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#### **GREEN & BLUEPRINTS**

A newsletter to keep you informed.







#### A Message from our Executive Director

Our most recent "Habi-Tech" house built in partnership with the **Cecil County School of Technology** (CCST) was moved to its final, permanent location at Booth Street, Elkton. **Candy** is the Habitat homebuyer. (For details of the move, please read our <u>press release</u>.) Please consider volunteering to help us complete the home.

For those of you unfamiliar with the "Habi-Tech" Program, it was started more than 20 years ago through an arrangement between Habitat Susquehanna and the Harford Technical High School where the students, under the supervision of their teachers, built a Habitat home. It expanded when Habitat Susquehanna made a similar arrangement with the CCST. Since then, there have been 10 Harford "Habi-Tech" houses built, and five Cecil "Habi-Tech" homes. Our arrangement with these technical high schools is to receive a Harford and Cecil Habitat home on alternating years.

Next month is our <u>Habitat Harvest</u> fundraiser for the "Habi-Tech" Program. We are raising funds to help pay for the construction materials needed by the students to build these Habitat homes. CCST's principal, **Dr. Nicole Parr**, will be our guest speaker.

We hope you can support this program
— which teaches students marketable
construction skills — and are able to
purchase tickets or sponsorships to this



Yvonne Golczewski

#### **NOTABLE DATES**

Oct. 1: President Jimmy Carter's 100th birthday. Dating back to 1984, President and the late-Mrs. Carter worked alongside nearly 104,000 volunteers in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair 4,390 Habitat for Humanity homes.

Oct. 19: Trunk or Treat at the Aberdeen ReStore. Follow the ReStore's <u>Facebook</u> page for the latest details.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 1: Habitat Harvest. <u>Tickets and sponsorships</u> are available. Thank you to the following Habitat Harvest sponsors to date: Susky River Beverage Co., Constellation, APGFCU, Aire Serv of Elkton, Rhoads Energy, Buttonwood Beach R.V. Resort, State Farm Insurance – Karen Michaels, Syensqo, Bulle Rock Habitat for Humanity Club, Akehurst Landscape

event. There's still time! Visit our website (click the blue button below) for details

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Service, ODEC, ChristianaCare, Wegmans,

Coleen Baird, C&S Wholesale Grocers, and, CareFirst. The proceeds from our fundraiser are going towards purchasing construction materials for the two technical high schools involved in building our Habitat homes under the "Habi-Tech" Program. (See more details under A Message From Our Executive Director section.)

#### "Habi-Tech" house built by the students of CCST moved to final, permanent location in Elkton

The "Habi-Tech" house built by the students of the **Cecil County School of Technology** (CCST) was transported from the CCST to its final, permanent location at Booth Street, Elkton. It is the fifth home built by the CCST in partnership with Habitat Susquehanna. The homebuyer, **Candy**, is a single mother of three. Volunteers are needed to help complete the home.

Digging and Rigging, Inc. transported the house (in two parts) on trailers from the school to Booth Street, Elkton. From there, the **Modular Genius** construction services team worked closely with Digging and Rigging, Habitat Susquehanna staff and volunteers, and installed the house onto its foundation.

Modular Genius donated its labor, equipment and time to install the home at the Booth Street, Elkton location. Modular Genius also donated the steel frames (box perimeter chassis) on which the home was constructed, and their entire donation was valued at \$12,300. In addition, Modular Genius donated the box perimeter chassis used at the previous "Habi-Tech" home (Ohio Street, Havre de Grace), and also donated the ones being used for the next "Habi-Tech" house currently under construction at the Harford Tech High School.







#### Pictured from top to bottom:

"Habi-Tech" house at CCST before being transported to Booth Street by Digging and Rigging, Inc.; Habitat Susquehanna's Homeownership Program Manager Heather Gibson (at left) and Habitat Homebuyer Candy stand in front of the second half of the house as preparations are made to lift it by crane; second half of the house is installed onto its foundation (Modular Genius team in bright yellow vests); and, Habitat Susquehanna's Director of Construction Dave Burja, Director of Development Ola Boswell, and Homeownership Program Manager Heather Gibson paid a visit to the Modular Genius staff to thank them for our "Habi-Tech" partnership.



Visit our Facebook page for the photo album of the Cecil Habi-Tech house move

## Help us transform Kayla's future Edgewood home one room at a time

Please help us transform this house into a home, one room at a time. As each room and component finds its sponsor (or sponsors), we appreciate this collective effort of our community to ensure decent, affordable housing. It Takes a Community to build a Habitat home. This home is on Deepwater Way in Edgewood and has single mother of five, Kayla, accepted as the Habitat homebuyer. Please join us in helping Kayla and her five amazing children achieve their dream of securing a safe and affordable home of their own.

If you are able, please visit our website to make a donation and to view room by room, and component by component, prices. We need funding for large and small items including boxes of nails (\$10 each), lumber bundles (\$250 each), one of four bedrooms (\$2,000 each), HVAC (\$10,000), and more. All prices include related installation and/or accompanying materials such as ductwork, etc. Partial payment of any item is completely helpful; there is no need to pay for the full amount unless you are able.

We hope you are able to join us for this community driven home-build project. *Together we build!* 





It Takes a Community Donation Page

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

October 2005: The home dedication ceremony took place for the first "Habi-Tech" house built by the students of the Harford Technical High School. In 2018, when Marion (the Habitat homeowner) paid off the mortgage to this house, she and her family held a ceremonial mortgage burning in the presence of Habitat Susquehanna's staff, so that they could celebrate this great accomplishment together.

#### Staff news

Congrats to the following staff members who mark work anniversaries with us in the month of October:

John Lanigan: 9 years Jeremy Matthews: 2 years Lydia Jordan: 1 year

#### Homeowner news

This month, **Shirley** and **Margarete** mark 20 years as Habitat homeowners, and **Santa** and **Tamara** celebrate 10 years as Habitat homeowners.

Here's an excerpt of the story that Santa shared with us when she learned she was approved as a Habitat homeowner:

"I was ready to take control of my life to offer a better future to my loving boys...Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna played a big part in this journey by connecting me to the resources needed to build not just a house but to built hope and a home."

Santa's home was the sixth "Habi-Tech" house built by the students of the **Harford Technical High School**.

#### Help fund our affordable housing program in your community

By donating a car to Habitat's **Cars for Homes**™ vehicle donation program, you
help Habitat Susquehanna build and
rehabilitate houses in partnership with
families in Harford and Cecil Counties,
such as Jessica's (one of our Habitat
Homebuyers, pictured at her home
dedication ceremony).

Visit the Cars for Homes <u>website</u> to learn more about this national vehicle donation program, or call 1-877-277-4344.

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