



Nineteenth Annual
***Build A House...Build A Dream!* Contest for Kids**
March 19, 2022 at
Exton Square Mall
(Old Sears Building)

About the Event

Now in its nineteenth year, *Build a House...Build a Dream* raises awareness of the home-building efforts of Habitat for Humanity in Chest County.

Fifth-grade students throughout the Chester County area, and beyond, work individually or in pairs to build their own three-dimensional, model dream homes. These models are only limited by students' imaginations! In previous years, students have created model houses designed to withstand tsunamis, houses based on spaceships and bongo drums, houses made entirely of pencils and pasta, and energy efficient, environmentally friendly homes. All children receive recognition for their efforts and the top three entries earn prizes. **The contest is free to enter and relies exclusively on sponsorships to raise money.**

Participants are asked to arrive at the Exton Square Mall between 8:30am and 9:00am to deliver their homes to be judged by architects, designers, and Habitat volunteers. Students will need to be standing with their dream homes at 9:15am for our panel of judges to speak with them about their inspiration and process. Final contestants will be narrowed down through three rounds of judging. Participants that don't advance to the final round are encouraged to remain at the contest to enjoy the activities and vendors that will be attending. We will also be waiting until the end of the contest to announce raffle winners so be sure to stick around!

The top three dream homes will be announced during our awards ceremony along with raffle winners. The event ends at approximately 12:00pm after all prizes have been handed out.

Since 2002, more than 6,000 fifth grade students representing some 750 schools throughout the area have participated, and the contest has raised roughly a half million dollars through sponsorship to help support Habitat's regional homebuilding initiatives.

About Habitat for Humanity of Chester County:

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County helps hard-working families achieve homeownership. Habitat homes are not free and are sold to partner families using a no-interest 30-year mortgage. These partner families are chosen based upon their need for affordable housing, their ability to pay their monthly mortgage, and their willingness to complete 200 hours (or 400 for a couple) of volunteer labor, or "sweat equity," at the construction site. Since 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Chester County has given a hand up, not a hand out, to 164 families thanks to countless volunteer hours and the financial support of our community. For more information, visit www.hfhcc.org.