



## Take out a jar and start collecting your pocket change! Lent Build 2021 is raising funds for our Repair Program

Feb 17 - Apr 3

Want to find a way to show gratitude for your home by paying it forward to a neighbor in need? Then contribute to our Lent Build fundraiser! Proceeds will go to our Repair Program. The Repair Program assists low-income homeowners in Harford and Cecil counties with critical home repairs, weatherization, and accessibility needs and modifications.

For fun, you can follow the Lent Build calendar (found on the Habitat Susquehanna [website](#)) which contains a 40-day schedule raising awareness and appreciation for all things concerning a home. For instance, on **Day 1**, a homeowner would set aside 25¢ for each year of having lived in their house.

To donate to Lent Build



Your Lent Build donations will give a helping hand to people just like Rosalind (*pictured*), a previous recipient of Repair Program help. This double-amputee applied to our Repair Program when she needed a ramp and accessibility modifications to her bathroom, among other things.

### Who applies to the Repair Program for help? Here's another homeowner story

A 66 year-old low-income homeowner with multiple disabilities wrote us a letter asking for help. She lives on social security and disability payments and can't afford to move. Her insurance company has been

I have been scared of being homeless and have been sick for over a year now. I have nowhere to go. I need a home. I am grateful for a roof over my head but it's falling apart fast. I don't know what you can do for me, but anything would be a blessing.

-- Repair Program applicant

threatening to cancel her homeowner's insurance if she doesn't fix the roof. For heat she uses a gas stove in the living room where she sleeps to keep warm. She also uses space heaters, but because of poor insulation, her utility bills are very high and sometimes her electricity is turned off.

## Wells Fargo awards Habitat Susquehanna \$15K grant towards "Habi-Tech" house build



Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna with a \$15K grant towards building the latest "Habi-Tech" house. The funding is part of an \$8.1M donation to Habitat for Humanity International for capacity building and direct mission support to build, renovate and repair more than 350 affordable homes across the United States.

The grant is provided through Wells Fargo Builds<sup>SM</sup> and is part of the Wells Fargo Foundation's \$1B philanthropic commitment to create more housing affordability solutions by 2025.

To read the complete press release, visit our [website](#).

**Morris A. Mechanic Foundation, Inc. awards \$10K to**

# Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna

*Foundation's donations amount to more than \$162K to date*

The Morris A. Mechanic Foundation has awarded Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna a \$10K grant towards its efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities in Harford and Cecil counties. Since 2007, the foundation has donated a total of \$162,500 towards Habitat Susquehanna's mission.

"It's thanks to the philanthropic ideals of the Morris A. Mechanic Foundation, as well as the support of other generous sponsors, that we're able to rejoice in another year of new homeowners," said Executive Director Karen Blandford.

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The Morris A. Mechanic Foundation is proud to continue our relationship with Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. We believe in their mission – a world where every person deserves a decent place to live. Their endeavor of making homeowners truly invested, not only in the future of themselves and their families but the community as well, is a concept the Morris A. Mechanic Foundation fully supports.

Carolyn Lambdin  
President, Morris A. Mechanic Foundation, Inc.

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## Aberdeen ReStore Update



February 27 is the last day to use your existing **Aberdeen ReStore** store credit or gift card. These cards are not compatible with the ReStore's new point of sale system. We are able to transfer the credit/gift card to the new system only if the card is brought into the ReStore on or before the 27th. We will NOT be able to honor any store credit or gift cards beyond this date. The ReStore is also in the works of getting a new rewards program running in a few weeks.

## Community Investment Tax Credits Program

We now have tax credits available for **pandemic new construction** (to aid with increased costs at our build sites due to COVID-19 impacts, such as having less volunteers available to help build the homes). Habitat competes each year to win Maryland tax credits for donors to specific revitalization programs. To get the credit, your donation must be at least

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