



SPRING 2026 BUILDING ON FAITH NEWSLETTER

Habitat is driven by the teachings of our Christian faith. We witness the power and love of Christ as we build simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with all people. We offer faith groups a powerful way to put their faith into action, and many faith partners support us in our communities through their generous donations, prayers and volunteers.

A Message from our Executive Director

We have recently been made aware of some supporters who thought they were donating to Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna when they were actually donating to our umbrella organization, Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). Why does that matter?

While HFHI has been operating for 50 years on a worldwide stage, Habitat Susquehanna has been working since 1993 at the grassroots level. However, we all have a shared belief that everyone deserves a place to call home.

Did you know that when donations are given directly to Habitat Susquehanna, the dollars stay local and fund the work that we do right here in Harford and Cecil Counties? We cannot emphasize this enough: ***Your donations to Habitat Susquehanna support your local community and help your neighbors in need.***

Please also know that our reach does not stop there. As a Christian organization, we believe in tithing. Every year since 1995, we have provided tithe funding to different



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SAVE THE DATE

May 30-Jun 27: Women Build. Faith groups have joined us in past years for this annual fundraising & volunteering effort, and it is not too late to form a Women Build team and join us! The teams will be volunteering at the build site in Aberdeen (a duplex) on Norman Avenue. Help two families achieve the dream of homeownership! Contact

Habitat affiliates overseas. Two years ago, we were recognized for our efforts and received the *Malachi 3:10 Award* from HFHI for our lifetime tithe contributing \$500,000 or more toward Habitat's global mission.

The bottom line is that we are as committed as you are to being part of the solution to housing affordability. If you want to make sure your donation dollars stay here in the local community, you can donate directly to Habitat Susquehanna through our [website](#), or by mailing a check to us at 205 S. Hays Street, Bel Air, MD 21014.

Together, we build homes, communities, and hope.

CLICK HERE to make a donation to help Habitat Susquehanna's efforts in Harford and Cecil Counties

[Michele Louderback](#) for details or visit our [website](#). If you want to support Women Build in another way, we are also looking for lunch donors. See the related article below for details.

Jun 27: Susquehanna Ministerium's Blessings by the Bay. (Rain date Sunday, June 28). 3 PM. Tydings Memorial Park, Havre de Grace. An annual gathering of worship, prayer, and unity that celebrates our community and honors the presence of God in our lives and our environment.

Jul 5: Seeking Walkers from Our Church Community for Parade.

Location: Havre de Grace. We are excited to share our mission with a new audience. We are seeking walkers to help represent the Habitat homes we have built/rehabbed to date. See the related article below for details.

CORRECTION

The company named in our *Raise the Roof* article (Winter issue) is **Krause Companies**. We apologize for the typo.

Seeking lunch donors to help feed our Women Build volunteers

We will never turn down an offer to feed our volunteers! If you are interested in making or purchasing lunches for one or more of our Women Build teams, contact [Michele](#) for details. In the past, our volunteers have enjoyed wraps, sandwiches, fried chicken, pasta salads, boxed lunches, and more. The volunteer build days will be held on Wednesdays through Saturdays, from May 30 to June 27.



Help feed this year's Women Build teams who are fundraising for and volunteering at a duplex in Aberdeen! They are helping two families to build a better future.

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary weekend with purpose, community and a whole lot of fun!

The **Bulle Rock Habitat for Humanity Club** is teaming up with Habitat Susquehanna to take part in Havre de Grace's Independence Day Parade on July 5, and we are looking for walkers! This is a relaxed, family-friendly experience (strollers welcome!) and a great way to be part of something meaningful.

Youth and church groups; individuals and families; scout and school groups; and, civic and social clubs are all welcome to participate. Together, we are aiming to represent the 139 homes Habitat Susquehanna has built or rehabbed in our community, with each walker helping showcase that story.



After the parade, it is just a short walk to Concord Point Park, where you can keep the celebration going with a free evening concert and fireworks along the waterfront.

It is the perfect way to enjoy the holiday weekend — celebrate the 4th your way, then come walk with us on the 5th! Contact [Michele](#) for details or to sign up.

Raise the Roof for those in need

Our Repair Program has the names of fifty low-income households in our community that are on a waiting list and needing assistance due to leaky roofs. Most are elderly homeowners who cannot afford the rising cost of roof repairs. **Krause Companies** is partnering with Habitat Susquehanna and generously donating all roofing materials. We are seeking donations for the labor costs. Can you help?

On average, it costs \$2,000 to replace one roof.

We invite individuals, churches, and the broader community to ensure our neighbors' homes are protected from the elements.

If 80 individuals contributed just \$25, one home would be dry and safe.

If 20 churches donated \$100, together they would replace a roof.

**CLICK HERE to donate
and help low-income
seniors with needed
roof repairs**

Update on where we tithe: Malawi

We tithe to support our Habitat for Humanity efforts overseas. Tithing is a foundational principle of Habitat — a commitment to share a percentage of our financial blessings with those



around the world who are in need of decent, affordable housing. We currently provide tithe support to Habitat affiliates in Kenya, Haiti, Malawi, and Egypt.

Here are the highlights provided by Habitat for Humanity International on the recent efforts of **Habitat for Humanity Malawi**:

Today, over 2.8 million people lack access to adequate, affordable housing in Malawi. Urbanization, extreme weather, rising costs and increasing competition for land are only adding to the problem. We are called to do more.

Build More and Better home through Disaster Resilience & Recovery for 200,000 people

Nanchidwa housing Recovery Project in Mulanje District, where Habitat for Humanity Malawi established a model village for those affected by Tropical Cyclone Freddy in 2023. Through funding from various donors, HFH Malawi has provided permanent, disaster-resilient housing for 67 of the 96 households residing at Nanchidwa camp.

Build More and Better home through Basic Services

Habitat Malawi handed over a telemetry groundwater monitoring station to the National Water

Resources Authority in Chithambo Village, Traditional Authority Masumbankhunda in Lilongwe. The initiative aims to strengthen groundwater management and ensure a sustainable water supply for surrounding communities. The project includes a solar-powered water system mounted on a tower, which distributes water through a 3.9-kilometre network serving over 4,000 people across eight villages.

Transform Housing Systems through Timange EcoBuild: Promoting Sustainable Building Materials

Habitat Malawi has launched a social enterprise named Timange Ecobuild and it is based in South Lunzu, Blantyre. This enterprise produces affordable, climate-resilient, and eco-friendly building materials such as pavers, cement blocks, Soil Stabilized Blocks (SSBs), and Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSBs). These blocks help reduce deforestation, lower construction costs, and promote environmentally responsible building. The plant has an annual production capacity of 756,000 ISSBs/SSBs, 840,000 concrete blocks, and 1,680,000 pavers. Some of the construction materials produced at the plant have already been used to build 45 houses in Mulanje for families affected by Cyclone Freddy in 2023.

Drive change and make a lasting impact through your vehicle donation

When you donate your old car, you turn it into new hope and homes to help your community. Vehicles donated to **Cars for Homes** help fund affordable housing programs in Harford and Cecil Counties.

You also save money on fuel, insurance, and maintenance! You may even qualify for a tax deduction. Visit the **Cars for Homes™** [website](https://www.habitat.org/carsforhomes) to learn more.



Please share this information at your place of worship!

Get on our volunteer calendars!

The **Aberdeen ReStore** is proudly owned and operated by Habitat Susquehanna and we are currently looking for volunteers! Sign up through our [website](#) to view the ReStore's calendar and the different jobs we have for interested individuals or groups.

Want to volunteer at a house build? We will have volunteer opportunities available starting in July for both Cecil and Harford Counties but you can sign up now for an upcoming date. Visit our [website](#) to register.

Are you part of a bible study group? A youth group for young adults? A Men's or Women's church group?

Consider joining us for a day of volunteering!



Volunteering is a perfect way to give your group a team-bonding experience as you serve others in the local community.

For questions on how you can be a volunteer, contact [Ashley](#) (for volunteering at the ReStore) or [Michele](#) (for volunteering at the build sites).

Acknowledgments

We thank all of you for giving of your time, and for the financial blessings you have bestowed upon our mission! Thank you for being God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show them His love.

Since our last published newsletter's thanks, we have received monetary contributions and/or other donations from:

St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church and **Moore's Chapel** put their faith into action and donated toward our [Raise the Roof](#) campaign. This campaign was announced in the previous newsletter (Winter issue) where we invited the faith community to help us with roof replacements for low-income homeowners in Harford and Cecil Counties. **Krause Companies** is generously donating all roofing materials, so any financial gifts made from our faith community will go toward labor costs. This will nearly double the impact of every dollar given! There is still time to donate. If 20 churches donated \$100 each, together they would replace a roof. Contact [Michele Louderback](#) for details.

Mountain Christian Church kindly provided a Stars & Stripes sponsorship for our recent Dream Builders Benefit, supporting our efforts to bring affordable homeownership opportunities to Harford and Cecil Counties.

The following are generously donating housewarming gifts for our May 29 home dedication ceremony at Darlington Avenue, Aberdeen: **Darlington United Methodist Church**, **Hopewell United Methodist Church**, and **Wesleyan Chapel**.

From March to the present, the following faith partners helped us build homes, communities and hope by volunteering their time or services:

Members of **Mountain Christian Church** and **St. Paul's Lutheran Church WELCA** donated lunches to feed the out-of-town college students who came to build with us during their spring break.

Students from **Notre Dame Preparatory School** volunteered at our Aberdeen ReStore and at our build site located at Darlington Avenue, Aberdeen. The **Knights of Columbus** and **Catholic University** also volunteered at our build site.

Habitat is built on a foundation of faith. We give thanks to all of you throughout the more than 30 years of partnership with us, for volunteering with us, and for the financial blessings which are vital to moving our mission forward. Thank you for living your faith and supporting the need for decent shelter in your local community. Please keep the ministry of Habitat for Humanity in your prayers.

MISSION STATEMENT

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope in Cecil and Harford Counties.

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