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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SUSQUEHANNA TO PERFORM**

**A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS IN EDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD**

**BEL AIR, MD (March 6, 2018)** – Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna and its volunteers will be in the First Harford Square neighborhood (Edgewood) on April 28 to perform A Brush With Kindness (ABWK) activities. Volunteers will be offering to do yard work, mulching, raking, tree trimming, gutter cleaning and installing free smoke detectors (donated by the American Red Cross) for interested homeowners. ABWK is part of the larger, annual neighborhood revitalization effort to preserve home exteriors, revitalize the appearance of neighborhoods, and strengthen connections within the community.

“It helps low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their houses, allowing them to reclaim their homes with pride and dignity,” said Brianne Young, Volunteer & Community Engagement Coordinator for Habitat Susquehanna.

Young is reaching out to interested individuals and groups looking for a way to serve their community. Members of the Southern Harford County Rotary have already signed up to participate. They chose Habitat Susquehanna to be one of three recipients to receive a portion of the proceeds from their recently-held annual fundraiser, the Snowball. Habitat Susquehanna will use the donation to help offset the costs of the ABWK effort.

In addition, for any residents wishing to do some “spring cleaning,” the Aberdeen ReStore will have a truck available in the neighborhood that day for a Donation Drive. Donated items will be delivered back to the ReStore for sale. (The Aberdeen ReStore is Habitat Susquehanna’s nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories and building materials to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds from the ReStore go back into Habitat Susquehanna’s mission to provide affordable housing opportunities in Harford and Cecil counties.)

Interested ABWK volunteers can contact Brianne Young at byoung@habitatsusq.org. Interested homeowners living in the First Harford Square neighborhood can register with Amanda Wolfe at awolfe@habitatsusq.org to request ABWK at their homes. The amount of homes that will receive ABWK on that day will depend upon the number of volunteers who sign up.

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**About Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, Inc.**

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, Inc. is an ecumenical Christian housing organization devoted to building, renovating and repairing houses in partnership with the community in Cecil and Harford counties. Since its inception in 1993, Habitat Susquehanna has served over 700 families through its Homeownership, Repair and Financial Literacy programs.  For more information, call 410-638-4434 (Harford County) or 410-398-3399 (Cecil County), or visit [www.habitatsusq.org](http://www.habitatsusq.org).