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Habitat for Humanity
Susquehanna

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Building More Than Houses
Dear Friends,

Many of us did not see as he pushed open the door of his new home for the first time, but when we discovered the photo now featured on our cover, we could feel it -- his wonder, his curiosity about what was inside, his hope.

Two year old Kaleab was likely looking for his toys or his mom, but he is one of the children who was blessed this year to know the joy of moving into a new house with his parents. All of our partner families worked so hard to achieve homeownership, and it was community support that buoyed their efforts and ensured their success. As a part of our community, you gave them hope, and you gave us hope too.

During the past year, we were blessed by the reactions of those we served and those who helped us. We saw Harford Tech students design and build their fifth “Habi-Tech” house, and we share pride in their accomplishment. We are grateful to our partners from Bank of America and Constellation Energy for believing in the power of educating our kids to be our future construction leaders. In just four days, teams from Richmond American Homes built a duplex home for two families -- Kaleab’s family was one of them. The crews warmed our hearts with their hard work and generosity of spirit.

We also felt the gratitude from low-income families in need of heat pumps, new windows and accessible ramps. These critical repairs made their houses warm and reachable. Through Home Depot, Habitat International offered us a pilot grant to repair homes for our country’s veterans in need, and this will continue into FY 2013.

Every day, we see volunteers from businesses, churches and all over the area help on site, in our office and at our special events. New volunteers and supporters are joining us from Cecil County, and we are encouraged by their energy and passion. We feel the optimism that our Building Opportunities volunteers from the detention center have as they work to change the path of their lives while assisting our families. For the first time, we welcomed women detainees as volunteers, and they, like our families, look to a brighter future.

Putting love into action affects all who work with us: our Board, staff, volunteers and especially our families. We thank you for your kindness this year and pray that God will fill your heart as you lend a hand to our neighbors.

Be blessed,
The HHS Board of Directors

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts.”
~ Romans 5:5
Mission Statement . . .
As a reflection of God’s love, and in partnership with low-income families and the community, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna seeks to create homeownership opportunities by building, renovating, and repairing homes.

Habitat Tithe
Since our inception, a total of 60 homes have been built with our tithe in Kenya and El Salvador. In fiscal year 2012, we were ranked as number 17 amongst medium sized affiliates for tithing.

7 Families . . . moved into new homes in FY2012
These families spent 75 hours in homeownership classes and performed over 2700 hours of sweat equity on their homes and the homes of other partner families.

ABERDEEN
The Damessa Family
4818 Philadelphia Road
The Carrick Family
22 Defense Drive
The Giron Family
417 Washington Street
The Cotton Family
536 Baltimore Street
The Jegnu Family
538 Baltimore Street

EDGEWOOD
The Baker Family
1323 Apple Ridge Court

ELKTON
The Warren-Price Family
23 Cherry Lane

FAMILIES SERVED . . .
FY2012 . . . 48 families served
99 people served

Totals since inception:
Families Served: 211
Houses completed: 65

HHS was honored to be chosen by Harford Day School as a year long service project. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents contributed volunteer hours, gifts, and support to partner families throughout the year.

Thank you, HDS!

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Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna homes are simple, decent, and affordable. Our homes are large enough to meet a family’s needs but small enough to keep construction and maintenance costs low. HHS uses quality building materials and all homes are Energy Star qualified. Through volunteer support, efficient building methods and no-interest loans, Habitat homes are affordable for Cecil and Harford County families in need.

Repair Program

Recognized as a nationwide leader among Habitat affiliates, Habitat Susquehanna’s repair program continues to serve low-income homeowners in Cecil and Harford counties. This year’s highlights include:

- 140 total families served over 4 years
- 32 families served
- 29 critical repairs, including roofs, hot water heaters and HVAC systems
- 4 A Brush With Kindness repairs
- 1 Accessibility ramp
- 6 Veteran families served through the Home Depot Repair Corps Pilot Program
- 8 Harford Square families served during Servefest

The week of June 4, 2012 was exciting for Habitat Susquehanna, as we participated in National Blitz Build Week. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Richmond American Homes and their trade partners, two homes were build in just four days for the Cotton and Jegnu families.

Thank you Richmond American Homes!
I became a volunteer construction worker for Habitat for Humanity simply to show my gratitude to God in some tangible way for His many blessings. Good people, beginning with my father, have taught me useful skills. Good health allows me to use my skills in my retirement. Material blessings allow me to work as a volunteer rather than seek post-retirement supplementary income. Finally, my faith teaches me that talents and resources are meant to be shared, not hoarded, and in my current circumstances, Habitat for Humanity is the ideal vehicle for sharing them. In return, I get to work with more generous and more talented people. I also get the satisfaction of passing some small share of my blessings onto people who have not received them as directly as I have. The ultimate payoff is when the new homeowners, in turn, help others in their own way.”

– Joseph Hartka

The Tiemann Family . . .

Among Habitat affiliates nationwide, Habitat Susquehanna is recognized for its leadership and foresight in creating a repair program. It is through this recognition that we were chosen to be part of the Home Depot Foundation’s Pilot Program to work with Veterans and keep them in their homes. This partnership was created to help deserving families like the Tiemanns. Don, a Veteran, and his wife Liz, have been hit hard by the economic crisis. These hard working Conowingo residents each lost their jobs within a matter of months of each other. As if that was not difficult enough, their roof began to leak and desperately needed replacing, which they could not afford. Their health and wellbeing began to suffer, and they did not know where to turn. Habitat Susquehanna, in partnership with the Home Depot Foundation, was able to help them by replacing their roof.

The repair improved their overall health in more ways than one. Liz was so inspired and moved by the work of Habitat Susquehanna, she decided to give back, volunteering on site and creating gifts for new homeowners. She is excited to serve on committees, and Don cannot stop talking about the wonderful improvement that this has made on his life. We look forward to seeing Don and Liz’s smiling faces on site for many years to come!

Volunteers

22,143 Hours of Service
completed by 1200 volunteers to build or repair homes.

• Equals approximately $490,925 in skilled labor time

33 Business Groups

16 School, Church or Civic Groups

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Golf Tournament
3rd Base Wine & Spirits
Mr. Wil Adams
Mr. Ray Albert
APGFCU
Mr. Frank Aud
Baltimore County Savings Bank
Bank of America - Patty Lukert
Beautifully Fullfielded
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gribbin
Mr. David Graham
Ms. Patricia Gilligan
Famous Dave's
Faces N Places Art Studio
Ms. Jeana Essery
Mrs. Marie Edmeades
Mrs. Lisa Durst
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Driban
Mr. Jeffrey Dresher
Ms. Sheryl Davis-Kohl
Dan Carson Long & Foster Real
Estate

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Thomey
Mr. and Mrs. David Thomey
Ms. Lisa Taylor
Staples
Mr. Charles Slusher
Slavie Federal Savings Bank
Stuart Farm Insurance-Shirley
Brunknest Agency
Mr. Lawrence Stevenson
Strikes, Roberts, and Bauer
Advertising
Mr. and Mrs. David Talbot
TitlePoint Corporation
Mr. Tim Tremper
Mr. Lloyd Umberger
W. R. Grace & Co.
Wye Marsh Brewing Company
Mr. William White
In Kind
A & E Hand Tools
Advanced Flooring
Alasoe Fastening Systems
Allied Systems
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
American Yoga
Mr. Mike Cinato
Computer Design Kitchen Center
Computer Renaissance
Mr. David Cooper
Mr. Wayne Copes
Mr. David Cimatu
Christopher Matthew's
Carrollton Bank
Canby Motors Collision Repair
Capital Finishes, Inc.
Corrulation Bank
Chestnut Electric Holding Co.
Chippewa of Little Italy, Inc.
Christopher Matthew's
Mr. Mike Cinato
Computer Design Kitchen Center
Computer Renaissance
Mr. David Cooper
Mr. Wayne Copes
Mr. Matt Cullen
Dai-Tax Accounting
Mr. Charles Delta
Darma Foods, Inc.
Ebling鑫 Associates
Mr. Bill Feeley
Ferroil Fuel Company, Inc.
Financial Security Consultants
Dr. Dennis Fisher
Freedom Federal Credit Union
Gold Medal Physical Therapy
Group Benefit Strategies
The Hartford Mutual Insurance Companies
Mr. Henry Harrison
Mr. Byron Howley
The Howley Family
Mr. Steve Holczewicz
Ms. Kim Hong
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes
Hunt Valley Golf Club
Hurlow Travel World Co.
Mr. & Mrs. Stephanie Howley
Integrity Cleaning, Inc.
Mr. David Joynt
CertepPainters of Northeast MD
Kerry Machcsh & Associates
Mastercraft
Mr. Stephen Kirchner
Mr. Stephen Knopp
Mr. Brian Kolbe
Mr. Bill Kress
Mr. Melvin Laugh
Liberator's
Mr. Steven Linkous
Lang & Foster - Louise Costello
Mr. Steve Martin
Maryland Golf and Country Club
Master Graphics, Inc.
McComas Funeral Home
Mr. Howard McComas III
Mr. Kenneth Merrill
Mr. Bob Miller
Mr. Frederick Mitchell
Mr. Mike Myers
NBRS Financial Bank
Mr. John O'Malley
Mr. Danny Williams
Mr. Abieliss Willis
Mrs. Amy Willis
Mr. Bryan Willis
Window Visions, Inc.
Mr. Walph Young
Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP
SAIC
Mr. Joseph Scott
ServiceMaster of Bel Air
Scentsy - Kim Hong
Sherwin Williams
Shoe Savers Federal Savings Bank
Shuttle Farm Insurance-Shirley
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Mr. Lloyd Umberger
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Wye Marsh Brewing Company
Mr. William White
All Kimberly Johnson ever wanted was to be responsible for her own space.

Unfortunately, in her previous living situation, there was no such thing as personal space. The house was overcrowded with relatives – a total of eight people in the home. The family was so pressed for breathing room that Kimberly shared one bed with her daughter and two sons, ages 7, 3 and 1.

With the help of a realtor friend, Kimberly had long searched for a suitable home within an affordable price range; but her efforts had yielded no results.

Then, she felt the first surge of hope. Kimberly heard about Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. Her friend encouraged her to apply for a home, and much to Kimberly’s excitement, she was approved and began working toward being a homeowner.

Though she holds a full-time job at Comcast, Kimberly has dedicated much of her free time to earning sweat equity hours. She is a faithful event volunteer, food server, fundraiser and child care provider for other partner families.

Kimberly’s house was built by students at Harford Technical High School, her alma mater, and was transported to its permanent site in the spring of 2012.

Kimberly is overwhelmed with gratitude for the volunteers, donors and sponsors who have already poured so much of their time, energy and talents into creating their safe home. “I would like to thank Habitat for helping me achieve a dream I have been working toward for years,” she said. “I know there are many companies, individuals and communities that work with Habitat, and I appreciate them all.”