

Inhabit

A look inside Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County

WE GOT **A LOT** GOING ON!

Here are our property projects with a brief description of activity:

13907 Pennersville Road, Waynesboro - Lot banked near the MD line in Blue Ridge Summit

5490 Sutherland Court, Chambersburg - The site of our Menno Haven Hope House project

7170 Lincoln Way West, St Thomas - Existing home will be demolished making way for new

11117 Williamsport Pike, Greencastle - Nearly completed in partnership with the Boxall family

424 W Queen Street, Chambersburg - Duplex, exterior work completed, drywalling inside

428 W Queen Street, Chambersburg - Duplex, exterior work completed, drywalling inside

231 Highland Drive, Waynesboro - Rehab in partnership with FCADC redevelopment authority

5225 Guitner Road, Chambersburg - Approx address, lot recently acquired

2894 Buchanan Trail West, Greencastle - Approx address, lot recently acquired



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The Boxall house in Greencastle, PA.
Photo was taken just before Easter.

**BUILDING
Dreams
INTO
Homes**



"Our habitat home in the making"
Original artwork by Miami (age 11),
Greencastle, PA 2024



Chamber of Commerce (CVBA) volunteers
at our Waynesboro rehab project.

If you have a building lot in Franklin County and would like to consider donating it to our mission, please contact our office. We are able to receipt donors for the market value of the land.



Partnerships and bringing people together are meaningful ways to accomplish community projects. Habitat and Menno Haven are teaming up to build a single-detached ranch-style home. The house will be located on Sutherland Court, in the Greenvillage area of Chambersburg. Framing, drywall, exterior siding, doors and windows, flooring, painting, and more will all be done by Menno Haven volunteers following the Habitat model and program. This joint effort, named the Hope House, aims to provide a safe and affordable home and will allow staff, residents, administration, and board members the opportunity to work together. Once completed, the home will be sold to a local qualified family and financed with a no-interest loan from Habitat.

OUR TITHE PARTNER

Kenya

Through the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) tithe program, US affiliates are expected to contribute 10% of their unrestricted revenue each year in support of Habitat's global ministry. Tithing is a biblically-based practice that allows Habitat affiliates to participate in a cycle of generosity and partnership that transcends borders and languages. Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County (HFHFC) has been blessed to participate in the tithe program for many years, sending our tithe to be used where most needed by HFH. This year our tithe will be used where most needed as well as to support the mission of Habitat for Humanity Kenya (HFHK).



Margaret Mengo, Habitat Regional Director from Nairobi Kenya with Mark Story, HFHFC

According to the World Bank, there is a yearly housing gap of 250,000 units in Kenya. Developers are only building 50,000 units per year, and 49,000 of them are for upper-middle and higher-end market segments. Low-income families are greatly underserved; in fact, 56% of the urban population, over 4 million people, are living in slums. HFHK has an Integrated Systems Approach to Incremental Housing Processes, which utilizes a multi-pronged approach to support their mission of adequate and affordable housing. Housing is considered a long-term, incremental

process building on interventions such as water, sanitation, energy access, land tenure, policy change, and construction at different levels of governance and regions.

In 2018 HFHK launched an entrepreneurial accelerator to help fund and connect entrepreneurs as they strive to create solutions for affordable housing. They are also helping to provide water, sanitation, and hygiene stations where needed, and to develop and protect fundis (Kenyan housing construction workers) through policy changes and training. HFHK has found ways to use local resources in a low-cost, environmentally friendly way as they build homes made of Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSB), which do not require baking and are made right at construction sites with a Hydraform. ISSB are made of earth (clay and sand), cement, and water and are comparable in quality to traditional fired bricks.

HFHK has also helped with disaster response, such as when thousands of Kenyans were internally displaced or coping with drought. Their goal is to restore not only physical structures but also social, economic, natural, and cultural environments. Shelter assistance also serves as a platform for health, water, sanitation, livelihood protection, education, and other post-disaster interventions. They likewise continue to advocate for land rights, especially for low-income women.

From our small area of Pennsylvania in Franklin County, we are honored and blessed to be able to support the Habitat for Humanity mission both in our community and across the globe.

If you would like to read more about the work that HFHK is doing to help develop and empower local communities as they work to provide adequate and affordable housing, go to www.hfhkenya.org.

Our Habitat

MISSION PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

1 DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

We undertake our work to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus, acting in all ways in accord with the belief that God's love and grace abound for all and that we must be "hands and feet" of the love and grace in our world. We believe that, through faith, the minuscule can be multiplied to accomplish the magnificent, and that, in faith, respectful relationships can grow among all people.

2 FOCUS ON SHELTER

We have chosen, as our means of manifesting God's love, to create opportunities for all people to live in decent, durable shelter. We put faith into action by helping to build, renovate or preserve homes and by partnering with others to accelerate and broaden access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty.

3 ADVOCATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In response to the prophet Micah's call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God, we promote decent affordable housing for all, and we support the global community's commitment to housing as a basic human right. We will advocate for just and fair housing policies to eliminate the constraints that contribute to poverty housing. And, in all of our work, we will seek to put shelter on hearts and minds in such powerful ways that poverty housing becomes socially, politically, and religiously unacceptable.

4 PROMOTE DIGNITY AND HOPE

We believe that no one lives in dignity until everyone can live in dignity. We believe that every person has something to contribute and something to gain from creating communities in which all people have decent, affordable places to live. We believe that dignity and hope are best achieved through equitable, accountable partnerships.

5 SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AND TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We view our work as successful when it transforms lives and promotes positive and lasting social change within a community; when it is based on mutual trust and fully shared accomplishments; and when it demonstrates responsible stewardship of all resources entrusted to us.

Isaiah 32: 16-18

The Peace of God's Reign

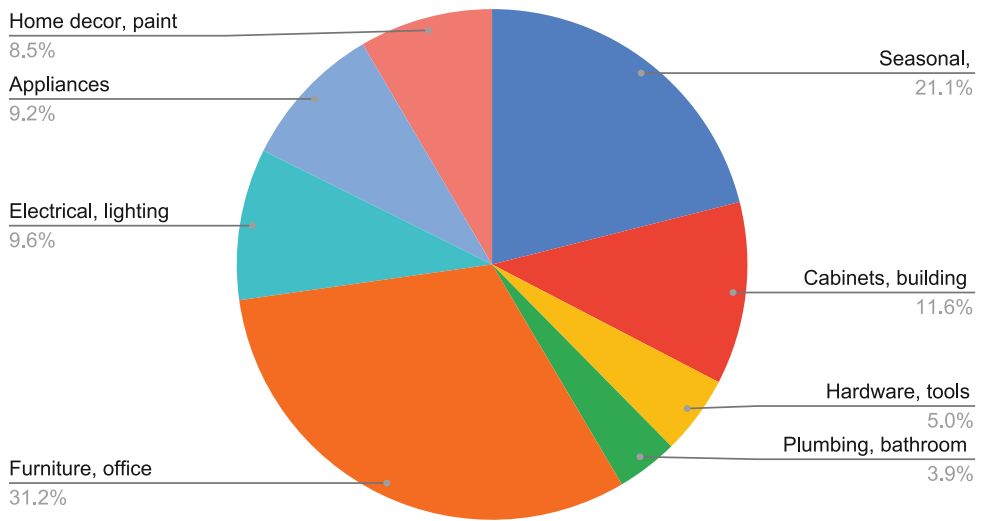
- 16 Then Justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
- 17 The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
- 18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

RESTORE SHOP DONATE VOLUNTEER

Look what you did! This ReStore sales chart categorically shows what customers purchase at our store. It also conversely shows what you as donors contributed! Furniture continues to be the #1 item that is in demand. There's something for everyone at the Habitat ReStore! Our inventory is always changing, making it perfect for thrifters, those who love to do it yourself, bargain hunters, and contractors. By shopping and donating to the ReStore, you are helping to create homes for

deserving families in Franklin County. Donors drop items off at the back door and customers take them home through the front door. Whether you use the back door or the front door please support your ReStore! The store is located at 1662 Lincoln Way East in Chambersburg between Walmart and Lowes. Don't have a way to drop off? Convenient pickup options for donations are available. Visit habitatfranklinpa.org/restore or call 717-491-1156.

ReStore Sales 2023



YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIFT A HAMMER TO HELP

All sales directly support the pursuit of Habitat's mission. Recycle Reusable goods to keep them out of landfills. Donations are tax deductible.

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Lighting
- Tools
- Building Materials
- Home Décor
- Paint

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FREE PICKUP

DONOR NAMES *meet* VOLUNTEER HANDS

Tucked inside a bedroom wall at our Greencastle project is a list containing the names of every donor who contributed to HFHFC in 2023. This includes all memorial and honor gifts. Exactly 421 donors made a charitable donation to us last year. Donor names will be strategically and discreetly placed inside each new Habitat home we build, just like we did at Greencastle. This appropriately positions the donor names with volunteer hands. It takes both to build a house. At Habitat we pair and share the power of generous gifts with volunteer labor. Our volunteers often sign their names on the studs or write Scripture verses on the walls before finishing. We hope that you, our faithful donors, can feel a sense of connection with homes knowing that your donated dollars provide volunteer opportunities and shelter for the families who dwell within them. Tucked inside this newsletter is an envelope. Please consider making a springtime gift to HFHFC in support of our housing ministry. Let's get your name inside the next house!



421 Donor names enclosed in the wall!

IF HABITAT WERE A MUSICAL GROUP

If Habitat were a musical group a marching band we'd be. Our band takes to the streets, in a moving parade, feet to the pavement brightening the city block. A rag-tag band to be sure. See our goofy hats and matching boots? Can you hear the boomp boomp boomp from the bass drum beating away? Loud and proud. Yes, there's a drummer in our band. How about the flutists with their high-pitched rhythm, sometimes just a little shrill, like a drill? Yep, they're in the band too. We love 'em. Brass? Oh yes, polished and pure – steady as they go. Our band has a bunch of marimba players. Any instrument that's played with a hammer certainly belongs in a Habitat band. There's a banner up front that proudly proclaims, "We're Here & We've Got A Job To Do."

Up there too is the drum major, our leader, baton in hand, marking the beat and leading the charge. These leaders are well aware that they alone make no music – not lending a single note to the harmony. Theirs is the charge to set the course, invite the players, and lead the way. Yes, if Habitat were a musical group a marching band we'd be. Look around and see that the band is you and the band is me. We need your cymbal, your triangle, and your tuba too. Bang your drum and toot your horn. We'd even take a didgeridoo or two. Know one thing - This parade it never stops – it forever passes by, street by street, leaving a smile and a communal, cultural change. Join right in, there's room for you in this musical rag-tag machine.



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USED BOOK SALE²⁰₂₄



Over 25,000 books, puzzles, games, and more!
The Habitat Book Sale will be held at St John's United Church of Christ in Chambersburg from Oct 25-27, 2024. We will accept donations at drop-off locations in September. We are seeking two sponsors for the event. The GRAND sponsor is \$1,000 and the BAG sponsor is \$500. Please contact Mark Story if you or your company is interested: mark@habitatfranklinpa.org



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WITH KELLER WILLIAMS KEYSTONE REALTY

We're teaming up with KW for a fun family day! Join us on Saturday, Sept 14 in the Rural King parking lot located at 1005 Wayne Ave in Chambersburg. The event will take place from 10 am - 1 pm. In addition to Cornhole, there will be Kid Zones, Vendors, lots of free giveaways and Redemption BBQ! Watch for more details closer to the event date.



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