







SUMMER 2021 BUILDING ON FAITH newsletter

House chosen for Faith in Unity Build; volunteer dates announced

Each year we select a Habitat house build or rehab that we designate as the "Faith Build" home and encourage our faith partners to participate with us through sponsorships and volunteerism. This year's Faith in Unity Build home is a rehab that was donated to us by a generous family -- a townhouse at Farm Road, Aberdeen.

We have two Faith in Unity Build dates reserved for any volunteers from faith groups that are financially supporting this rehab project: October 9th and 16th (with a reserved date of the 23rd). We welcome up to 10 volunteers per day. Our wish is to bring together congregations from a variety of traditions to volunteer side-by-side to help fund and build stability, strength and hope. Contact John Lanigan for volunteering details at jlanigan@habitatsusq.org.



Visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about how to be involved in the Faith in Unity Build and/or make a donation towards our efforts. It will be an opportunity to live your faith and love your neighbor.

As Habitat has been built on a foundation of faith, we invite faith leaders from supporting congregations to join together in prayer at the start of each of our Faith in Unity build days. Contact Phyliss Mosca at pmosca@habitatsusq.org for info.

Homeownership and Repair Program brochures updated

At the start of each fiscal year, we update our Homeownership and Repair Program brochures with the latest Area Median Income limits (and any other changes for the new fiscal year). Info from the Homeownership and Repair Program brochures (seen in picture) can be found on our website.

Please help us pass the word by posting the info on bulletin boards, or making a mention in church service programs, or handing them out to those you see in need of help.



Want a copy? Contact Cathy at cherlinger@habitatsusq.org to receive a PDF file (or hard copy, upon request).

Bel Air United Methodist Church seeks help for Habitat family

The Bel Air United Methodist Church has been seeking assistance on behalf of one of our Habitat families. As previously reported, Mulatwa's husband, Lemma (who was also the breadwinner), passed away, leaving Mulatwa as the only caretaker of their disabled daughter.

BAUMC has been helping with the family's food needs, an accessibility ramp (recently finished by Habitat volunteers, see picture of mother and daughter as the ramp was being built), and fundraising for a wheelchair-accessible van.



If your faith group is interested in partnering with BAUMC to help with the needs of this Havre de Grace family, please reach out to BAUMC's point of contact, **Tim Knabe** at taknabe42@gmail.com.

Upcoming Panel Build: St. Margaret's

We can't wait for October when we participate in a panel build alongside the congregants of **St.**Margaret's! (*Pictured at last year's*

event.) What's a panel build? It's a fun and unique experience when a sponsor has the opportunity to build the walls of a Habitat home! We supply the wood, other building materials, tools, safety equipment, and professional supervision. Later, when those panels are used for one of our Habitat homes, it's a notable construction-time saved at our build site!



Interested in participating in a future panel build? It's a great team building experience, and the walls can be built right at your place of worship. Contact Megan Lally at mlally@habitatsusq.org for details.

Acknowledgements

Since our last published newsletter's thanks, we've received monetary donations from Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Street (Faith in Unity Build); Union United Methodist Church, Aberdeen (Faith Build); Churchville Presbyterian Church, Churchville (to help a family with hotel costs while the Repair Program was doing critical home repairs); Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Joppa (Faith Build); First Presbyterian Church's Presbyterian Women, Bel Air (Faith Build); and, West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, Colora (to help Repair Program families). (Clickable links provided for more information about any specific fundraisers mentioned.) Thank you for these blessings!

From June to the present, we've had members from Bel Air United Methodist Church, Mountain Christian Church, Restore Church and Catholic University who have volunteered with us at our Habitat build sites. Thank you for giving of your time, and for being God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show them His love.

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