



## A Message from our Executive Director

From January to December, we post, when applicable, congratulatory messages via our social media platforms to those who are celebrating their "milestone" anniversaries (i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years) as Habitat homeowners on that particular month.

Among other milestone anniversaries being celebrated in June is one that I particularly wanted to highlight -- that of **Mareda's**. She and her children are celebrating 20 years in their home this month! When people ask us if Habitat works, we point to examples like Mareda's, and to the many other homeowners who gain their independence through decent, affordable shelter. At Habitat, we say that we provide homeownership *opportunities*. But it's up to the Habitat homebuyers to provide the hard work, dedication, commitment, and desire to create a new beginning for themselves. We give them a hand up in a time of need. They take that foundation of a home and build their future upon it.

I would be remiss if I also didn't highlight someone who very recently paid off his Habitat home mortgage -- **Mekonnen!** When he and his wife, **Etsegenet**, first applied to our Homeownership Program, Mekonnen said:

"Now my [three] kids will be having a new house where they can play outside...I'll have a new life. Having a house myself, I will know security."



Yvonne Golczewski

## NOTABLE DATES IN JUNE

**June: Fundraising to support Eureka's home build.** You don't have to be on a Women Build team to help support our efforts! While our Women Build teams have been fundraising in May and building **Eureka's** future home through June, you can also help! We are collecting additional Women Build [donations](#) throughout the month of June where you can support a Women Build team, a team member, or make your own separate contribution not connected to a team. *See the related article below for details.*

**JUN 6: Home Dedication Ceremony for Brittany's house.** [Register](#) to attend this event. Contact [John Lanigan](#) if you want to be added to our invitation list for future events.



He and his family have been living in their Habitat home since 2011. We congratulate Mekonnen and Etsegenet for this wonderful achievement!

Wherever Habitat works, strong and secure homes contribute to strong and secure families.

**JUN 19: Juneteenth.** The Habitat Susquehanna office is closed in observance of Juneteenth.

**JUN 29: Home & Garden Tour.** Presented by the Bulle Rock Habitat for Humanity Club. All of the [tour](#) proceeds will go towards supporting Habitat Susquehanna's mission.

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## Home & Garden tour

Take a tour behind the gates of Havre de Grace's premier private community in support of Habitat Susquehanna! Step inside the captivating homes and lush gardens of Bulle Rock residences while supporting a great cause.

This event -- presented by the **Bulle Rock Habitat for Humanity Club** -- promises to be a delightful showcase of creativity, passion, and philanthropy.

Explore 12 locations featuring private residences, Clubhouse, and model homes. Try the drink specials after the tour at the **Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub and Grill**. All tour participants that visit each stop will get entered into a raffle for amazing prizes, to include a two-night stay at the **Chapel Cottage Airbnb** (a \$500 value), a \$50 **Starbucks** gift card, wine, and more!

The tour ticket price is \$25 each. All proceeds will benefit Habitat Susquehanna. Visit our [website](#) for complete details and tickets.



***HOME & GARDEN TOUR***  
***Saturday, June 29***

***Bulle Rock Residents Center***  
***1200 Bulle Rock Parkway, Havre de Grace***  
***Tours begin at 10:30 AM***  
***(tours end at 1:30 PM)***

***Last day to purchase tickets:***  
***Thursday, June 27th***

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## Here's your chance to support Women Build 2024!

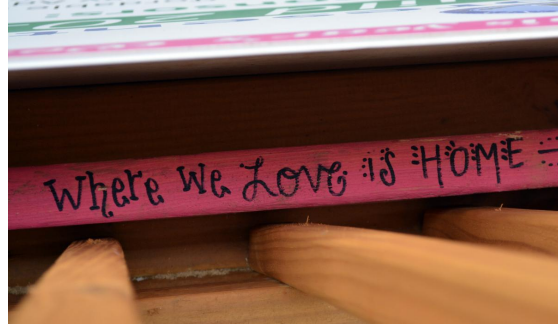
Women-led teams are helping **Eureka**, a hard-working school employee, achieve the dream of homeownership. Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of this campaign! Our goal is raise \$60,000 to help pay for building supplies and materials and to have the home framed, under roof, and sided by the end of June.

Check us out on Facebook throughout the month of June to follow the progress of the home build at Liberty Street, and to witness the amazing work being done by the Women Build teams who are raising walls and raising hope!

In case you missed it, here's the first post we made on [DAY ONE](#) at the build site during a very rainy day!

**Donations of all amounts are needed and appreciated.** Support a team, an individual, or make a general donation to the campaign by visiting our [website](#) for all of the donation options. Every dollar matters!

Didn't have a chance to get on a team? We have ONE build date open for up to 10 people who are interested in joining our Women Build fundraising and building campaign. Contact [Michele Louderback](#) for more information.



Help us raise money to support Eureka's home build!

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## Did you know? In this month...

**June 2006:** The first "Builders Blitz Build" occurred, involving two Habitat home builds in Aberdeen. The companies **Bob Ward** and **Pulte Homes** did a friendly competition to see which builder's team could complete a Habitat home first. Both homes were completed in four days, and a dedication ceremony was held for the houses on the fifth day.

**June 2011:** Habitat for Humanity of Cecil County and Harford Habitat for Humanity merged to create Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. The merger was celebrated later that September with a public dedication held at Cherry Lane, Elkton, the site of the first home built by the newly-merged affiliate.

**June 2013:** Dedication ceremony was held for the "House that Bel Air Built." It was the first Habitat home built in the Bel Air town limits. Over 300 volunteers worked on the home.

**June 2013:** The painted "Habitat Heart" that resides in front of the Habitat Susquehanna office building was unveiled at a dedication ceremony with **Bel Air Downtown Alliance**.

## Homeowner news

This month, the following celebrate milestone anniversaries as Habitat homeowners:

**Mareda:** 20 years

**Joy:** 15 years

**Julia:** 1 year

**"Jade":** 1 year

Congrats to **Mekonnen** who recently paid off his Habitat home mortgage!

**Amanda** went to settlement on her "Habi-Tech" home built by the students of the **Harford Technical High School**, and completed by our Habitat volunteers. We thank Amanda for allowing us to be a part of her incredible journey towards homeownership, and we wish her (and her three little boys) all the best!

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## Staff news

Congrats to **John Battista**, Chief Financial Officer, who is marking his seven-year work anniversary with us this month!

Welcome to **Andrew Wolfe**, who has joined our Repair Program team as a Field Coordinator. He will be doing home visits and overseeing contractors' work on houses in Harford and Cecil counties.

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## Cars for Homes Fun Fact:





Did you know  
you may be eligible  
for a tax deduction  
if you donate  
your old car?



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*Did you know that once your vehicle is sold, the selling price determines the amount of your donation? If your vehicle sells for more than \$500, you may deduct the full selling price. If your vehicle sells for \$500 or less, you can deduct the “fair market value” of your vehicle, up to \$500.*

June is **National Homeownership Month**. Learn more about how car donations help fund our affordable housing programs. Visit the [Cars for Homes](#) web page, or call (877) 277-4344.

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# Sponsor Spotlights

Thank you to the following generous sponsors this month:

Thank you to our participating **Women Build 2024** teams for fundraising and/or building with us this year from May to June:



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