#### July 2023

#### GREEN & BLUEPRINTS A newsletter to keep you informed.



## A Message from our Executive Director

As we begin a new fiscal year this month (FY24), I want to welcome our new Board of Directors:

#### **Executive Committee:**

Ben Graham, President Derrick Grice, Vice President Ryan Alban, Treasurer Kathryn Bordone, Board Secretary

#### Board members:

Rhonda Baker Kimberly Beazley Tamara Gregory Mary Hines Anthony Jones Marilyn Rawls Dan Sanborn Katie York Iesha Young

We offer our gratitude to our departing members, Liz Monti, Kurt Engelhaupt, Tiara Emmanuel and Jeff West. You've helped us strengthen our mission with your invaluable years of service, and we thank you for your time on the Board!

#### Save the Date: Dream Builders Ball

We are excited to announce the date and venue for our 2024 Dream Builders Ball! It will once again be held at the Bulle Rock Residents' Center Ballroom. Save the date and purchase your



Yvonne Golczewski

#### NOTABLE DATES IN JULY

**Jul 7:** 77th wedding anniversary of Habitat for Humanity's most famous volunteers, **President and Mrs. Carter** 

Jul 15: National Give Something Away Day. Consider donating to our Aberdeen ReStore! presale tickets for Saturday, April 13, 2024. A limited number of presale tickets are available now (only 40 are being released!). Please visit our <u>website</u> to purchase your tickets. Last year's gala sold out two months prior to the event. Act now so you don't miss out!



## Fulton Forward Foundation gives \$30K

We were so honored to be the recipient of \$30,000 to commemorate our 30th anniversary year. This donation from the **Fulton Forward Foundation** will go towards all of our direct service programs, including Homeownership, Home Repair and Financial Literacy.



Pictured from left to right: **Ola Boswell**, Habitat Susquehanna's Director of Development ; **Yvonne Golczewski**, Habitat Susquehanna's Executive Director; **Smokey Glover**, EVP/Director of Fair & Responsible Banking, Fulton Bank; **Linda McLeod**, Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager, Fulton Bank; **Angel Connolly**, Senior Vice President, Commercial Market Executive MD, DC & Northern VA, Fulton Bank; **Stacey Smith**, Financial Center Manager- N. Wolfe St., Fulton Bank; **Melanie Reeder**, Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager, Fulton Bank; **Dionne Waldron-McNeal**, Vice President, Community Outreach Officer, Fulton Bank; and **Rachel Hennick**, Habitat Susquehanna's Grants Manager.

# What does "home" mean to the children of Habitat's partner families?

We often talk about how safe, decent and affordable housing plays a critical role in helping families to create a new life for themselves filled with possibilities. The phrase, "through shelter, we empower" best expresses the idea that, by partnering with Habitat, a family is building strength, stability and self-reliance. Having a stable home in which to live makes

an improvement in children's lives. Habitat for Humanity International's website provides an interesting article on housing's effects on child development through an <u>interview</u> with Dr. Megan Sandel, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

At our local level, we would like to share a video interview with two of the children of our recent Habitat partner families. They offered their thoughts, fears and hopes about their forever homes before moving-in day.



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