



## A Message from our Executive Director

We have a departure and a couple of additions to announce regarding our Board of Directors for the start of our new fiscal year.

At our June 20th Board meeting, we said a fond farewell to **Kathryn Bordone** who has served on our board since 2020, most recently in the position of Board Secretary. We are grateful for her service, and she will be missed.

At our July 18th meeting, we welcomed **John Shroads**, who was also nominated to be the board's Assistant Treasurer (a newly-created position), and **Dave Guttman**, a former Habitat Susquehanna staff member. We are delighted they are bringing their expertise to our team!

Our FY24/25 Board of Directors is as follows:

### EXECUTIVE TEAM

Ben Graham, President  
Derrick Grice, Vice President  
Ryan Alban, Treasurer  
Juél Capellan, Board Secretary

### BOARD MEMBERS

Rhonda Baker  
Kimberly Beazley  
Tamara Gregory  
Dave Guttman  
Anthony Jones  
Marilyn Rawls  
Dan Sanborn  
John Shroads



Yvonne Golczewski

## NOTABLE DATES IN AUGUST

**AUG 17: National Thrift Shop Day.** Shop. Donate. Repeat. That's our motto for the [Aberdeen ReStore!](#) Pretty soon, students will be returning back to school, so make sure to check out our inventory of clothing, school supplies, and dorm decor. You'll find lots of unique items to suit your style at less-than-retail prices. Sales of these items help local families build or repair their homes with Habitat Susquehanna.

**AUG 21: National Senior Citizens Day.** Our [Repair Program](#) is committed to helping older adults make the repairs and modifications necessary to remain in their homes with comfort and dignity. Currently, we are accepting applications from Cecil County homeowners (see *related article below*). Unfortunately, we



Photo: Kathryn Bordone receiving a goodbye gift of a photo collage of all of the people who became Habitat homeowners during her time on the Board.

are still addressing a very lengthy waiting list of Harford County homes, so new applications for that county have been temporarily paused.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Nov 1: Habitat Harvest.** This fundraiser will support our "Habi-Tech" program.

**Habitat for Humanity**  
Susquehanna

**HABITAT Harvest**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST FROM 5PM TO 8PM

SUSKY RIVER FARM BREWERY  
80 ALSTONE FARM LN, PERRYVILLE, MD 21903

\$25 PER ADULT TICKET INCLUDES TWO CRAFT BEERS, FOOD, BONFIRE, SMORES, LIVE MUSIC, & MORE!

DOGS ARE WELCOME AND KIDS ARE FREE!  
THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
[HABITATSUSQ.ORG/HABITATHARVEST](http://HABITATSUSQ.ORG/HABITATHARVEST) TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

Purchase Habitat Harvest Tickets and support our Habi-Tech Program

### Funding available for critical home repairs in Cecil County

We have received funding to do critical home repairs in Cecil County, thanks to a [Community Development Block Grant](#) secured by **Cecil County's Department of Community Services, Housing and Community Development Division**. In addition to the requisite income limits (to ensure that we are only assisting low-income households), there are other eligibility requirements that must be met (see *image on right*). If you are interested in applying to our Repair Program, contact Repair Program Manager [Lydia Jordan](#) for an application.

**CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS IN CECIL COUNTY**

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

- My home is in Cecil County, Maryland
- I own my home and the property it sits on
- The home is my primary residence
- My home was built after 1978
- My home is on a permanent foundation
- My household meets income limits\*  
\*visit our website for the limits

CECIL COUNTY HOUSING and Community Development

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our Repair Program. Our [latest brochure](#) for the new fiscal year is out!

### Did you know? In this month...

**August 2006:** Harford Cable Network aired a documentary-style program on the Harford County's Homebuilders

### More Homeowner news

**Brittany** has become our newest homeowner (#129) as she recently went to settlement!

Blitz, a 30-minute show commissioned by Harford Habitat (former name of Habitat Susquehanna). It chronicled how **Pulte Homes** and **Bob Ward Companies**, along with their subs, donated labor and materials to build single-family homes in less than a week for two families. A year later, the program won the bronze "Telly Award."

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## Homeowner news

This month, **Veronica** and **Kathryn** each celebrate milestone five-year anniversaries as Habitat homeowners!

### In their own words...

Here are excerpts of what they said when they first applied to the Homeownership Program:

#### Veronica



Veronica, 5-year Habitat Homeowner

”  
My ultimate goal has always been to own my own home. I always wanted to give my children things I had never had before and more. I want them to have a house they can call home, a place where they feel protected and secure, a home where they can have all the sleepovers they want and a home filled with laughter. Owning my own home will be a dream come true not only for me but for my children as well.

#### Kathryn

More than 2,200 volunteer hours were spent on this Deen Avenue, Aberdeen, home (a rehab), which included the "sweat equity" hours worked by Brittany and her daughter. (In addition to paying an affordable mortgage, Habitat homebuyers receive financial education, and invest hundreds of hours -- called "sweat equity" -- building their own home or the home of another Habitat family.) We were so honored to be a part of Brittany's homeownership journey!



**TOP PHOTO** from left to right: Diane Sengstacke, President of Home Title Company of Maryland; Brittany; Brittany's daughter; and, Heather Gibson, Habitat Susquehanna's Homeownership Program Manager.

**BOTTOM PHOTOS:** Brittany and her daughter cut the traditional ribbon at their door during their home dedication ceremony. Their Deen Avenue, Aberdeen, home is a rehab, and more than 2,200 volunteer hours were spent working on this house.

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## Staff news

Congrats to the following staff members who mark work anniversaries with us in August:

**Phil Eichensehr:** 20 years

**Dave Burja:** 9 years

**Adam Letschin:** 8 years

**Roger Breedlove:** 5 years

**Michele Louderback:** 2 years

**Ben Marsh:** 1 year

**Randy Kerins:** 1 year

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## AmeriCorps news

“  
I've been  
given a seed  
of hope,  
encouragement  
and the  
tools I need  
to work toward  
the goal of  
homeownership  
and  
financial  
stability.  
This process  
has been  
life-  
changing.”



AmeriCorps National Construction Crew Leader **Nancy Sorto** has renewed her term of service with us for a second year!



## Your used car can help create affordable housing

*Did you that when you donate your car to Habitat for Humanity, you're supporting one of the most impactful car donation charities out there?*

Learn more about how car donations help fund our work. Visit the [Cars for Homes](#) web page, or call (877) 277-4344.

Forbes recognized Habitat for Humanity as [one of the top charities](#) to donate a vehicle. Not only will your donation qualify for a tax deduction, but it will also directly support our mission of creating affordable housing opportunities for families in need.

# We're looking for sponsors!

Our Habitat Harvest event is just three months away and we're thrilled to announce that we have already secured our first several sponsors! We want to recognize **Constellation** for its \$2,500 sponsorship; **APGFCU** for its \$1,000 sponsorship; and, **Aire Serv** and **Rhoads Energy** for their \$500 sponsorships! We have a lot more sponsorship availabilities!

The proceeds of this event will go towards our "Habi-Tech" program where we build homes each year with students from the Cecil County School of Technology and Harford Technical High School. (Habitat Susquehanna purchases all the building materials.) The students learn marketable construction skills while applying STEM learning to build Habitat homes for low-income members of our community.

Please contact Director of Development [Ola Boswell](#) if you are interested in being a sponsor, or have any questions. See the flier below for the different sponsorship levels.



# HABITAT Harvest



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, FROM 5PM TO 8PM

SUSKY RIVER FARM BREWERY, 80 ALSTONE FARM LANE, PERRYVILLE, MD 21903

This is an indoor/outdoor event which will benefit our Habi-Tech Program. The event is rain or shine and includes a bonfire, s'mores, acoustic music in the taproom, craft beer, food, hiking trails, and more. Dogs are welcome and kids are free! Sponsors do not need to attend, however all sponsorship packages include tickets.

## \$10,000 Headlining Sponsorship

- 10 tickets to the event
- Full page ad in event program
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Recognition on HHS social media platforms & in our e-newsletter\*
- Logo on our website event page and main website for 1 year
- Headlining placement on event signage
- Name on a build site sign

## \$5,000 Sponsorship

- 8 tickets to the event
- 1/2 page ad in event program
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Recognition on HHS social media platforms & in our e-newsletter\*
- Logo on our website event page for 1 year
- Signage at event and name on a build site sign

## \$2,500 Sponsorship

- 6 tickets to the event
- 1/3 page ad in event program
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Recognition on HHS social media platforms & in our e-newsletter\*
- Logo on our website event page for 1 year
- Signage at event

## \$1,000 Sponsorship

- 4 tickets to the event
- 1/4 page ad in event program
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Recognition on HHS social media platforms & in our e-newsletter\*
- Logo on our website event page for 1 year
- Signage at event

## \$500 Sponsorship

- 2 tickets to the event
- Logo listed in our event program
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Recognition on HHS social media platforms & in our e-newsletter\*
- Logo on our website event page for 1 year
- Signage at event

*Proceeds will support our amazing Habi-Tech Program wherein we build homes each year with Cecil County School of Technology and Harford Technical High School students. Habitat Susquehanna purchases all building materials. Students learn marketable construction skills while applying STEM learning to build Habitat homes for low-income community members.*

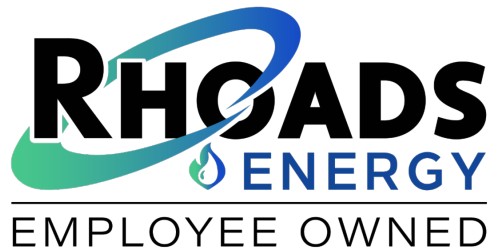


For more information or to purchase sponsorships, please contact Ola Boswell at [oboswell@habitatsusq.org](mailto:oboswell@habitatsusq.org) or call 410-638-4434 ext. 7234  
• Our e-newsletter reaches nearly 12,000 people

Purchase Tickets or Sponsorships

# Sponsor Spotlights

Thank you to the following generous sponsors this month:



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