



# Site Lines

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*Ben with the flower pots he decorated for future Habitat homeowners*

## Youth Can Do It!

Building houses, selecting future partner families, and lifting furniture at the ReStore hardly seem like kid-friendly activities. For those under 15, it can be challenging to find a way to get involved in Habitat, but with a little creativity, they too can find a way to make a difference in their community.

First, Tredyffrin/Easttown Cadet Troop 4931 enlisted the help of their Girl Scout community to collect paint supplies to be used at our construction site and household items to create welcome baskets for future Habitat homeowners. They even painted flower pots to present to homeowners at dedications so they can immediately decorate their new front porches!

Since then, other local youth have lined up to collect snacks, thank volunteers, and welcome future homeowners. One such young man is Ben Trainor. Ben still has a few years until he can begin to volunteer on site, but that hasn't stopped him from finding other ways to get involved in Habitat. Thanks to him and his family, he's kept our volunteers' stomachs full and our homeowners' porches decorated.

We are always looking for ways to thank our volunteers, welcome our homeowners, and raise money, so if you want to know how your child can get involved in Habitat and what our current needs are, visit [www.hfhcc.org/volunteer](http://www.hfhcc.org/volunteer) or contact Kate at [katie@hfhcc.org](mailto:katie@hfhcc.org) or call 610-384-7993, ext. 10.

## No Sweat! Partner Families Cruising Through Sweat Equity

Though Habitat partner families are allotted twelve to eighteen months to complete their savings program and sweat equity hours, many of the 2016 families will require far less.

Our first future homeowner to finish her sweat equity was Kameshia, who completed her 200 hours in seven months! Kameshia diligently worked whenever she had a spare moment, often coming in on her lunch break and on Saturdays to get the job done.

Other homeowners are not far behind in their sweat equity efforts. At the time of printing, another future homeowner just completed her remaining hours and several more were over 75% finished.

We are thrilled to welcome such a diligent group into Habitat homeownership later this year!



*Kameshia working alongside volunteers at the West Chester site*

## HfHCC Recipient of ACAC's 30 for 30 Campaign

In March, Habitat for Humanity of Chester County was named the recipient of ACAC Fitness & Wellness Center's biannual *30 days for \$30* campaign. During the entire month of March, new members could purchase a 30-day pass to ACAC West Chester or ACAC Eagleview for only \$30. All proceeds from the sale of these memberships went directly to Habitat for Humanity!

During this time, ACAC promoted our mission via social media, advertising, and at their fitness clubs. A group of ACAC directors even joined us for a volunteer day!

After thirty-one days, the two ACAC locations were able to raise a staggering \$13,410 for affordable housing! We are so fortunate to have been selected as the beneficiary for this amazing campaign and cannot thank ACAC enough for the opportunity.



ACAC staff members Beth & Mike present HfHCC staff with the \$13,410 check

## Construction Update

Construction has been going smoothly for our crew at both the Coatesville and West Chester sites. Recently, construction resumed on the twin homes in West Chester in order to complete the painting and porches. These final touches are expected to take only a few short weeks, ensuring that both of our hard-working partner families will move in by the end of the summer. Construction of these homes flew by thanks to a plethora of community volunteers, especially those from Westminster Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of West Chester.

Meanwhile, in Coatesville, construction is continuing on five homes that will be ready for settlement in the coming months. In April, two foundations were set and framing began shortly thereafter. Two more homes have recently been insulated and drywalled, leaving only finishing work.

Despite a rainy few weeks, we are on track to welcome home all seven 2016 homeowners this fall!



Two homes in the finishing process of construction sit in contrast to the two new foundations

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communities,  
and hope*

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## Build A House...Build a Dream a Success

On Saturday, March 19, Habitat and presenting sponsor, Fox & Roach Charities, held the thirteenth annual *Build a House...Build a Dream* contest for kids at Church Farm School in Exton. In this contest, fifth-grade students from the Delaware Valley were challenged to build a three-dimensional model of their dream home. On the day of the contest, students brought their model homes to be judged by local professionals.

As always, the students showed great ingenuity and creativity, making it very difficult for our guest judges to pick a winner. Some of this year's notably creative houses included one that featured a seal rescue, several sustainably built houses, and a house built to resemble the different layers of the ocean. During the contest, students enjoyed snacks and a variety of raffle prizes featuring gift certificates to local kid-friendly activities while proudly showing off their homes to judges and spectators alike.

Thank you to all of our contestants, sponsors, volunteers, judges, guest emcee, Katy Zachry from NBC10, and Church Farm School for another great event! Stay tuned to [www.hfhcc.org](http://www.hfhcc.org) for announcements regarding next year's contest!

### Congratulations to our winners!

*First Place:* Andrew from Shamona Creek Elementary  
*Second Place:* Georgia & Ashna from Wallingford Elementary  
*Third Place:* Daniel, Ben, and Sam from St. Joseph School in Downingtown



Judge and Fox & Roach Charities President, Kassie Erb, surveys a home

## Driving to Build Golf Outing

The 13th Annual *Driving to Build* golf outing, presented by CTDI, is almost sold out! There are just a few foursomes and sponsorships remaining for the round of golf at Radley Run Country Club on June 13. Please call 610-384-7993, x12 or e-mail [Jason@hfhcc.org](mailto:Jason@hfhcc.org) if you would like to be a part of this fun day on the links!



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## Nice Furniture. Can We Have it?



Need to justify purchasing that new living room set you've had your eye on? Not sure what to do with old cabinets from your kitchen renovation? Spring and summer are a great time to clean out and donate to the ReStore! We are always in need of furniture, appliances, cabinets, and other household items. Chester County residents and businesses alike are welcome to donate.

Small donations may be dropped off at either ReStore and large donations may qualify for a pick up by our Habitat truck team. Donations are tax deductible and all proceeds from sales are used for the construction of decent, affordable housing. To schedule a pickup for your items, visit [www.restore.hfhcc.org](http://www.restore.hfhcc.org) and fill out a donation form, or call our donation hotline at 610-466-1890.

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Chris Pippett & Lori Court

Chris Pippett and Lori Court aren't your typical Habitat volunteers. In fact, unless you are a Habitat homeowner, you will likely never have the pleasure of seeing them in action. However, these two behind-the-scenes superstar volunteers play a critical role in the settlement process that can't go unnoticed.

Chris first became involved with HfHCC in 2004 when he joined the Board of Directors and was elected Board President in 2008. After his term was over in 2010, Chris found that he couldn't stay away from Habitat, saying, "I really believe in the mission. It's the best program I've seen...that truly helps people without merely providing a handout. As a result, I think it's one of the only programs I know of that breaks the cycle of poverty for a family." Now, Chris uses his job as an attorney to draft and execute our mortgage documents, carefully explaining each section in detail to the new homeowner at settlement.

Lori was introduced to Habitat through her job as manager at Anvil Land Transfer. What started out as fulfilling her work duties quickly evolved into going above and beyond for Habitat. Lori verifies the cost of taxes and homeowners insurance. She also processes the paperwork to record the transfer of the property from Habitat to the new homeowner.

Though Lori and Chris may not have traditional volunteer roles, they are an integral part of the HfHCC volunteer family. Signing long mortgage documents filled with daunting legal jargon can be a nerve-wracking process, but with Chris and Lori on the other side of the table, homeowners know they are in good hands!



*Chris, Crystal, and Lori at Crystal's settlement in July 2015*