



## SPRING 2024 BUILDING ON FAITH NEWSLETTER

Habitat is driven by the teachings of our Christian faith. We witness the power and love of Christ as we build simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with all people. We offer faith groups a powerful way to put their faith into action, and many faith partners support us in our communities through their generous donations, prayers and volunteers.

### A Message from our Executive Director

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."*

*~Malachi 3:10*



Yvonne Golczewski

Tithe is one of the cornerstones of Habitat. It's a foundational principle, a commitment to share our blessings with those around the world who are in need of decent housing.

The operational decision to tithe is based on Habitat's biblical roots as an ecumenical Christian ministry.

It is also a visible acknowledgment that our mission is global and that our vision requires that every person everywhere has safe and secure housing.

Through tithing, U.S. Habitat

Did you know we tithe in support of Habitat's global ministry? We currently tithe to Kenya, Haiti, Malawi, and Myanmar. We've been tithing to various overseas Habitat affiliates since 1995 to help fund the building of homes around the globe.

Representatives from our staff were at a recent Habitat for Humanity International conference in Atlanta. While there, we were honored to

organizations directly support our international work in more than 30 countries around the world.

*Source: Habitat for Humanity International*

have been presented with the **Malachi 3:10 Award**. It's an award that recognizes U.S. affiliates and affiliate support organizations that have contributed to Habitat's global mission of a lifetime tithe totaling \$500,000 or more.



**Pictured: In center, Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), presents the Malachi 3:10 Award to Yvonne Golczewski, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna.**

**Also pictured, from left to right: HFHI National Director Mousa Naffa (Jordan); Habitat Susquehanna's Development Manager & Safety Officer, John Lanigan; Habitat Susquehanna's Director of Development, Ola Boswell; Habitat Susquehanna's Director of Construction, David Burja; and, HFHI National Director Susan Naidu (Fiji).**

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## Help feed our volunteers

We're looking for lunch donors to support our volunteer groups! Whether it be Women Build teams (pictured), Collegiate Challenge, or other groups volunteering with us, we need your help in feeding them throughout the year. Please contact [Michele Louderback](#), Community Engagement Manager, for details.



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## Looking for a speaker?



If your local (Harford or Cecil County) faith group, business, or organization is looking for a speaker to talk about our **Repair Program**, contact us!

Our Repair Program Manager, [Lydia Jordan](#), speaks to many groups about how the Repair Program helps low-income homeowners with their critical home repairs, accessibility and weatherization needs. Could our Repair Program help partner with your community outreach efforts? Watch our video for a little introduction to the program. Visit our [website](#) for more info.



We can also provide speakers to address our other programs, such as Homeownership ([Heather Gibson](#)) and Volunteerism ([Michele Louderback](#) for volunteers needed at our build sites, and [Ashley Hall](#) for needed Aberdeen ReStore volunteers).

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## Donate your old car to help fund affordable housing programs locally

It's more important than ever to come together and support one another. Help contribute towards our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

One small but meaningful way to contribute is by donating your old car to support affordable housing in your community. Not only will you be making a difference in someone's life, but you'll also get a tax deduction for giving back!

Visit the CFH [website](#) to learn more.



Help us spread the word by posting information about Cars for Homes on your place of worship's bulletin board, or mentioning it in a worship service leaflet, or in your faith newsletter.

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## Acknowledgments

*We thank all of you for giving of your time, and for the financial blessings you have bestowed upon our mission! Thank you for being God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show them His love.*

Since our last published newsletter's thanks, we've received monetary contributions from **Highland Presbyterian Church** and **Church of the Holy Spirit** (Joppa) for our Spring Appeal. You have our deepest gratitude for your generosity!

*In addition, from March to the present, the following faith partners helped us build homes, communities and hope by volunteering:*

Thank you to **Word of Faith**, **Trinity Joppa Lutheran Church**, and **Mountain Christian Church** for joining us to fundraise and build a Habitat home on Liberty Street, Aberdeen, during Women Build 2024.

Thank you to the members of **Mountain Christian Church** for doing their "Second Saturday Serve" volunteering at our build sites.

Our thanks go to **Rev. Byron Brought** of **Bel Air United Methodist Church** for providing the blessing at our April gala, the Dream Builders Ball.

Our thanks go to **Pastor Jenny Krichton** of **Mountain Christian Church** for giving the house blessing in March at our home dedication ceremony for Amanda's house (a home built by the students from Harford Technical High School in partnership with Habitat Susquehanna).

We are so grateful to the **Trinity Lutheran Church**, **Mountain Christian Church** and **Saint Margaret Parish** for providing lunches to **Collegiate Challenge** students who volunteered with us during their school break in March.

Habitat has been built on a foundation of faith. We give thanks to all of you throughout more than 30 years of partnership with us, for volunteering with us, and for the financial blessings which are vital to moving our mission forward. Thank you for living your faith and supporting the need for decent shelter in your local community. Please keep the ministry of Habitat for Humanity in your prayers.

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Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna brings strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable housing in Cecil and Harford counties.

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