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# GREEN & BLUEPRINTS

A newsletter to keep you informed.







# A Message from our Executive Director

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our nonprofit's co-founder, **Charles Alston**. We were fortunate to have been able to interview him for our 25th and 30th anniversary videos so that we could put into historical context how it was at the beginning, when likeminded people joined together to create a local Habitat for Humanity chapter in the community.

Charles Alston and Clarence Fry (who passed away in 2018) were its founding volunteers and first two presidents.

"It was a blessing," Charles said of his time with Habitat, when he was interviewed for our 30th anniversary. "It demonstrates God's love for anyone who desires to achieve and help themselves. And for those who believe in that, and help these people along, it's my hope they continue to help out people who really have a need that we're helping to fulfil. It's been a joyful experience, and I say, 'Habitat, keep up the good work; keep up the good work."



Yvonne Golczewski

#### **NOTABLE DATES**

**Feb. 11-13: Habitat on the Hill 2025.** Habitat's annual legislative conference in Washington, D.C.

**Feb. 17:** Habitat Susquehanna is closed in observance of Presidents Day.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Apr. 5: Dream Builders Benefit 2025. <u>Tickets</u> are on sale now.

# Dream Builders Benefit: April 5, 2025



#### SAVE THE DATE

Join us at our upcoming event, the <a href="Dream Builders Benefit">Dream Builders Benefit</a> fundraiser. It will have a military & veteran focus and offer discounted tickets to active/retired military personnel and veterans. We are thrilled to have as our guest speaker <a href="Veronica">Veronica</a> Stocks, an Air Force veteran, who has been a Habitat Homeowner since 2013. We are honored that the 229th Army Band has agreed to perform at this event. The gourmet dinner, drinks, appetizers, and dessert will be catered by <a href="Evolved Hospitality Group">Evolved Hospitality Group</a> / The Local. The venue will be the beautiful Bulle Rock Residents Club Ballroom, Havre de Grace. Join us in our mission to secure affordable housing in our community! Tickets and sponsorships are on sale now!

#### Women Build 2025:

Building Futures — Two Families, One Foundation

We are ready to start a new year of **Women Build** planning for a duplex that we will be building in Elkton. We are looking for Women Build teams to form and join us in support of affordable housing.

The purpose of Women Build is to offer an opportunity for women to take a proactive step in serving their local community, and provide an awareness of affordable housing issues facing women and their families. Women Build is about women helping and empowering other women!

Visit our **website** to learn more.

**NOTE:** We are also looking for lunch donations during the May to June



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Last year, fourteen women-led teams, consisting of 134 volunteers, donated over 1,000 hours of their time on Eureka's house (*pictured*).

Through a grassroots peer-to-peer fundraising campaign and generous donation from a local family, these volunteer teams raised over \$75,000 to help pay for the building costs/materials for this

Women Build dates. Contact Community Engagement Manager <u>Michele</u>
<u>Louderback</u> for details on how you can help feed our volunteers.

home.

#### Staff news

Follow our Facebook pages to learn about our latest staff updates:

**Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna** 

**Aberdeen ReStore** 

#### Homeowner news

**Milestone Anniversaries:** Congrats to one of our families who marks a milestone anniversary as a Habitat Homeowner this month:

Leslie: 15 years

# Can we be your Valentine?

If you have a heart for housing, skip the chocolates and flowers, and consider making a Valentine's Day donation to our mission instead!

Every donation helps support local housing projects in the community.

For details, visit our website.

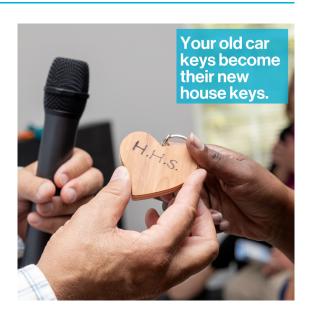


# Recycle your car and help build a home

If your car is sitting idle, it could be driving change. Donate today to help fund affordable housing in your community.

By donating a car to Habitat's **Cars for Homes**™ vehicle donation program, you
help Habitat Susquehanna build and
rehabilitate houses in partnership with
families in Harford and Cecil Counties,
such as **Eureka**'s, one of this past year's
Habitat Homebuyers (*closeup*photograph: Director of Construction
Dave Burja handing Eureka her house
keys during her home dedication
ceremony).

Visit the Cars for Homes <u>website</u> to learn more about this national vehicle donation program, or call 1-877-277-



# Cars for Homes Qs & As

**Q:** Can I donate my old snowmobile to the Cars for Homes program?

**A:** Yes! We accept almost all vehicles, including cars, trucks, RVs, SUVs,

boats, motorcycles, farm and construction equipment, etc. Towing is

Start Your Vehicle Donation Today

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