



## Meet our current homebuyer

*The story of Felicia by Yvette Valentin, Director of Homeowner Services*

To say that our homebuyers\* are hard workers just doesn't completely do them justice -- as is the case with Felicia. She is a single mom of three (12, 7, 4) who not only worked one job, but worked a total of three just to make ends meet. Two years ago, her youngest child was diagnosed with Autism. Since then, she has had to make some major adjustments, including giving up one of those three jobs. Fortunately, she still makes enough income to qualify for the Habitat Homeownership Program.

Felicia and her children have had to move multiple times due to unforeseen circumstances. Her current housing situation is temporary and there are not enough bedrooms for all of them. Sharing a bedroom with a younger sibling is difficult on a normal basis, but when that sibling has Autism it takes those daily challenges to a different level. Thankfully, with donors and volunteers like YOU, Felicia will be moving into the 2022 "Habi-Tech" house built for us by the Cecil County School of Technology. This will provide them with the room needed to create a stable environment.

*\*Homebuyer: A person purchasing a Habitat house made affordable for them.*

Our mission would not be possible without the support of our generous donors, sponsors and volunteers. YOUR help gives a family a foundation to build a future! For more homebuyer stories, visit our [website](#).

## Bel Air United Methodist Church panel build

Members of **Bel Air United Methodist Church** participated in their fourth panel build with Habitat Susquehanna, building the walls to a future Habitat home to be located on Ohio Street, Havre de Grace. BAUMC's sponsorship of this home included a \$10K check.





This panel build was dedicated to a BAUMC church member and longtime Habitat Susquehanna volunteer, **Tim Knabe**, who passed away earlier this year. Knabe was an important part of the Habitat Susquehanna family, involved in volunteering and fundraising for the Homeownership and Repair programs for more than 20 years. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on through all of the Habitat families he has helped. Tim firmly believed in putting his faith into action.

To view the BAUMC panel build pictures, visit our [Facebook page](#).

### What is a panel build?

A panel build is a sponsored event where Habitat brings the construction site to a company, organization, church or school. Habitat supplies the building materials, tools, safety equipment and professional supervision. To sponsor a panel build, contact [John Lanigan](#) for info.

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### Thanks to our AmeriCorps members, Julia, Nick & Ben

Our Habitat AmeriCorps members have completed their 2021/22 term with us! We thank **Nick Pomper**, **Julia Haynes** and **Ben Marsh** for their service with our Habitat affiliate and wish them well in their future endeavors. We're happy to announce that Ben has just signed on to serve with us for another term!

AmeriCorps members serve a critical role in helping our Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better future for themselves and their families. AmeriCorps can be a life-changing experience or inspiration to pursue something new.

For AmeriCorps opportunities with Habitat Susquehanna, visit our [website](#).



Nick and Julia, "nail captains" at a panel build.



Ben leading volunteers at a Habitat home build site.

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### Aberdeen ReStore holds Stuff the Truck events in August

The **Aberdeen ReStore** is holding two Stuff the Truck events at Hollywood Casino in August.

If your group or community is interested in clearing the clutter, avoiding the landfill, and donating items to a worthy cause, contact



**Norm** at 443-567-7698 x13 for details! He can tell you the rules of what we can/can't take and schedule an appointment for a Stuff the Truck event in your location!



**Stuff the Truck**  
**Aug 13 & 27**

## Habitat Home that Builders Built

We are inviting builders to partner with us and fund a new home build on Ohio Street, Havre de Grace. A Habitat family is ready and waiting to move into this home once it's built! However, we can't begin building until we've raised 90 percent of the materials costs for this home. Steep inflation and skyrocketing construction costs have increased our prices and we need your support to reach our fundraising goal for this home, the Habitat Home That Builders Built.

This build provides a synergistic and mutually beneficial way for local builders and tradespersons of all kinds to partner with us -- and receive positive local recognition in the process!



Sponsorships are tax deductible, and sponsors have the option for private hands-on "team build" days, if interested.

Please contact [Phyliss Mosca](#) to learn more or to offer your sponsorship.

## Back to School Supply Drive

We'd like to help prepare students for a new year of learning and growth by hosting a Back-to-School Supply Drive benefiting Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School, Aberdeen.

Your donations will help get needed school supplies in the hands of students and staff to contribute to a successful learning environment.



To donate:



Starting **August 1 - 31**, we'll be welcoming donations of any new school and classroom items and supplies.

Thank you for helping us kick off the 2022/23 school year successfully!

- drop off at our Aberdeen ReStore (1013 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen) and/or
- contact [Heather Gibson](#) for additional drop-off arrangements at (410) 980-7390

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### Save the Date: Fall Feast

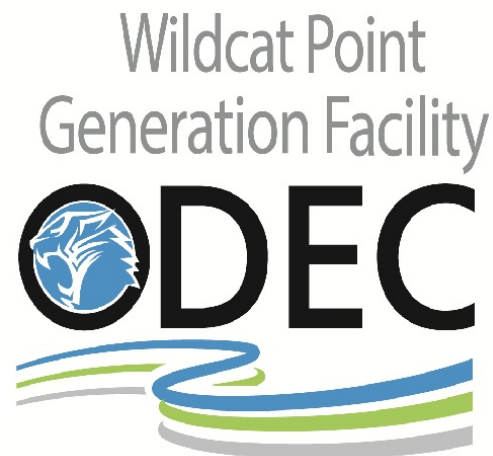
Save the date for our next "fun-raiser" at the Wellwood, Charlestown, slated for October 23rd! We give a very special thank you to **Old Dominion Electric Cooperative's (ODEC) Wildcat Point Generation Facility** for kicking off the sponsorships for this event as our Headlining Sponsor for \$5K!

We're currently looking for additional sponsors for the Fall Feast, so if your business, organization or church would like to help, contact [John Lanigan](#), Development Associate.

Visit our [website](#) for all the details.

NOTE to Sponsors: Make sure to get out your pumpkin carving kits as we'll be holding our traditional pumpkin carving contest as well!

Can't wait to see you at the Fall Feast!



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### Homeownership & Repair programs' brochures are out

At the start of each fiscal year (July 1st) we update our Homeownership and Repair program brochures with the latest income levels required for interested applicants to be able to apply. Our information is also provided on our website! To learn more about each program, visit:

[Homeownership Program](#)



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## Sponsor Spotlights

### Thank you to the following generous sponsors:

**CECIL COUNTY VLT GRANT:** Our tremendous thanks goes to the Cecil County Government for providing funds to help our Repair Program! We have received a \$10K VLT grant to help the low-income homeowners who have turned to our Repair Program for their critical home repairs and weatherization needs. Full or partial financial assistance has been provided for this project through the Cecil County VLT Local Community Grant Program, sponsored by the **Cecil County Executive**.

**MARTIN MARIETTA:** Thank you for the \$5K towards the Harford Technical High School's "Habi-Tech" home build project. Having a safe, decent home has a life-changing impact on families!

**ALLAN MYERS:** Richard W. Dungan, President of Allan Myers, presented a check for \$2K to support our Habitat Susquehanna programs. Thank you for your unwavering support of our vision where everyone has a decent place to live!

**WALMART:** We thank Walmart of Bel Air for the recent \$500 grant award in support of our "Habi-Tech" home builds. Every Habitat donor is instrumental in helping families build or improve a place they call home.

**When you give to Habitat, your support changes lives every day!**

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