



A Message from our Executive Director

We had the pleasure of attending the 2024 Affiliate Conference: "We Build. We influence. Together." held in Atlanta, home of **Habitat for Humanity International's** headquarters. More than 175 workshops and 400 experts were on hand to bring a focus to Habitat's advocacy, homeowner services, volunteer engagement, and more.

In addition, we were honored to receive the **Malachi 3:10 Award** for the lifetime tithing support that we have given to our global ministry. The name of the award comes from a Bible verse:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

— Malachi 3:10



Yvonne Golczewski

NOTABLE DATES IN APRIL

APR 1: Women Build Meet & Greet Open House. Here's the chance to meet with other teams, as well as Habitat staff, to discuss plans for **Women Build 2024!** The group will look over the blueprints of the home they will be building in June. Homebuyer **Eureka**, a single mother of three, will be present to meet the volunteers. All of the Women Build teams will be helping to construct their future Aberdeen home from the foundation-up (as opposed to working at several build sites), and our goal is to get walls, roof and siding done. If you have questions or are interested in forming a Women Build team with your co-workers, organization members, and/or faith group, contact [Michele Louderback](#), Community Engagement Manager. For more information, visit our



Pictured: CEO of Habitat for Humanity International,

Jonathan Reckford, presents the Malachi 3:10 Award to our Executive Director, Yvonne Golczewski (center).

[website](#).

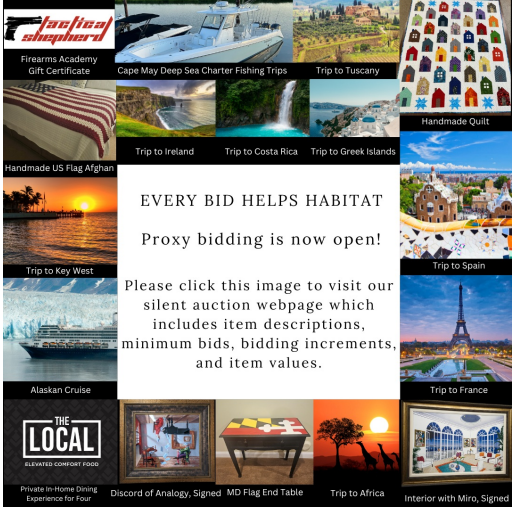
Also attending the ceremony were Habitat Susquehanna's staff members: John Lanigan, Development Manager & Safety Officer (at left of Mr. Reckford); and, Director of Development Ola Boswell and Director of Construction Dave Burja (at right of Yvonne).

Additional attendees included Habitat for Humanity International's national directors Mousa Naffa (Jordan), at far left, and Susan Naidu (Fiji), at far right.

The Malachi 3:10 Award recognizes U.S. affiliates who have contributed to Habitat's global mission of a lifetime tith totaling \$500,000 or more.

APR 13: Dream Builders Ball 2024. An all-inclusive [event](#) with delicious food, musical performances, and silent auction. (*To be included on future invitations to Habitat Susquehanna's events, contact [John Lanigan](#), Development Manager & Safety Officer.*)

APR 20: Earth Day celebration at the **Aberdeen ReStore**. Follow the ReStore's [Facebook](#) page for updates on all the planned activities.



Silent Auction bidding open

Proxy bidding ends on Friday, April 12th, at 4 PM. Winners will be contacted following the gala.

To view the current list of auction items available for bid, click on our silent auction image (at left), and/or visit our [website](#). To bid, email [John Lanigan](#) with your item and maximum bid amount.

Every bid helps support Habitat Susquehanna in our efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities in Harford and Cecil counties.

Recruiting teams for Women Build through the end of April

Women Build 2024 teams are forming from now through the end of April. Invite your co-workers, organization members, and/or faith groups to help us create women-led teams this year, to build one home on an empty lot on Liberty Street, Aberdeen.



Contact [Michele Louderback](#), Community Engagement Manager, for details, or visit our [website](#). We'd love to have you be a part of this special build!

Home dedication of tenth "Habi-Tech" house build by Harford Tech

Habitat Susquehanna held a home dedication

ceremony for the "Habi-Tech" house built by the students of **Harford Technical High School**. It is the tenth home to be built by Harford Tech HS in its 20-year partnership with Habitat Susquehanna. The Habitat homebuyer is Amanda, a single mother of three boys.

For more information, read our [press release](#).



Photo by Matthew Peterson, machpe Photography. View the dedication photo album on our [Facebook page](#).

Did you know? In this month...

April 2005: This was the first time that our nonprofit brought together churches of different faiths to construct a home. It was called "FAITHWORKS: A United Churches Build."

April 2008: Following Hurricane Katrina, the "Katrina Krew" made a couple of trips to help out after the devastation. On this trip, they traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi, to work on building three new homes. The crew consisted of **Dave Hall, Robin Litle, Carol Deel, Karen Rockey, Pat** and **Jackie Ward**.

April 2014: Home dedication ceremony for **Jocelyn's** house on Angel Valley Court, Edgewood.

April 2016: The seventh home built by the students of the **Harford Technical High School**, in partnership with Habitat Susquehanna, was transported to its final destination in Aberdeen. The homebuyer of this "Habi-Tech" house was **Lisa**, a single mother of three boys.

Staff news

Kudos to **Heather Gibson**, Homeownership Program Manager (*pictured in the **Homeownership news** article*), who is marking her two-year work anniversary with us this month!

Congrats to **Alison Vain**, Finance

Homeownership news

It's official! **Yaraly** and her daughter **Yaireliz** just closed on their Deen Avenue, Aberdeen home, with a mortgage made affordable specifically for them.

Latera also went to settlement on her home located on Ohio Street, Havre de Grace. It has accessibility features to accommodate one of her two daughters, who has cerebral palsy.

We thank these families for allowing us to be a part of their homeownership journeys!



Top picture, left to right: Homeownership Program Manager Heather Gibson; Yaraly; Yaireliz; and, Diane Sengstacke, President of Home Title Company of Maryland, Inc., at settlement.

Bottom picture, left to right: Diane, Latera and Heather.

Assistant, who is celebrating one year in April as a Habitat Susquehanna staff member!



Foursomes and raffle tickets available

Foursomes are available for this golf tournament taking place at the Oakmont Golf Course in Hampstead.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each for a chance to win the Matco Tools toolbox valued at \$1,720.

Join us and/or help us spread the word! The proceeds benefit Habitat Susquehanna.

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