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GREEN & BLUEPRINTS

A newsletter to keep you informed.



## A Message from our Executive Director

Now more than ever, it is critical to invest in programs proven to help combat the housing crisis. We are grateful to all of our volunteers, donors and sponsors who continue to support the work that we do so that people in our community can have access to safe, decent and affordable housing.

With that in mind, we could not be more thankful for a tremendously impactful grant award that we recently received from our longstanding partner, the **Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)**.

DHCD awarded our organization \$490,000 for our Affordable Homeownership Programs in Aberdeen, Edgewood, Havre de Grace and Elkton.

These life-changing funds will provide hope and homeownership to eight local, low-income households.

For more information, please refer to the [press release](#) issued by DHCD.



Yvonne Golczewski

## NOTABLE DATES

**Apr. 18: Good Friday.** The Habitat Susquehanna office is closed.

**Apr. 19: Earth Day [event](#) at the Aberdeen ReStore.** Document shredding from 9-11 AM. Kids' activities from 10 AM - 12 PM.

## Thank you for your support of our Dream Builders Benefit

Thank you to all of the people and businesses who came to, volunteered at, donated to, and/or sponsored our Dream Builders Benefit. We had a wonderful time and all of the military touches -- including the performance by





the **229th Army Band** -- made the event even more special. The funds raised will go towards our efforts of making the dream of homeownership a possibility through new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation and critical home repairs.

Our generous event sponsors were:

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Visit our [Facebook photo album](#) for the pictures taken by Laura Ames Photography.



## Kayla's home dedication ceremony

"There is hope! If this can happen for us it can happen for you, also," said Kayla in her initial application to our Homeownership Program.

We were able to celebrate the completion of the rehab of Kayla's Edgewood house with a home dedication ceremony held at the end of March. Once Kayla goes to settlement, she and her five children will be able to create new beginnings in a place they can call home.



Visit our Facebook page for the [photo album](#) of Kayla's home dedication ceremony.

Photo credit: **Laura Ames Photography.**

## Thank you to our Collegiate Challenge group

Students from **Southern Illinois University** (Carbondale) spent their school break volunteering at our Habitat build sites and Aberdeen ReStore. They were very hard working and brought a positive, upbeat spirit to our work sites! We thank them for choosing to spend their free time in support of our mission.



## Women Build 2025 update

It's not too late to join us and be a part of Women Build 2025. We are building a duplex in Elkton and need twice the help that we have had in previous years.

If you would be interested in forming or joining a team, please visit our [website](#) for details.

Help us support two families in their dream of building a better future.



## Staff news

Congrats to the following staff members who mark work anniversaries with us this month:

**Heather Gibson:** 3 years  
**Alison Vain:** 2 years

## AmeriCorps news

In partnership with local Habitat organizations, Habitat for Humanity International places **AmeriCorps** members to serve in a variety of roles to increase Habitat's ability to build homes, engage communities, build



Welcome to our newest staff members who have joined us since the start of the year: **Patricia Shaw, William Hines, Greg Oates** and **Ron Odachowski**. Patricia and William are ReStore Donation Ambassadors, and Greg and Ron are Construction Site Supervisors.

Visit our [website](#) for a list of our current job openings.

capacity and increase productivity. Members who serve receive a modest stipend.

If you are interested in serving a term with Habitat Susquehanna, contact [John Lanigan](#), Development Manager.

Information about Habitat AmeriCorps can be found on our [website](#).

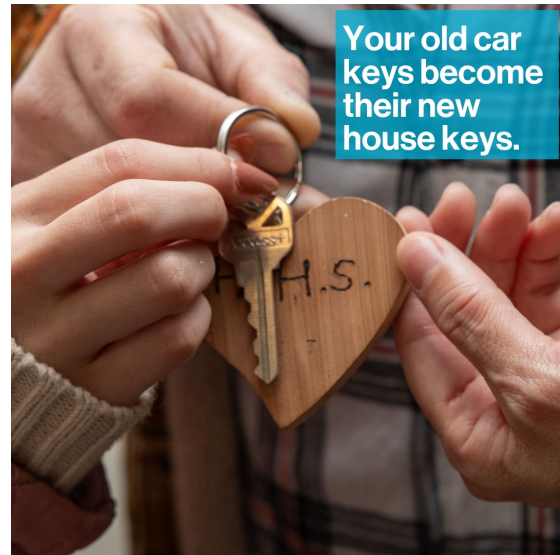
## Support affordable housing initiatives in your neighborhood

Donate your car today and qualify for a tax deduction while making a difference in your community.

By donating a car to Habitat's **Cars for Homes™** (CFH) vehicle donation program, you help Habitat Susquehanna build and rehabilitate houses in partnership with families in Harford and Cecil Counties, such as mother-and-daughter Habitat Homebuyers Yaraly and Yaireliz (*closeup photograph of their hands receiving the keys to their new house during their home dedication ceremony last year*).

Visit the CFH [website](#) to learn more about this national vehicle donation program, or call 1-877-277-4344.

Start Your Vehicle Donation  
Today



## Cars for Homes Qs & As

**Q:** How much can I deduct?

**A:** Once your vehicle is sold, the selling price determines the amount of your donation. If your vehicle sells for more than \$500, you may deduct the full selling price. If your vehicle sells for \$500 or less, you can deduct the "fair market value" of your vehicle, up to \$500.

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