



Meet a homeowner helped by the Repair Program

The story of William, Navy veteran

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William, a Navy veteran, was recovering in the hospital from his second knee replacement surgery. He knew he needed help if he was going to be able to move around safely in his home. His caring daughter researched any available assistance for him and came across information on Habitat Susquehanna's Repair Program.

William needed many accessibility modifications to the house where he has resided since 1995. Through the **Community Development Block Grant**, the

Repair Program installed a front entrance railing system, railings to the various levels of his home, and made bathroom accessibility upgrades such as a tub modification and raised toilet.

"I can now use my steps with confidence," said William. "It was hard, if not impossible, to leave my house with just my cane. The repairs give me the freedom to actually leave my house. This was such a blessing."

The Repair Program has eliminated the daily stress and worry William would have to endure, and the repairs will allow him to "age in place" and safely live in the home where he has built his life.

"From a 1 to a 10, this program has helped me to a 10. I am so thankful for this program and all involved," said William.

We appreciate all of the generous donors, sponsors, individuals, businesses, faith groups and others, who have supported our Repair Program families in the belief that everyone deserves a safe and stable home! For more info on the critical home repairs and weatherization work we do for low-income homeowners in Harford and Cecil counties, visit our [website](#).

**STORE OPEN: Black Friday
Nov 25
Aberdeen ReStore**

For the first time in the Aberdeen ReStore's history, the store will be open on Black Friday! The ReStore will be offering special hours and multiple discounts throughout the store. For details, follow our ReStore's [Facebook](#) page. Questions? Contact the Aberdeen ReStore at 443-567-7698.



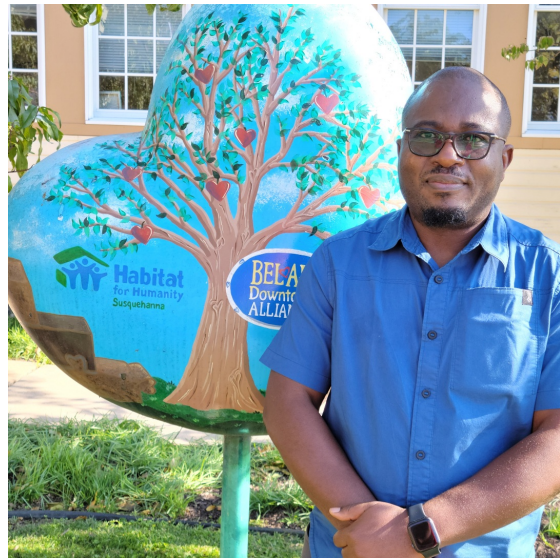
**Save the Date: 30th Anniversary
Celebration on April 22**

Next year is Habitat Susquehanna's 30th Anniversary! We will be bringing back the Dream Builder's Ball for our 30th Anniversary Gala celebration on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Bulle Rock Residents' Center Ballroom. Ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities are coming soon. Help us launch our next 30 years of service while joining us in honoring and commemorating 30 years of opening doors for our community!



New AmeriCorps member

Rene Njamnshi will work alongside the Repair Program Team as an AmeriCorps National Repair Program Coordinator. For the next 10+ months, he will support our program's efforts to recruit and/or assist local homeowners in need of critical repairs and weatherization services. Rene will also join our Habitat volunteers in weekly homebuilding for our community's low-income families in need. Welcome, Rene!



Fall Feast 2022 Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to our Fall Feast 2022 and helped make it such a successful fundraising event! Congratulations to **APGFCU** for continuing their winning streak in the pumpkin carving contest (top right photo). Thank you to our emcee, WXCY's **Tim Hartley** (second photo at right); our DJ and line dancing instructor **Rob Holley** (third photo at right); our volunteer Events Committee; The Wellwood; and, our sponsors for making it a fantastic, fun-filled night. Our staff organizers were **John Lanigan** and **Ola Boswell** (bottom right photo). Check out our [Facebook page](#) for all of the wonderful pictures taken by our volunteer photographer, **Yvonne Alston**. We can't wait to see you all next year!





FUN FACT: Through your generous support, our Fall Feast 2022 raised funds equal to purchasing a full house of drywall and mud along with installation, including hanging ceilings, walls, and professional finishing; plus additional lumber and materials for framing a Habitat home! Thank you for your support!

Sponsor Spotlights

Thank you to the following generous sponsors:

BANK OF AMERICA: Bank of America awarded us \$26,700 towards the

construction of our “Habi-Tech” house. The money will be used to purchase materials for -- and help with the oversight of -- the Harford Technical High School’s STEM students to build a home in partnership with Habitat Susquehanna.

PNC FOUNDATION: PNC Foundation awarded us \$5K towards providing safe, decent and affordable housing in Harford County. This award addresses the foundation’s priority focus to strategically promote the growth of targeted low-income communities.

ERIC BACH STUDIO: We always welcome in-kind donations -- i.e., non-monetary donations of goods and services. **Eric Bach Studio, LLC** gave an in-kind donation of \$6K worth of professional services creating a 30th anniversary logo (see related article, above) and a video that we'll be using in 2023.

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

