



## BUILDING ON FAITH

*Quarterly Issue*

# WINTER 2022 BUILDING ON FAITH newsletter



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### A message from our executive director

As the new executive director, I am truly dedicated to our mission which seeks to put God's love into action. We do this at Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna by building dignity, hope, and empowerment for the most vulnerable in need of a safe, decent, affordable home, including those in your congregation and surrounding county. We invite you to join us in creating a community where everyone has an affordable and decent place to live.

Yvonne Golczewski  
Executive Director  
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna

### Lent Build fundraiser: March 2 - April 16



skirting damage



bathroom tub



planks to make ramp

## Need help from faith partners to assist low-income homeowners with their critical home repairs

A home can be a wonderful blessing. It's a place of shelter and warmth. It's a place to gather with family and friends. It's a place that holds memories that can sustain you for a lifetime.

For some in our community, a home is a scary place. The roof leaks but there's no money to fix it. The floors have holes and the cardboard used to patch them up isn't enough to stop rats from coming in. A ramp is too costly so two wood planks are used to get in and out of the house. The heat and air conditioning don't work. These are true examples of what some low-income homeowners endure in a place that should protect them.

What can you do to help? From Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) to Holy Saturday (April 16) we're raising funds to assist in the work of our Repair Program.

Even if your faith does not observe Lent, people can use this opportunity to support our Christian ministry in helping those who are less fortunate in the local community and who are living in

Examples of how your donations can make an impact:

\$20 = cost of a grab bar  
\$40 = cost of a raised toilet seat  
\$150-500 = cost to fix electrical issues  
\$400 = cost of a tub cut-out (shower conversion)  
\$3-7K = cost of an accessibility ramp  
\$5-10K = cost to replace a leaky roof

Source: [Repair Program Brochure](#)

More information about our "Lent Build" fundraiser can be found on our [website](#) and includes a printable Lenten devotion calendar that focuses on daily scriptures, and the thoughts, prayers and actions needed to support safe, stable homes in the local community. To request that a copy be emailed to you, contact **Phyllis Mosca**, Donor and Faith Relations, at 410-638-4434 ext. 7238 or by emailing [pmosca@habitatsusq.org](mailto:pmosca@habitatsusq.org).

If your church would like to hear more details about our Repair Program and the Lent Build fundraiser, you can request a presentation by contacting **Cara Middendorf**, Repair Program

unsafe conditions each and every day.

Manager, at 410-638-4434 ext. 7237 or by emailing [cmiddendorf@habitatsusq.org](mailto:cmiddendorf@habitatsusq.org).



**Collegiate Challenge groups will be volunteering in March**

## Seeking lunch donations in March for volunteers

Students from across the country partner with us and give up their traditional day-at-the-beach spring break for an "alternative" break where they build homes alongside our other volunteers. If you would like to sponsor some meals for our upcoming Collegiate Challenge groups, please reach out to **John Lanigan** at 410-638-4434 ext. 7243 or email [jlanigan@habitatsusq.org](mailto:jlanigan@habitatsusq.org).

## Acknowledgements

Since our last published newsletter's thanks, we've received monetary donations from the following:

Bel Air United Methodist Church  
Grace United Methodist Church  
St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Thank you for these blessings!

From November to the present, we've had members from **Mountain Christian Church** and **Restore Church** who have volunteered with us at our Habitat build sites. Thank you for giving of your time, and for being God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show them His love.

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