Fiscal Year 2015

Enter a world where anything is possible!

8 Families in new or rehabbed homes
51 Families served
50 Repairs
1,451 volunteers contributed 20,771 hours
60 hours of financial classes
$18,744
- El Salvador
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Haiti

Last year, homeowners saved $515,262 over paying market rent and gained a total of $305,955.79 in equity.
Donors
You help break the cycle of poverty for families who need a hand up.

Families
You strive to make your dream of homeownership a reality.

Volunteers
You selflessly give your time to help others achieve their goals.
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Mission

As a reflection of God’s love, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna creates affordable opportunities throughout Harford and Cecil Counties by building, renovating and repairing homes in partnership with the community.

Vision

Create a community where everyone has an affordable and decent place to live.

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, Inc. is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Happiness researchers have discovered the one of the secrets to true happiness is to serve others, and to practice gratitude. So now science has proven what our faith always told us! This year, 1,451 volunteers served others by helping Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. They nailed, sawed, painted, and patched. They built houses, ramps, and hope. They passed out flyers, stuffed envelopes, sold tickets, and created community. They gave of their family treasure, sharing what blessings they have with others.

So it is my turn to practice gratitude, and thank each and every donor that has made it possible for us to build 8 homes and repair 50 more in this past year. We are showered with gratitude from the families we serve, but it is really the on-site volunteers, the donors, sponsors and those that pray for our work that need the thanks. They are the true blessings we have as an organization, and the source of a lot of happiness for us, the families we serve, and the community as a whole. With them everything is possible.

Karen Blandford, Executive Director
Ten years ago, Marion, a single mother of two, was struggling to make ends meet. Her job paid minimum wage, and, as much as she desired to own her own home, she didn’t think it was possible. Wanting to provide a better life for her children, she turned to Habitat and was approved. In the nine years she has lived in her home, she earned a college degree. She got a higher paying job. She remarried. Her children are now attending college. Her neighbors love looking at her gardens as much as she loves working in them.

Marion made extra payments on her mortgage, and this spring, paid it in full. Through homeownership, she saved $29,827 over what she would have paid in rent. Now she proudly owns her home. Marion changed the course of her future and that of her family. She was able to do so because of supporters like you.

Since 1993, 86 families have moved into their forever homes and, since 2011, another 300 families have received critical repairs to keep them in their homes. This is only possible because of the support from you and others in our community.

As Time Goes By

“We had some tough times during those years, but with the grace of God, we made it through as a family. I am truly so very proud that we have come so far.”

A Brush With Kindness

After losing the love of her life in 2012, Lauranne Weathers didn’t think her life could get any worse, until she discovered the financial burden of owning a home as a widow.

On April 11, 2015 Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna participated in A Brush with Kindness Week, a nationwide effort to transform neighborhoods by painting, providing minor exterior home repairs, landscaping and cleaning up yards in partnership with low-income homeowners.

During that week, the Repair Program fixed Lauranne’s gutter and downspout and completed other repairs in the Harford Square neighborhood. A few days later, we received a thank you letter from Lauranne expressing her gratitude saying,

“Your group helped so much. I didn’t know how I was going to fix it. They are the most professional people I have seen. They were polite, friendly, pleasant and just plain wonderful. Their commitment to helping others is inspirational.”
These words were written on the invitation of vow renewal between Charles Alston, former Board President of Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, and his bride, Mildred, as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 51 guests in 9 different states contributed a total of $6,075 in honor of Charles and Mildred’s love and commitment to one another and to the community. The Alstons are a true reflection of God’s love and generosity, and we are so grateful for their constant support and prayers. Congratulations on 50 beautiful years together, and thank you for making Habitat Susquehanna a part of your story.

“God has enriched and blessed our lives. He has given us the desire to give a blessing to others. In lieu of a gift to us, bless someone by giving a love gift to Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna.”

Because of volunteers, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna saved $450,039 in labor cost.
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