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Habitat for Humanity of Chester County



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# Lookback: Spring & Summer Events

## Build a House...Build A Dream Contest March 2024



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our 21st annual Build A House...Build A Dream contest! The event was held on March 2, 2024, at the Church Farm School in Exton, PA. In this competition, 5th-grade students worked individually or in teams to build their own three-dimensional, model dream home, which they then brought to the contest for judging by professional architects, engineers, and builders.



A special shout-out to our sponsors, Fox & Roach Trident, Saint-Gobain, Eadeh Enterprises, Martin Architectural, CertainTeed, RKL, Gardner/Fox, and all of our supporters and judges who helped make this event possible.

Congratulations to our contest winners: 1st place Joel S., 2nd place Fiona B., and 3rd place Xavier H. The Fan Favorite Award went to Jase R.

Congratulations to Brooks M., the winner of the Sustainability Award sponsored by Saint Gobain. In April, Brooks and his family received a private tour of the Saint Gobain facility as part of his award for the most sustainable house at our Build A House event!

# Habitat for Humanity International Conference

March 2024

This past March, our team joined more than 2,500 Habitat for Humanity colleagues at the 2024 Affiliate Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Excitingly, we were selected to be one of four panel participants at the conference because of our tremendous growth since 2020. Our Executive Director, Chris Wiseman, addressed the initiatives and factors that have allowed us to serve our community better.

Chris shared, "I was excited for the opportunity to present to Habitat Affiliate leaders from across the country and share the incredible work that we are doing in Chester County. A few short years ago, we were building 2-3 homes a year, had only 1 ReStore, and no Home Repair program. Now, we are under development in 2 different 40-home communities (as well as several other smaller projects and rehabilitations); we've opened a second ReStore and started the Habitat Home Repair program with 200 repairs scheduled to be completed in the next year.

All of this has been made possible by a shared vision from our donors and volunteers that everyone deserves a decent place to live. We have become the model for growth for other Affiliates across the country, and we are seeing the impact of our collective work."

We are so grateful to have grown in Chester County over the past four years and to share our success with our fellow Habitat affiliates at the International conference.



# ReStore Earth Day

April 2024

We had an incredible Earth Day week in Chester County with our amazing ReStore locations in Caln and Phoenixville.

We hosted two electronic waste (e-waste) recycling events, making a huge environmental impact! The Caln ReStore collected 4,000 pounds of e-waste with 150 guests showing their support, while the Phoenixville ReStore doubled the effort with 8,000 pounds of waste and over 200 guests!

Plus, the Phoenixville ReStore community yard sale a few days later was a huge success! Local participants signed up through a \$25 donation to Habitat to sell their unique housewares that were then shopped by community members.

Thank you to our sponsor, The Junkluggers, and everyone who supported sustainable shopping and recycling. Together, we're making a difference!





# Women Build

## May 2024

Kudos to the amazing team of women who joined us at the construction site for our Women Build event! Local ladies from four different Chambers of Commerce in Chester County joined forces to build affordable housing. Together, we're not just constructing homes, we're building a stronger community.



# Hops for Homes

## June 2024

Thank you to the integral members who made our third annual Hops for Homes beer festival a success! We couldn't have done it without the help of our sponsors, staff members, volunteers, participating breweries, wineries, cideries, distilleries, food trucks, live music artists, local vendors, and more!



This year's event was a huge success, raising over \$24,000 for affordable housing. Thanks to you, families in our community who just need a hand-up to succeed can access an affordable and decent place to live and raise a family.



Keep an eye out; 2024 Building A Thirst Beer Coupon Books will go on sale in October 2024!



To learn more about events and fundraisers, please visit [hfhcc.org/news-events](http://hfhcc.org/news-events)

# HABITAT HOME REPAIR PROJECTS

We have expanded our mission to include a Home Repair program designed to help our partners address critical health and safety issues in their homes, accessibility issues for seniors and people with disabilities, and housing code violations.

**Through the Whole Home Repair Program (WHRP), our team has completed 7 home repair projects with 30 more to complete. Through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), our team has completed 9 home repair projects with 27 more in the pipeline.**

Here we highlight four of this year's completed projects: a roof repair project for Bruce and Kathleen in Cochranville, an outdoor deck and steps accessibility repair for Barbara in Spring City, a siding and bathroom repair for Stefanie and Verlaine in Coatesville, and a leak repair and radon mitigation for Rick and Linda and family in Coatesville.



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“Many thanks to all involved. The job is very well done! I was able to help with the removal of the shingles from the ground into the dumpster— and I was very glad to do so! It was the very least that I could do. It has been a most satisfying procedure and EVERYONE INVOLVED has been a pleasure to work with and most accommodating! It is with profound gratitude we say THANK YOU!”

- Bruce and Kathleen

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Verlaine told us, “This home has been in my family for many years. My mother was born in this house and it means a lot to her to keep the family home. When my mother’s health began to decline and her eyesight began to deteriorate, I decided to reach out to Habitat for Humanity for assistance. Many fond memories have been made and shared within our family over the years and this home represents the heart of that.

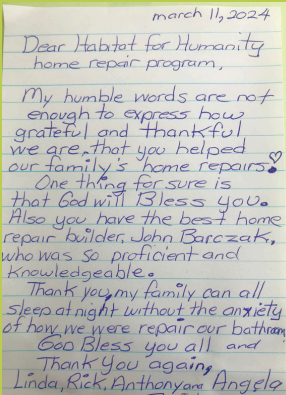
After several prayers, I happened to see the information about Habitat for Humanity funding on Facebook. As soon as I reached out to you, I knew that my prayers would be answered. You displayed professionalism and a willingness to listen to my needs and began the process. Words cannot describe how much the facelift means to us. Thank you for everything that you and the team have done.”

- Stefanie and Verlaine

“My family is eternally grateful for Habitat assisting us when we could not construct or contract out the work to replace our deck and steps for much-needed improvement. We now have safe access performed by meticulous craftsmen employed by Habitat and assurance that all communities have support to address home repairs detrimental to a homeowner's safety. We are beyond words for this wonderful contribution to preserving our home. We could not do this without you. Thank you, Habitat team!”

- Barbara





# Construction Updates, Homeowner Spotlight, New Properties

We are excited to share the latest updates on our Cambria 46-home community in Coatesville. With the completion of the final houses, four homeowners went to settlement in late April! The Souell, Woodward, Wah, and Gleh families were thrilled to receive a hand up to a better future.

As we wrap up the final engineering work in the neighborhood, our organization and the Coatesville community will celebrate this milestone with a dedication on September 21st. This accomplishment is made possible by the support and hard work of HfHCC’s donors, volunteers, and staff!

The Cambria development is a beacon of hope, illustrating what can be achieved when communities come together with a shared vision of creating a better future through affordable housing!

We are looking towards future endeavors in Caln Township, where two lots have been purchased on Foundry Street. “Our next phase in the Coatesville area is located in neighboring Caln, where volunteers will build as many as 40 homes on those multi-acre lots over the next few years,” said Christy Kane, Director of Development and Marketing.

To learn more about the Habitat Home Repair Program and its qualifications, please visit [hfcc.org/habitat-home-repair](http://hfcc.org/habitat-home-repair)



We are excited to introduce our newest team member: **Kristin Podwojski, Director of Annual Giving.**

Kristin Podwojski’s role encompasses connecting Habitat to resources that help build healthy, strong and safe communities for all, by supporting fundraising and individual donors. Kristin believes that it takes a village to build a village, and is excited to bring her project management, development, events and fundraising experience to Habitat. In her free time, Kristin enjoys traveling the world with her husband and supporting the world-class dance dreams of her daughter.

## Summer 2024 Accomplishments

As of July 2024, volunteers and donors have provided affordable housing for **183** families and are in the process of completing **50+** repair projects! In addition, the two ReStores in Caln and Phoenixville have saved over **19.4 million** pounds of waste from the landfill.



# 2024 Team Builds

A special thanks to the corporate teams who joined us for a Team Build in the first half of the year:

- Constellation
- Saint-Gobain
- Dupont
- Data Bank
- Johnson Matthey
- DLL
- Anderson and Catania
- Salesforce
- Resolution Life
- Certainteed
- Bentley Systems
- HSB
- Meridian Bank
- Fulton Bank
- Global Atlantic
- DuPont



Participating in a Habitat team builds offers an excellent opportunity to step away from the usual office environment, create inspiring connections with colleagues, and make a meaningful difference in our community.

These companies helped us finish work on Cambria Terrace, and continue work at Fuller Meadows, West Grove, prep Foundry Street, Caln Township, and provide extra help at several home repair projects. If your company would like to join us this fall, please reach out to Liz Price, [liz@hfhcc.org](mailto:liz@hfhcc.org) or 610-384-7993 ext 116.

# Volunteer Highlight: Chris Pippett's 100th Settlement

HfHCC would also like to highlight our long-time volunteer and board member, Chris Pippett, Esq., who celebrated his 100th settlement with the completion of Cambria's final home! Chris is the co-chair of the Financial Services Industry Practice at Fox Rothschild and has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity for 22 years, including 12 years on the organization's board of directors. He served as board president from 2008 to 2010.

In honor of Pippett's milestone 100th home settlement, Habitat for Humanity and his firm surprised him with a celebration alongside his family, friends, and colleagues at Fox Rothschild's Exton office.

"Chris has been a dedicated leader for Habitat for over 20 years. He has helped countless families, not only through these settlements, but as a driving force behind the growth of our program as a whole," said Chris Wiseman, Executive Director. "He not only has the wisdom, but the heart and vision to lead us all to be better and serve our community. It was a pleasure to celebrate this momentous occasion with Chris, his family, and the Fox Rothschild team."



# UPCOMING & ONGOING



## Golf Outing: September 2024

Our 21st annual Driving to Build Strength, Stability, and Self-Reliance Golf Outing will be held on September 9, 2024, at French Creek Golf Club! Join us for a full day on the links:

**9:00 AM** REGISTRATION, BLOODY MARY/MIMOSA BAR

**10:30 AM** SHOTGUN START, GOURMET LUNCH & SNACK STATIONS ON COURSE

**3:30 PM** COCKTAIL RECEPTION & CHIPPING CONTEST

**4:00 PM** SILENT AUCTION & AWARDS

Registration and sponsorship are now open. For more information, please visit [hfcc.org/golf-outing](https://hfcc.org/golf-outing)

## Quarterly Update: July 2024

Our quarterly update was held on July 18. This virtual Zoom panel was hosted by our Executive Director, Chris Wiseman. Chris was joined by Chris Patriarca, Senior Community Planner for the Chester County Planning Commission, who presented on the A+ Homes initiative to help nurture the development of affordable housing throughout Chester County.

The Summer 2024 Quarterly Update is now available to view on our YouTube channel, and on our website at [hfcc.org/executive-update](https://hfcc.org/executive-update).

## Home Dedication and Celebration in Coatesville September 2024

With the completion of the Cambria development in Coatesville, we will host a home dedication and celebration on September 21, 2024!

The dedication will be held at 422 Cityview Avenue at 11 a.m., and the celebration will follow from 12 to 2 p.m. at Valley View Park on Baxter Street. The rain date is September 28th. Join us to commemorate this accomplishment with these hard-working homeowners and the local Coatesville community. To RSVP for the dedication and celebration, please email Christy Kane, Director of Development and Marketing, at [christy@hfcc.org](mailto:christy@hfcc.org)



# YOU'RE INVITED

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
CAMBRIA TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ON  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

(RAIN DATE: 9/28/2024)

**HOME DEDICATION: 11:00 AM**

422 CITYVIEW AVE. COATESVILLE, PA 19320

**FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION:**

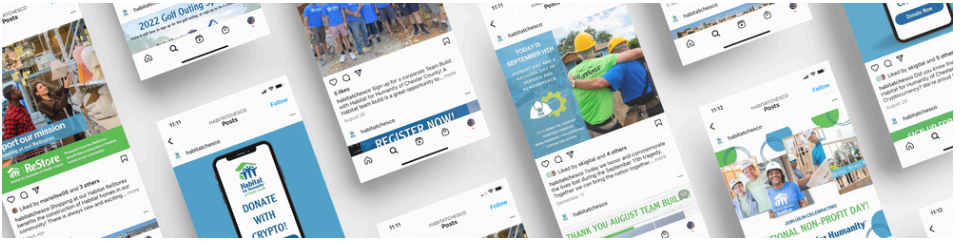
**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

VALLEY VIEW PARK 100 BAXTER ST,  
COATESVILLE, PA 19320

RSVP TO [CHRISTY@HFHCC.ORG](mailto:CHRISTY@HFHCC.ORG) OR  
CALL 610-384-7993 X 119

**YOU HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE  
THANK YOU!**

# Join our SMS Program and E-newsletter



## Check out our blog posts

Don't forget to keep up with our blog posts! Find the "blog" tab on our website to learn more about Habitat, our mission, and ways to get involved. Check out our latest post, "School's Out For Summer: Ensuring Every Child Has a Safe Home," and also "The Critical Role of Homebuyer Education in Habitat for Humanity's Mission." Learn more at [hfhcc.org/blog](https://www.hfhcc.org/blog)

## Become A Habitat VIP

Sign up for updates on the latest HfHCC announcements, housing initiatives, reminders about upcoming fundraising events, and more.



## Become A ReStore VIP

Are you an avid DIY enthusiast, bargain hunter, and ReStore shopper? Never miss an update! Sign up for our ReStore VIP text program to receive the latest news about our ReStore locations in Caln and Phoenixville.



# Ways to Support Habitat

## Make a Donation

If you would like to make a donation to continue helping us build, renovate, and repair affordable housing in our communities, scan the code below to make a secure online gift or mail in your donation to the address below:

### Mailing Address

Habitat for Humanity of  
Chester County  
P.O. Box 1452  
Coatesville, PA 19320



## Planned Giving Resource Toolkit

Planning your legacy can change the world! A planned gift can be the perfect way to help even more families access the resources they need to have a safe, stable home.

### You can make an impact beyond your lifetime by:

- Leaving a gift to Habitat in your will.
- Designating Habitat as a beneficiary on your bank or retirement accounts, insurance policies, or donor-advised fund.
- Leaving a gift to Habitat with IRA funds you no longer need.

To help answer any questions, we have added a new Planned Giving Resource Toolkit to our website at [hfccc.org/planned-giving](https://hfccc.org/planned-giving)

For more information on Planned Giving, contact Christy Kane at [christy@hfccc.org](mailto:christy@hfccc.org) or 610-384-7993 ext 119.

## Square Foot Club

One of the innovative ways for community members to become involved in our mission is through the Square Foot Club—a monthly giving program that demonstrates the tangible impact of even a modest donation. This program is hassle-free, tailored to, and controlled by the individual donor. Your donation occurs automatically every month, and you can change the amount or cancel at any time. Consider the impact that just a small monthly donation made over time can achieve.

Learn more about the Square Foot Club and how to sign up and make a difference today at [hfccc.org/support](https://hfccc.org/support)



Planning  
your legacy  
can change  
the world



## Become an advocate for affordable housing

You can support Habitat for Humanity of Chester County's mission by advocating for policy and systems change at the local, state, and federal levels.

### Board of Directors

#### Executive Committee

Elliott Flick

*Board President*

Kathleen Pigliacampi

*Board Vice President*

Carlo Ferri

*Board Treasurer*

Ken Blackburn

*Board Secretary*

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Steve Krumenacker

Matthew Monzo

Madison Ott, Esq.

Andrew Signore

Glenn Soltis

Theresa Tarquinio

Ted Zobian

### Participate in Fundraising Events

We host many fundraising events throughout the year to get the community involved! You can join us as an attendee or a volunteer at the Hops for Homes Festival, Build A House...Build A Dream Contest, Driving to Build Golf Outing and more! Visit [hfcc.org/news-and-events](http://hfcc.org/news-and-events) for more information.

### Get involved at the ReStore

The ReStore is a great way to get involved in our mission. You can shop, donate, or volunteer at our two store locations: Caln and Phoenixville. If you are a DIY enthusiast, bargain hunter, or home decor lover, shopping at the ReStore is for you! All proceeds from sales benefit affordable housing in the community.

All of the ReStore inventory is supplied by donations from community members. Free donation pick-up is offered for large and bulk donations. The ReStores accept donations of furniture, appliances, housewares, and more. The next time you are decluttering your space, think of making a donation to the ReStore!

*For more information, visit [hfcc.org/restore](http://hfcc.org/restore)*

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### **ReStore Locations**

#### **CALN**

1853 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA  
19320  
610-466-7364

#### **PHOENIXVILLE**

785 Starr St Phoenixville, PA  
19460  
610-917-2300

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