



## Meet our current homebuyer

*The story of "Ruth" by Yvette Valentin, Director of Homeowner Services*

When one gets married and has children all they really hope for is a safe place to raise their kids and to grow old with the person they've made a life-long commitment to. Unfortunately, when the person you choose reveals a side that shatters this hope, you go into survival mode. This is exactly what "Ruth" has had to do.

She entered into SARC (The Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center) out of a desperate situation and then was able to transfer into Harford Family House (transitional housing for families) for support and direction.

Once "Ruth's" stay there was coming to an end, she was able to find something she could afford in the basement of a house. She soon found out why -- it frequently has sewer issues which are not localized to one location, but seeps into the main room where Ruth and her two young children live, eat and sleep. This keeps her constantly on guard, having to make sure everything is always picked up and always having a plan B. This absolutely does not cultivate stability.

Despite these obstacles, "Ruth" was able to get her Master's degree and is currently working in the field of her studies. Soon "Ruth" will have the stability and security that only homeownership can provide. Her children are so excited to have their own rooms and are talking about decorating them to match each of their personalities. The excitement of knowing their future is almost in the palm of their hands is truly heartwarming.

**It is because of kind donors that "Ruth" can achieve the strength and independence she needs to build a safer and more stable future for her children. For more homebuyer stories, visit our [website](#).**

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### Hollywood Casino panel build

We are so grateful to **Hollywood Casino** for its \$10K house sponsorship and for providing volunteers at our recent panel build! They built the first floor walls of one of

our Habitat (Erie Street, Havre de Grace) houses. Hollywood Casino previously partnered with us as a panel build sponsor in October 2015.

Panel build events promote team-building and volunteerism opportunities for sponsors, as well as sponsorship funding to help Habitat Susquehanna serve more families. It's a memorable and impactful way to partner with us!



To view the panel build pictures, visit our [Facebook page](#). To sponsor a panel build, contact **John Lanigan** at [janigan@habitatsusq.org](mailto:janigan@habitatsusq.org).

## Need for volunteers

Summer's here and we'd love to get more volunteers! If you're interested in helping us to complete homes at our Havre de Grace build sites, register thru our [website](#). This is a good community service opportunity for students on summer break, or for organizations looking for a team building event. For questions, contact **Jessie Ingold**, Volunteer & Community Engagement Coordinator, at [jjingold@habitatsusq.org](mailto:jjingold@habitatsusq.org).



## Can't pick up a hammer? There are other ways to help us!

Our very active volunteer **Sue Nappi** gives a quick run-down on ways YOU can help Habitat Susquehanna, and they don't all require the need to pick up a hammer! Watch this video interview and see the informative tips Sue offers to interested volunteers.



## July announcements

**PANEL BUILD:** We're scheduled to do a panel build with the **Bel Air United**

**Methodist Church** this month! What's a panel build? A panel build is a sponsored event where Habitat Susquehanna brings the construction site to a company, organization, church or school. We supply the building materials, tools, safety equipment and professional supervision, and volunteers build the interior and/or exterior wall panels of a Habitat home.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY:** Follow our **Aberdeen ReStore** [Facebook](#) page and check out all the magical items for sale during our Christmas in July event! Remember that if you donate to the ReStore, your donations may be tax deductible!

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## Sponsor Spotlights

**Thank you to the following generous sponsors:**

**SPRING APPEAL MATCH SPONSORS:** The **Lee Family** gave \$3K and the **Milby Company** gave \$2K in sponsorship to match donations to our spring “A Place to Call Home” appeal. Thank you for your generosity of bringing a combined total of \$5K being matched for this campaign! Sixty children are waiting for their Habitat Susquehanna home. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

**When you give to Habitat, your support changes lives every day!**

