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A newsletter to keep you informed.







A Message from our Executive Director

Welcome home, Juél and Giovanni! We had a great turnout at our most recent home dedication ceremony on S. Stokes Street, Havre de Grace. We celebrated the completion of the last home of the first-ever subdivision created in our 30-year history.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of our sponsors and donors (see house sponsors' list at right), as well as to our dedicated weekly "core" volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and individual and group volunteers. You are the hands, hearts and voices for our mission.

As I stated in my remarks at the ceremony, we were not only celebrating the end of a house build, but also marking a lot of "firsts" for our nonprofit.

The first of the seven homes we built on this lot -- a single-family house -- was the first time where we added aging-in-place modifications to a home. The three duplexes we subsequently built were the first ones that we ever built with two-stories.

Juél is now a first-time homeowner. She and her son, Giovanni, will gather with family and friends for joyous times in the rooms of their new home. They will create beautiful memories in a place where they can dream and plan for their



Yvonne Golczewski

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As I mark the end of my first year as Executive Director, I look forward to an upcoming year full of possibilities and other firsts, and to the new beginnings that will be created for future Habitat families who are yet to come through our doors.

NOTE: Visit our <u>Facebook page</u> for Juél's house dedication ceremony photo album.

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Evergreen Garden Club wins first place for Habitat Landscape Design Council Award

Congrats to the Evergreen Garden Club for its recent award presented by the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. The Evergreen Garden Club has done landscaping at 11 of our Habitat homes, including all seven of the houses in our first-ever subdivision on S. Stokes Street, Havre de Grace.

The Garden Club also enjoyed the volunteerism of a landscaper (Karen Amoroso, Tri Season Garden Care) who passed along her discounts for purchased shrubs and donated her labor for the entire subdivision.

Thank you for all of your hard work!





Meet a homeowner helped by the Repair Program

The story of Wanda by Heather Gibson, Repair Program Specialist

Wanda was having major medical issues from her recent hospital stint with Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). She had to take action to ensure her home had clean and proper air circulation; but was on an extremely limited income and was running out of resources. The Harford County Department of Aging referred her to Habitat Susquehanna's **Repair Program** for help.

Wanda and her husband, David, did not have a functioning HVAC system and were confined to one room in the home where they had borrowed a window A/C unit.

Through the Community Development Block Grant, the Repair Program was able to install an updated Central Air system, heat pump insulation, and updated bathroom fans for proper air circulation.

"I was so worried about my health and was running out of options. I can now be safe and comfortable in my own home," said Wanda. "Habitat has been a godsend! We prayed and we now thank God that Habitat is around to help people like us."

The Repair Program has made it possible for Wanda and David to be comfortable and eliminate some of the daily stress they used to endure. They can continue to live in their home where they have built their lives and focus on remaining healthy.

ReStore looking for donations

Are you a local business with excess inventory or perhaps you have some customer returns still in working order? Please consider donating these items to our **Aberdeen ReStore**. Proceeds from the sales of these items go back into helping the local community, and your business could get a tax deduction.

Email <u>restore@habitatsusq.org</u> to arrange for our ReStore truck to come to your business for a free, convenient pickup of the donated items.

















We look forward to celebrating 30 years of opening doors for our community and we hope you can join us! To purchase tickets or sponsorships for this wonderful event, visit our website. Your sponsorships enable us to provide our critical programs to the community. We are thankful to our current Gala sponsors to date:

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