at the site. More affordable homes means better opportunities for essential workers in our county—EMS workers, teachers, healthcare workers, and all the others who are otherwise priced out of homeownership and even rentals. And, through our land trust model, Habitat Bucks continues to protect the affordability of our homes for future generations.

As with every Habitat build, our mission is a community effort. We invite neighbors, businesses and organizations to join us by volunteering, sharing our mission and financially supporting the construction.

In a special way, we will engage the faith community with one of these new homes being designated as “The House that Faith Built.” Members of all faiths will support the build with their time, talent and treasures. **Woodside Church of Yardley** has already committed to help build these homes with a framing day in their parking lot!

Another of these homes will be “The House that Builders Built” with professional construction and related trades companies offering their expertise and financial support. Thank you to **Blue Rock Construction** for your generous gift to put this project in motion!

As we break ground on this property, the future homeowners will begin planting their roots... building economic stability... fulfilling their dreams thanks to your support.

Property BEFORE



Homeownership

Affordability Through Renovation

At Habitat Bucks, we don't always build a new home from the ground up. Sometimes we find a home to purchase that has good bones; it is then easier and less costly to rehabilitate than building new. Nevertheless we bring all of our homes up to Energy Star standards which means adding things like highly efficient insulation, and upgraded HVAC systems, plumbing, and electric. We do this in an effort to offer a home that will have lower energy costs to our homebuyers - which contributes to the affordability of the home. Our construction team also brings older homes up to present day building codes, thereby improving home safety as well.

We are always looking for potential rehab homes, vacant land, or partnerships with other builders in order to add affordable homes within developments and communities.



Home Repair

Collaboration Gave Tom Access to the Outdoors Again.

Tom and Judy were in their late 70's and in very poor health. It was Judy's dying wish that her husband, a wheelchair-bound double amputee, have access again to the outside world. At that time, there was no way for him to navigate their front steps.

They turned to their primary care physician who referred them to **Quality Health Alliance**, the St. Mary Medical Center ambulatory care management team. After a social worker assessment, Habitat Bucks' Home Repair program was contacted. We were able to install a ramp giving Tom full access to the outdoors again! This is how we help our neighbors – through collaboration.



Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) Tax Credit

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is thankful for donors who have pledged their commitment to safe, attainable housing for Bucks County families through their participation in the NAP Tax Credit. For fiscal year 2023, those donors include **Penn Color, Wells Fargo, C&N Bank, Univest, First Bank, and QNB Bank**. By redirecting their PA tax dollars to Habitat Bucks, these businesses are helping subsidize the cost of critical home repairs for our partnering families. Interested in learning more?

Contact Jennifer Drayer-McDonald at 215.822.2812 x316.



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HABITAT BUCKS' ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT



Unable to attend our signature event on April 27th?

Join us remotely, Wednesday, April 26, 12:01 am, through Thursday, April 27, 7:30 pm, for the opportunity to bid on our amazing silent auction offerings.

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