



Building Hope

Newsletter of the Warren County Habitat for Humanity

WHAT'S NEW:

The Banfield home is coming along.

COMMUNITY:

- * A Day of Hope-HHW
- *Holland Twp. Second Graders Donate Materials
- *Warren County Fair
- *Bowling Fundraiser
- *Mars Wrigley Confectionery Volunteers at the ReStore

PARTNERS:

The National Kitchen & Bath Association
 Absolute Home Mortgage Corp

PEOPLE:

New faces at the ReStore

Working in Harmony

It was just this past April that a crowd of over sixty well-wishers came together to support Partner Mom Nicole Banfield and her family at a Habitat groundbreaking ceremony in Harmony Township. Since then, much progress has been made by the construction team as they target completion in early 2019.



As of mid-October, the roof and walls are up, the sheathing is complete and installation of the vinyl siding has begun. Three organizations have already participated in helping at the build site. We look forward to the Home Depot team volunteers who will donate their time and materials to help complete the insulation in November.

Then, in January, Home and Garden Television celebrity designers will join the team on site to start on the kitchen and bathroom. The designs of those rooms were created by the winners of a Student Design competition sponsored by NKBA, the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Anyone wishing to volunteer on the site should fill out a Volunteer Survey on the WCHFH website at warrenhabitat.org. Those wishing to make a donation toward construction of the Harmony home should follow the Donate instructions on the website, or send a check, payable to WCHFH, to the office at 31 Belvidere Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882.



“Hope in the Hills”

WHAT HILLS? – WHAT HOPE?

Hope in the Hills Weekend of Hope

Seeking to put God's love into action, Hope in the Hills of Warren brings youth and adults together to restore homes, community, and hope. But what does that really mean? It sounds nice. Everyone wears a purple t-shirt. Things get done. Paint brushes get paint on them....

Hope in the Hills of Warren, a community extension of Warren County Habitat for Humanity, seeks to improve the living conditions of the elderly, low-income and disabled persons in our community. Work is provided at resident owned homes in Washington Boro, Washington Township, Franklin, Mansfield, and Oxford by teams of teenagers and adults, representing many Christian denominations and different community organizations. Each year Hope in the Hills hosts The Weekend of Hope for minor home repairs, and the labor and materials are free to qualifying households. The work is not the heart of the mission, however. After all, it is not called the Weekend of Work.

At the start of the process, volunteer Site Evaluators connect with the homeowners to touch base and make sure they and their jobs are good fits for the project. A lot of what gets done are little jobs -- mostly safety related to make it possible for people to stay in their own home a little longer. There are many hills which the homeowners may be struggling to climb themselves. Adding to the struggle is that many homeowners used to be able to do these things for themselves. Some tasks or challenges, however small they may seem to the outside observer, are major obstacles in the eyes of those being served:

The Hills to climb:

- A basement railing, making it safe to go downstairs to do laundry
- Patching an uneven front patio to keep from tripping
- Picking up sticks and tree limbs in the yard from a storm
- Dusting the top shelf or the corners of the ceiling
- Changing smoke detector batteries
- Loneliness, physical decline, loss of independence, financial constraints
- Lack of connection to resources

Mobile Spiritual Leaders who visit the sites on work days to meet with homeowners and team members report that they witness the sadness, almost hopelessness of those who can no longer do the work themselves. Beyond the work that gets done, a transformation begins as homeowners share their joy and thankfulness to have people there to help:

The Hope on the journey:

- The hopefulness of seeing GOOD things happening in their hometown while the news is largely discouraging.
- Seeing the joy in the hearts of our volunteers gives all of us hope for the future.
- Amazing teens and adults who gladly give up their weekend to help those less fortunate.
- “I thank you from the bottom of my heart... I will be forever grateful and keep you in my prayers.”
- Community connections, including the resource directory provided.
- Requests for follow-up with pastors.
- Teens going back to play a game of cards.

The Weekend of Hope often frees the homeowner of the burden of worry regarding the task they requested. As teenagers learn technical skills and engage in social interactions with their neighbors in need, Hope in the Hills continues its mission of building a community where God's love is put into action. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39

Holland Township 2nd Graders Donate!

Executive Director Ben Eskow had an opportunity to visit the second grade classes in Holland Township. The students were engaged as he read a story about how kids came together to build a cardboard house. This example led to a discussion of Habitat for Humanity and how an individual can make a difference within his or her own community. Fifty-five students collected items for our builders, the ReStore and general supplies for WCHFH. Each student also created a picture, currently on display at the ReStore, with the theme, "Project Build Up."

Warren County Farmer's Fair

The Warren County Farmer's Fair was a week of much excitement. Many people visited our booth, which was staffed by a total of thirty-four volunteers, to learn about our affiliate. It was a great week for the Habitat family to engage the community!

WCHFH 4th Annual Bowling Event Raised over \$6,800

Oakwood Lanes hosted our 4th annual Bowling Fundraiser to benefit our newest build in Harmony, raising over \$6,800. There were twenty-four lanes of bowlers including a few Habitat for Humanity Partner Families. Many individuals and businesses sponsored the event, making this the second largest amount of banners displayed at this yearly event.

During the final "Survivor" challenge, DJ Mitch called off door prizes raising the excitement in the room. Lil'Fruityz team won the "Survivor" game led by Brian Waas, a premier league bowler. Thank you to Rob Plenge and his team at Oakwood Lanes, Home Instead, Hawk Pointe and other donors who made the event possible.

NKBA Partnership in Action!

On a bright and beautiful Thursday afternoon, The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) came to aid Warren County Habitat for Humanity on the construction of their sixteenth home, currently being built in Harmony Township, NJ. Fourteen NKBA associates came out to help, worked diligently throughout the day and had a lot of fun doing so. As Melissa from WCHFH said, "It was great to see everyone

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Habitat for Humanity would simply not exist without its volunteers. And Warren County steps up. Last year, 610 people donated their time to WCHFH, contributing a total of over 21,537 volunteer hours!

We seek to bolster our team with these skills:

Chief Financial Officer

Oversees Affiliate finances: forecasting, bookkeeping, cash flow, budget development, and participates in affiliate strategic decisions.

Family Support Chair

Responsible for liaison and support of the Partner Family, their advocate on the WCHFH team.

Youth Chair

Responsible for overseeing a team to connect to the students and staff within local schools. Create fundraisers and student involvement.



working hand in hand with the partner family to achieve a common goal that was for something bigger than themselves.”

Fantastic progress was made on the house, along with handmade housewarming gifts that will be presented in the spring to the family at the house dedication ceremony. Overall, it was a joyous fun-filled day that showed the true spirit of community within the NKBA organization.

NKBA partnered with Warren County Habitat for Humanity for its annual Student Design Competition in 2017. Nicole Banfield and her family are eager to meet celebrity designers

Jennifer Bertrand and Chip Wade from HGTV when they come to install the winning student's design.

With the generous help of NKBA, the partner family will have a modest and practical kitchen and bathroom for years to come.

AHMC Sponsors Fifth Golf Fundraiser!



The Hackettstown office of Absolute Home Mortgage Corporation (AHMC) sponsored its fifth annual charity event on behalf of Warren County Habitat for Humanity (WCHFH) on June 12th.

The golf outing was held at Panther Valley Golf Club in Allamuchy, NJ and was attended by eighty Real Estate professionals. Sponsors and golfers partnered together to raise funds for the cause of affordable housing in the county.

“There’s nothing more gratifying than giving back to the community we work and live in. Habitat is a phenomenal organization and we are honored to be partnered with them.” A selfless statement from Manny Rizzutto showcasing AHMC’s understanding of the importance of giving back and community.

Mars Wrigley Confectionery Employees Roll Up Their Sleeves

Warren County Habitat for Humanity was pleased to welcome Mars Wrigley Confectionery employees to the ReStore on two occasions. With Halloween around the corner, Mars Wrigley Confectionery employees gathered on the East Coast to prepare for their biggest season.

While in Hackettstown for corporate meetings, over seventy workers from across the country took time out from their busy schedules to work on various volunteer activities at the ReStore. “The Mars Wrigley team brought a fun, constructive attitude to the ReStore with a willingness to help,” Suzanne exclaimed, “I believe they left with a greater understanding of the Habitat mission.”

**MARS
WRIGLEY**
confectionery



Volunteers completed tasks such as moving furniture, cleaning and trimming trees, while others were filled with knowledge and joy from helping customers and learning about giving back to the community.

Support the ReStore

The ReStore is Habitat's retail outlet, located at 384 Route 57 West, Washington, NJ. The mission of the ReStore is to raise funds to help Warren County Habitat for Humanity build homes for qualified local low income families and reduce waste by recycling or reclaiming materials that would otherwise be discarded.

Tax deductible donations of furniture, décor, household goods, building supplies, appliances, and many other items are prepped and set out for resale to the public.

Proceeds from the retail sales are then used to fund Habitat program expenses such as home construction and rehabs. See what it's all about. Donate, shop or browse at the Habitat ReStore!

ReStore volunteers needed:

All forms of retail store activities are performed, such as loading and unloading, merchandise refurbishment and staging, cashier, floor rep, and maintenance/janitorial.

ReStore Hours

Tuesday: 9-5
 Wednesday: 9-7
 Thursday: 9-5
 Friday: 9-5
 Saturday: 9-5
 Sunday-Monday: Closed

Upcoming Events

Braggin' & Baggin' Corn Hole Event



*Join us for our Braggin' & Baggin' Event
 Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 12 noon
 American Legion, Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ
 \$40 per team**

Tuesday, November 13th

VETERANS DAY SALE



*Items must be taken at time of purchase.



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 Washington, NJ 07882
 warrenhabitat.org

908-835-1980
 Donate. Shop. Volunteer.

Comings and Goings in Warren County



Welcome Danny!

Danny Jantzen joined the WCHFH ReStore team as its manager in July. He lives in Hackettstown with his wife Bonnie and their two teen aged daughters.

Danny runs a martial arts gym in Hackettstown and was looking for a second opportunity. Among other job offers, Danny knew immediately that he would take the position with WCHFH. "I really like the idea of helping families and it's great that the ReStore profits are used to build Habitat homes. It doesn't get any better than that."

WCHFH Partner Family Member Has Joined Our Team

After volunteering as driver, David Bori was ecstatic to be offered the ReStore Driver position. Since July, David has been a driver, warehouse associate and an advocate for WCHFH. David has temporarily taken on the job of maintaining the Habitat offices in town as well.

As a member of our Partner Family community, David has been a great example of how partnering with WCHFH changes the lives of those involved. After completing school, David went on to be trained as a Fire Fighter. His goal is to be hired as a Fire Fighter at a nearby department. Since the hiring process takes a long time and has limited positions, David is happy to be working at the ReStore in the meantime. We are honored to have him as part of the team.



Set it and Forget it! Painless ways to donate to WCHFH

Care 2 Share is a program offered by Investors Bank at no cost to you. Link your account to Warren County Habitat for Humanity to help contribute to building a home.

- Enroll your current or new Investors accounts
- WCHFH receives 0.25% on the average monthly balance of your checking account or 0.15% on the average monthly balance of your savings account paid by Investors Bank.
- Complete the simple Care2Share enrollment form on line at myinvestorsbank.com or in person and start giving back to your favorite nonprofit.
- Investors Bank is located next to the ReStore at 388 Route 57 West, Washington NJ.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Warren County Habitat for Humanity every time you shop, at no cost to you.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to WCHFH. Visit smile.Amazon.com to connect your account to our organization.

