

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County
2021 Annual Report



Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope



A Message From Our Executive Director

CHRIS WISEMAN

As we look back on 2021, we know the challenges have been great. The global pandemic, the cries for racial justice, the political upheaval, the rising cost of building materials, the skyrocketing housing market - each compounded for those who were already struggling.

I am extremely proud of the resiliency and determination of the community of homeowners, volunteers, donors, and staff that shines a light through these dark times. Brought together to support one another and each working toward a vision where everyone has a decent place to live. It is the power of our love, and the compassion for one another, that continues to provide the energy and hope that pushes our community forward. Working together to build homes. To build futures. To build opportunities.

Never has Habitat's work been as important. Working together to bring the safety and security that only a home can provide. Creating generational change and a legacy of hope. We have only grown stronger and more determined to serve others and will expand our services and impact in the months to come.

Thank you to all who support Habitat for Humanity of Chester County.

Chris Wiseman

\$609,513

Dollars saved through volunteers

17.3

Million pounds of waste saved from landfills by the Habitat ReStore

164

Homes built since 1989

42,200

Sweat equity hours by homeowners helping to build their future homes

The Zavala Family



“ My name is Jennifer, I am a 26-year-old with 3 kids under the age of 7. I always dreamed of being able to have my own home for my family. My children to have their own bedroom, something I never had the chance of experiencing. Having your own room as a child I feel is so important to help with independence and privacy. Hearing my kids now get excited when we speak of the house being built [or] even stopping by the construction site to see the process. I love hearing them speak of being able to play in the backyard, even ride their bikes and have friends in the neighborhood. Even their excitement of having their own bathroom by their bedrooms, and being able to choose what theme they want [in their room]. Seeing their excitement is such a great feeling as a mother.

I am very thankful for this opportunity of having affordable housing. I hope that more of these opportunities arise for all people who have gone through the struggles of finding stability in their home. I am thankful for all the amazing people who volunteer their time and help with the home building process. Without all the donors and volunteers this is something that would be very hard to accomplish. There is no way that I could thank them all enough for all their help and hard work. I cannot wait for my home to be built and have so many memories made to cherish in a place my children can call home and know that we will not be having to move back and forth how I did as a child.

A very thankful mother,
Jennifer Zavala



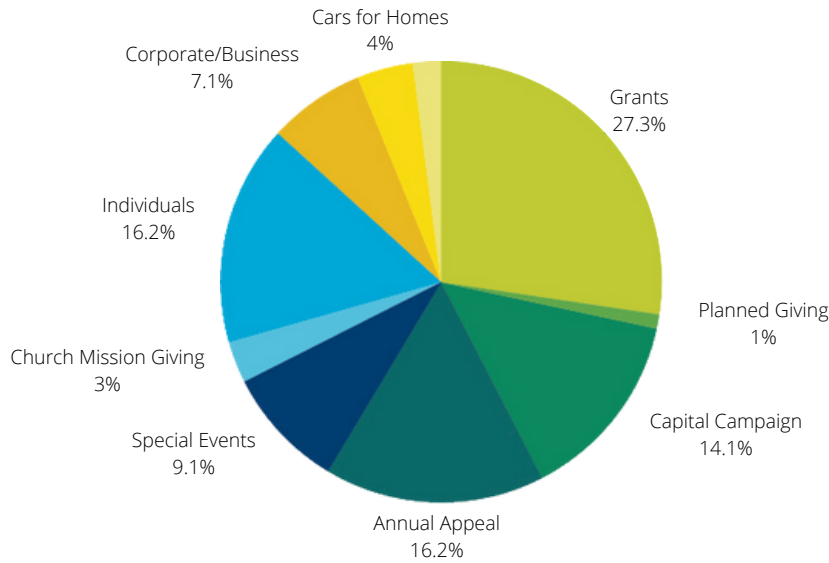
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Total amount of new construction dollars invested in the community over the last 5 years.

\$1,262,441

Amount of new construction invested in the community in 2021.

2021 Figures



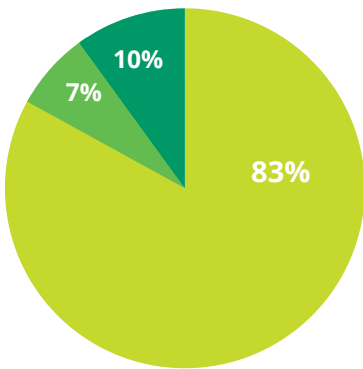
Contributions

Total = \$1,147,184.09

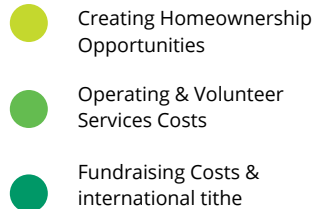


Habitat homes represent **nearly \$500,000 in annual tax revenue** for our county and school districts.

In fact, every new Habitat home adds **approximately \$5,000** to the tax base annually.



Use of Funds



For every home we build in Chester County, we send a portion of unrestricted funds to assist with the construction of homes in less fortunate countries. To date, 154 families have been served in underdeveloped countries.



Since its founding in 1989 through the end of 2021, Habitat for Humanity of Chester County has provided affordable housing for 593 men, women and children.



Donating a vehicle to Habitat for Humanity is a great way to support the work in our community. Proceeds from the sale of donated vehicles help provide construction materials to build Habitat homes. The process is fast and easy to do, and donations may qualify for a tax deduction. In 2021, HfHCC received over \$51,000 in revenue from donated vehicles.

Highlights

In the face of supply chain shortages, rising material costs, and a limited number of volunteers on site, three homes were completed and construction on 12 more homes were in progress during 2021.



West Grove

Homeowners at the West Grove location are part of HfHCC's first-time homeownership program in partnership with the USDA. There are 8 blocks of 5 homes for a total of 40 townhomes. The first block of 5 homes were completed in 2020. Construction began on blocks 2 and 3 in 2021; families for those homes have all been accepted and we are excited to welcome them home in early 2022.



Coatesville

Homes located at 418 and 420 Cityview Avenue along with 320 Community Lane were completed in Coatesville. Three new families were selected and will be the final homeowners to move in the Cambria Community. The final three lots were cleared in late 2021 and are ready for excavation.



Critical Home Repair/Rehabilitation

Recognizing that as land becomes more expensive and difficult to obtain, a new way to fulfill our vision of everyone having a decent place to call home is to make repairs that will allow low- and fixed-income homeowners to remain in their homes safely. Types of repairs will involve weatherizing homes, building wheelchair ramps, widening doorways, and custom fitting bathrooms to accommodate medical recommendations needed for independent living and/or aging in place.



Team Builds

In 2021 local businesses returned to volunteering at our sites and Restore. We hosted 12 corporate Team Builds that provided both hands-on assistance and a financial investment to help us keep homes affordable.

More Highlights



Faith Builds

As a Christian ministry, financial contributions, volunteer hours, and prayer support from local area churches continue to be an important part of our mission. In 2021, HfHCC completed 2 affordable homes with the help of the Chester County faith community under the Thrivent Financial "Faith Builds" initiative.



Special Events

In 2021, HfHCC's Build a House...Build a Dream contest for 5th grade students was held virtually in May and the 18th annual Driving to Build golf tournament was held in September. Our Building a Thirst beer ticket book was sold during November and December and we are planning the first Annual Hops for Homes Beer Festival for June 2022. Although navigating events through the pandemic was challenging, special events still raised \$71,000 for new home construction.



Legacy Foundation

HfHCC established a Legacy Foundation in 2021. Legacy giving allows donors to customize their giving to leave a lasting impact in a manner that is consistent with their charitable goals and financial situation. There are many options including gifts that cost you nothing now, gifts that make an impact now, gifts that provide financial benefits to you, and more.



SQUARE FOOT MONTHLY DONOR CLUB
changing lives one square foot at a time

Square Foot Club

The Square Foot Club is a unique group of loyal donors who make an impact all year long through monthly donations. These gifts give us a steady stream of income to ensure our programs are sustained throughout the year and allow us to properly plan for growth.

Volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County volunteers contributed nearly 14,000 hours in 2021, making a difference to hard-working families in need.

Some special 2021 volunteer milestones!



John P. reached
5000
hours of
volunteering

Elaine F. celebrated
20 years
of volunteering at
Habitat for Humanity



Habitat volunteers provide free labor worth more than
\$500,000 annually.



Habitat home construction activity generates approximately
\$1,000,000 in revenue for local businesses and suppliers each year.



17,272,784

Total Pounds Saved from Landfills:



Top-selling Item:

Furniture



53

individuals volunteered

5,207 hours

at the ReStore

Habitat ReStores are home improvement stores selling gently-used and new furniture, appliances, building materials, and more! ReStores are open to the public and supported by our local community through shopping, donating, and volunteering. Our goal is to support the build of at least one home each year through sales.



ReStore Sales have generated nearly \$2.5M for our homebuilding program since March 2002. The success of the ReStore in Coatesville and the availability of affordably-priced retail space prompted the Board of the Directors to consider opening a ReStore in the Phoenixville area in early 2022.



Donate your gently-used and new items to the ReStore, where proceeds benefit Habitat's home construction fund. We offer free pickups for your large items! The ReStore benefits everyone: the environment, the donor, and the community.

- Each year, ReStores divert tons of usable materials from the landfill
- Most donations are tax-deductible
- Proceeds from ReStore sales benefit the construction of Habitat homes in Chester County

Learn more at www.ReStorechesco.org



Visit the Caln Restore at
 Caln Plaza Shopping Center
 1853 East Lincoln Highway
 Coatesville, PA 19320
 Phone: 610-466-7364



Coming Soon: Visit the Phoenixville Restore at
 Starr Street Plaza
 785 Star Street
 Phoenixville, PA 19460

Donate, Shop, & Volunteer at the ReStore!

There are so many ways you can help your community thrive just by donating, shopping, or volunteering at the ReStore.



Thank you!

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