

# **GREEN & BLUEPRINTS**

A newsletter to keep you informed



# Meet our current homebuyer

The story of Juél by Yvette Valentin, Director of Homeowner Services

Raising a child on one's own is difficult at best. You have to be "on" every minute of every day, but it's especially hard when you have a child with health issues. Like many of our applicants, Juél's son suffers from allergy-induced asthma which can stem from prolonged exposure to high levels of indoor allergens and pollutants such as mice, cockroaches, dust mites, mold, carpet, etc. For low-income parents in rental situations, most of these issues are completely out of their control. Juél's rent is far above her affordability level and along with structural defects, there is also peeling paint and mold.

We recently made fundraising videos (see below) where Juél and her son spoke about what they are most excited about. He talks with excitement about designing his own room. She talks about living a life so differently than her current situation that you can actually hear the hope in her voice.

It is Juél's dream to become a homeowner, and thanks to donors and volunteers like you, Habitat Susquehanna will make this dream a reality that otherwise would have been a totally different outcome for this family. Thank you for all that you do – it truly makes a difference!

For videos on our website featuring Juél and her family:

Women Build video: What Juél looks forward to most in her new home

#### A Place to Call Home video

Our mission would not be possible without the support of our generous donors, sponsors and volunteers. YOUR help gives a family a foundation to build a future! For more homebuyer stories, visit our <u>website</u>.

### Looking for faith partners

The future homes of Felicia (pictured), who is a mother of three (Cecil County), and "Ruth" who is a mother of two (Harford County), are part of this fall's faith fundraiser. Our hope is

to raise \$3K by January 31st for these two homes. Contact Donor & Faith Relations Manager Phyliss Mosca for details, or visit our website. With your help, five children will have the stability of affordable and safe housing.

"I work 3 different jobs to support my family.

As my children get older, I would love to be able to buy a house they can call home."

Felicia



Fall Feast Oct 23 5PM The Wellwood

It's not too late to buy tickets to our upcoming fun-filled Fall Feast with Headlining Sponsor ODEC -- Wildcat Point Generation Facility. Our evening starts with a Trunk or Treat at The Wellwood's parking lot from 5:00 to 5:30PM – don't be late! The wonderful WXCY's Tim Hartley will once again emcee our event. You'll enjoy The Wellwood's famous fried chicken and BBQ, line dancing lessons from Rob **Holley**, face painting and trunk or treat for the kiddies, and so much MORE! Football fans, have no fear: games will be broadcasted at our event so you won't miss a thing!

We want to thank the following businesses and organizations we have sponsoring this event to date:

## **Headlining Sponsor:**

ODEC -- Wildcat Point Generation Facility

I Can't Be-Leaf My Eyes Sponsors: Solvay -- Havre de Grace, MD APGFCU

You're A-Maize-Ing Sponsors:

IKEA
VanDyke Insurance Group
Xfinity



There's still time for your organization to be a sponsor! Visit our website for details, or contact <u>John Lanigan</u>.

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Headlining Sponsor: \$5K

Go Big or Gourd Home Sponsor: \$2K

I Can't Be-Leaf My Eyes Sponsor: \$1K

You're A-Maize-Ing Sponsor: \$500

What a Wonder-Fall Sponsor: \$250

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Ashley Addiction Treatment
S&M Paving

What A Wonder-Fall Sponsors:

Cecil County Executive Danielle Hornberger West Nottingham Presbyterian Church

Sponsors will be entered into our Build/Carve-a-Home-Out-of-Pumpkin Contest.

**Buy Fall Feast Tickets** 

#### **TICKET PRICING AS FOLLOWS:**

Tickets are \$60 per adult, \$20 per child (12 and under)

Family Package: 2 adults and their children (unlimited number) for \$150

Trunk or Treat Oct 29 11AM - 3PM Aberdeen ReStore

Come wearing your best costumes!

Kona Ice will be at our Trunk or Treat
where 20 percent of their sales with
be donated to Habitat Susquehanna!
We will have face painting, lots of
treats and deals for you in the
Aberdeen ReStore!

For details, follow our ReStore's Facebook page.

Questions? Contact the Aberdeen ReStore at 443-567-7698.



Seeking Candy Donations for Upcoming Trunk or Treat
We are currently collecting candy (in sealed bags) which can be donated to the ReStore in a drop-off box placed at the front of the store.

# **Sponsor Spotlights**

## Thank you to the following generous sponsors:

HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT: The Harford County Government awarded us \$250K through HUD's Community Development Block Grant for our Repair Program. These funds will help low-income homeowners in Harford County with their critical home repairs and accessibility needs. This sponsorship will be instrumental in helping families improve their homes.

MAERDAF: The Rural Maryland Council's Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund awarded us \$45K for two "Habi-Tech" homes. These funds will help us purchase much needed construction materials for STEM students to build the "Habi-Tech" homes which will be dedicated to low-income families in need.

MODULAR GENIUS: Modular Genius donated two new trailers for the next

Cecil "Habi-Tech" house to be built upon! They have been longtime donors for our Harford "Habi-Tech" houses, and earlier this year, they were also one of our Women Build sponsors. These in-kind donations (of the trailers) provide homebuyers with a foundation to build a future.

GREATER BEL AIR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation gave \$5K towards the construction materials for STEM students to use at the Harford Technical High School to build our "Habi-Tech" house. This donation helps encourage the next generation to take the lead building homes, communities and hope.

UNITED WAY OF CECIL COUNTY: The United Way of Cecil County gave a grant of \$2500 to help address the mental health benefits of our programs. Housing is Healthcare!

**ALTUS GROUP:** The **Altus Group** volunteered and donated \$2500 towards our mission during their Team Build Day. (See their pictures on our <u>Facebook</u> page!) Every person deserves the opportunity to build a better life!

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





