



A Message from our Executive Director

The month of September is National Healthy Aging Month, and the last day in September is National Women's Health and Fitness Day. Those themes fit in perfectly with our ongoing campaign called "[Housing is Healthcare](#)" which focuses on the fact that housing security is tied to wellness, improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

If your clinical practice, healthcare facility, hospital, doctor's office or other medical establishment would like to support this cause and participate in a future **Hammers for Health** sponsored team build day, please contact [Ola Boswell](#).

We have heard from many [Homeownership](#) applicants -- mostly single mothers -- about the terrible living conditions that have motivated them to consider our program. We have worked with many low-income homeowners -- mostly seniors -- who needed critical home repairs and reached out to our [Repair Program](#) for help. This topic is so close to our hearts, as people with low incomes are faced with choosing housing that they can afford -- and that does not necessarily equate with having a healthy home in which to live.

We are so pleased to have been awarded \$125,000 from **Harford County Government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** to fund critical home repair projects and



Yvonne Golczewski

NOTABLE DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Sep 17: International Day of Prayer and Action. This event, observed on the third Sunday in September, is a time when the entire Habitat for Humanity community is urged to come together in prayer for those in need of shelter.

accessibility modifications for Harford County's low-income households. Harford County Government has been our biggest financial supporter of home repairs in Harford County, enabling many families and individuals (including seniors and Veterans) to stay in their homes.

We believe that everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home!



Sep 25: Dinner at Bonefish Grill

Ten percent of your food purchases made during the 4 - 10 PM timeframe will be donated to Habitat Susquehanna. Read all the details in the [downloadable flyer](#) (required to be handed or shown at the time of purchase).

APGFCU gives \$30K sponsorship

Our enormous gratitude goes out to **APGFCU** for their recent \$30,000 gift in support of our mission. APGFCU has been our faithful friend, partner and supporter since our inception 30 years ago.



Habitat Susquehanna's Executive Director **Yvonne Golczewski** and Director of Development **Ola Boswell** are pictured with the APGFCU's Community Involvement Committee. Pictured with Yvonne and Ola, from left to right: **Brian Wilcox**, Chief Marketing Officer/staff liaison; **Tim Sherwood**, Board Director; **B. Daniel DeMarinis**, Board Director; **Paul Eikenberg**, Board Director/CIC Chair; **Don Burnett**, APGFCU Board Chair; **Wayne Taylor**, Board Director; and, **Sherif Eskaros**, Assistant Board Director.

Volunteers needed at Elkton

While summer was a time for taking vacations, it also resulted in a slow-down in volunteer help at our build sites. We especially felt the shortage at the Elkton home originally built by the students of the **Cecil County School of Technology**. This "Habi-Tech" home is being completed by our Habitat volunteers. We'd really like to get Felicia and her three children into their home as soon as we're able. Please visit our [website](#) to sign up for volunteering. We're looking for individuals and groups, no experience necessary!

If you have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator [Michele Louderback](#).



Volunteer Coordinator **Michele Louderback** and Site Construction Supervisor **Ben Marsh** discuss the variety of tasks volunteers can do at the "Habi-Tech" house.

Harford Mutual Insurance Group staff participates in team build day

As part of **Harford Mutual Insurance Group's** \$30,000 sponsorship of our Gala earlier this year, the staff members recently participated in a team build. If you want to learn more about how your business can be involved with sponsored team builds, contact our Director of Development [Ola Boswell](#).



American Legion Riders donate to help a Veteran

The **American Legion Riders Slate Ridge Post 182** gave a \$500 donation which will be used to serve a Harford County Veteran through our Repair Program. Our Repair Program Manager **Scott Zoeller** (at left in red) and Volunteer Coordinator **Michele Louderback** recently visited this group to give a presentation about Habitat Susquehanna and its [Volunteer](#) and [Repair](#) programs, and to thank this generous group



for their donation.

Did you know?

September 1995: First Harford Habitat for Humanity home was built. It was a three-bedroom rancher on land donated by the City of Aberdeen. (This was before we merged in 2011 with Habitat for Humanity of Cecil County to become Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna.)

September 2008: Launch of Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna's Repair Program (which at that time was called the Fix-It Up program).

September 2011: Dedication of first house completed under the newly-merge Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. The house on Cherry Lane, Elkton, was built by the students from the Cecil County School of Technology.

Work Anniversaries

The following staff members mark work anniversaries* with us this month:

Naomi Mattingly (6 years)

John Kunzelman (4 years)

Tom Baker (1 year)

*listed in date order

Sponsor Spotlights

Thank you to the following generous sponsors this month:





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