



## SPRING 2021 BUILDING ON FAITH newsletter

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### Lent Build fundraiser results

**\$3,368 raised for first-time Lent Build fundraiser for the Repair Program**

We had a huge list of individuals who contributed to our Lent Build fundraiser for the Repair Program -- many of them NEW donors! Thank you to all the churches that passed our Lent Build fundraising info to your congregations and helped spread the word. One of our individual donors credits the **West Nottingham Presbyterian Church**, and another said he heard about Lent Build through radio station 95.1 SHINE FM. However you learned about our fundraiser, we really appreciate the outreach and donations!



**Repair Program Manager Cara Middendorf publicized the Lent Build fundraiser by sending out appeal letters to churches; giving weekly social media post updates on the critical home repair needs of low-income homeowners; and, appearing on radio station WHGM Gold's "Mallow in the Morning."**

[what's the Repair Program?](#)

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### Habitat home needs funds for accessibility ramp

Bel Air United Methodist Church is assisting Mulatwa, the widow of one of our recent [Habitat homeowners](#) (*click link for their story*) since the passing of her husband, Lemma



(pictured). In addition to trying to help the family obtain a wheelchair-accessible van for their daughter, plans are also to build an accessibility ramp at this Net Zero Ready home. (*NOTE: During the house build, the home had been modified by Habitat Susquehanna to fit her accessibility needs, including adding a wheelchair lift on the*

*front of the house. The ramp will be an additional access point at the back/rear of the home.*) We have the permit for the ramp but are still seeking funds to pay for the materials due to rising costs in lumber prices. Thank you to **Mountain Christian Church** for your monetary donation towards those ramp costs! If your church can help, please contact **Megan Lally**, Habitat Susquehanna's Director of Development, at [mlally@habitatsusq.org](mailto:mlally@habitatsusq.org).

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## Women Build fundraising

We want to give a special shout-out to **Havre de Grace UMC** for leading a Women Build team this year and raising \$2,300 towards Kokeeta's future home! (*Click link to learn more about [Kokeeta and her family](#), pictured at right.*) The Women Build house will be located on Erie Street in Havre de Grace.



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## In Repair Program News...





Thank you to **Wilna Seventh Day Adventist Church** for your support of the low-income homeowners who applied to our Repair Program for help! You have provided hot holiday meals for them each year (pictured above) and collected funds to help pay for repairs such as this bathtub lift (*see story at right*).

If your church would like to help offset the rising costs of critical home repairs for low-income homeowners, contact **Phyliss Mosca** at [pmosca@habitatsusq.org](mailto:pmosca@habitatsusq.org).

With the Wilna SDA's repair donation, we were able to purchase the special adaptive equipment needed for one of our Repair homeowners. She was overjoyed to finally be able to finally use her tub again. She lives in a narrow row home and needed substantial repairs to various parts of her home. With limited funding and donations, our Repair Program is not able to always meet the needs of everything a homeowner requires, including a full bathroom remodel. Instead, the Repair Program team, a local Occupational Therapist partner, and Senior Handy Services contractors had to get creative in finding affordable and alternative solutions to fix the situation. Now the homeowner can fully use her bathroom safely and properly without the fear of falling.

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## Acknowledgements

Since our last published newsletter thanks, we've received monetary donations from **Mt. Zion Baptist Church** ([Faith/Unity Build](#)); **Wright's AME Church** ([Mortgage Relief Fund](#)); **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** (Faith/Unity Build); **Wilna Seventh-Day Adventist Church** (donation to the Repair Program for bathtub repairs, *see story above*); and, **St. Matthew AUMP Church** ([Lent Build](#)). (*Clickable links for more information about the fundraisers have been provided.*) Thank you for these blessings!

