

20 years of

Building Hope

Warren County

Habitat for Humanity

June 2019

WCHFH Dedicates A Home

Harmony Township, NJ.

Their day had finally come! Patiently waiting over a year, and putting in close to seven hundred hours of sweat equity, Nicole Banfield and her two children received the keys to their new home in Harmony Township. On May 19th, a bright Sunday afternoon, one hundred well-wishers attended the dedication ceremony for Warren County Habitat for Humanity's sixteenth home built in Warren County.



In a National Kitchen & Bath Association sponsored Student Design Competition, Kelly Writer, kitchen design winner, and Jasmine Dorman, bathroom design winner, created and assisted in bringing these ideas to life. Through NKBA and their sponsorship, the cabinets, countertops and many other materials were supplied to complete the project. Celebrity designers supported the effort by joining the team to install the kitchen and bathrooms. Jennifer Bertrand and Chip Wade streamed tutorials from this special home during construction.

"We did not just build a home, we have become a Habitat Family through this project, creating lifelong relationships," said Family Support Chair, Melissa Flynn. Construction Supervisor, Vic Bozzuffi, agreed with that statement as he also thanked the sponsors, donors, supporters and the team of volunteers who dedicated thousands of hours to make this house a home. "This is a dream come true," said Nicole Banfield.



Meet WCHFH's 17th Partner Family



Joshua & Robin McGuire and their two daughters are long-time residents of Warren County. They began their journey thirteen years ago while both employed at Ace Hardware, also known as Washington One Stop.

The young couple eventually married and hoped for a bright future living in their own home with their two daughters. The family applied for the next Habitat home to be built around the corner from their current rental home.

"This seemed like it was meant to be," said Josh, since their desire is to keep the girls in the same school district. "We are excited to give them a better life than we had growing up."

Joshua is currently a manager at Shop Rite of Washington and Robin is attending college to become a counselor. The Maguires have support from friends and family, and they look forward to partnering with Habitat on this home build.

WCHFH History Timeline

- **1999** WCHFH became a Habitat for Humanity Affiliate
- **2001** Completed first home
- **2008** WCHFH Thrift Store opened
- **2009** Hope in the Hills of Warren was established
- **2012** The Store opened
- **2014** WCHFH Hired the first Executive Director, Ben Eskow
- **2014** The Store became an official ReStore
- **2016** The Thrift Store moved to the ReStore
- **2017** WCHFH became a Veterans Build Affiliate
- **2018** The ReStore was moved to 384 Rt. 57
- **2019** HHW Celebrates 10 Years
- **2019** WCHFH Celebrates 20 Years

WCHFH Breaks Ground *Lopatcong Township*

After days of rain, the sun was bright on a Saturday morning to kick off the seventeenth Warren County Habitat for Humanity home construction project. The partner family of four was joined by family, friends, volunteers, supporters and other well-wishers at the future construction site in Lopatcong Township.

Board President John Rolak welcomed the crowd and explained how the family selection process works. "There is a misconception that Habitat for Humanity gives homes to people. That isn't so," he explained. "Families are required to make a down payment, hold a mortgage, and perform two hundred and fifty hours of sweat equity per adult." The partner family, Joshua and Robin Maguire along with their two daughters, were introduced after Executive Director, Ben Eskow, explained the construction process.

The Maguire family, still in disbelief, expressed their deepest gratitude for the opportunity to partner with WCHFH. "We prayed and prayed that this would happen." Robin said, "one day we will finally be able to own our own home." Filled with joy Joshua commented, "We are so thankful to everyone involved."



Beams & Dreams Shot Beyond the Stars

On April 27th, about 250 people came out for a night of fun at Hawk Pointe Golf Club for our Beams & Dreams event. The night included a gourmet buffet, basket raffles, and entertainment by Comedian, Bob Nelson, followed by a silent auction. All items were donated by local businesses and others in the community.

We are humbled, but not surprised, by the generosity of our volunteers, donors and supporters who made the Beams & Dreams event a success. We are happy to announce that over \$36,000 was raised to be used on our next Habitat home build!



Golf for Habitat

Absolute Home Mortgage Corp.

The Hackettstown office of Absolute Home Mortgage Corporation (AHMC) sponsored its sixth annual charity event on behalf of Warren County Habitat for Humanity (WCHFH) on June 11th.

The golf outing was held at Panther Valley Golf Club in Allamuchy, NJ and was attended by Warren County professionals. Sponsors and donors and about 72 golfers partnered together to raise over \$3,500 for our next home in Lopatcong.



JULY 13th Braggin' & Baggin'

11 am – 4 pm
American Legion, Hackettstown

AUGUST 24th Bowl to Build

6pm – 8 pm
Oakwood Lanes, Washington

For information on participating or sponsorship please call or email the WCHFH office
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Washington Borough Students Collect Legos & Create Houses

Students at Washington Borough Memorial School pulled from their own Lego collections to donate pieces which could be used to build Lego homes at STEM night. STEM night was an evening of crafts and games offered to the Borough families. Various grade levels created houses using the Lego blocks. The top ten houses were then placed on display at the ReStore. Voters chose their favorite house by donating to the appropriate jar. The three week-long challenge raised \$117.18 that will go toward the next build. The Legos will be housed for future use by those who visit our community center.



Centenary Hosts a 5K

Centenary University Students run to raise the roof

On April 28th, students gathered on a cold Sunday afternoon to run to raise over \$300 for WCHFH. Sports teams and other organizations on campus have made it a point to support WCHFH in several capacities. This particular event was the last they could squeeze in before school ended just days after.

Also, we are excited to welcome Centenary University student, Rory Langan, who will be completing an internship at WCHFH this summer.

Making a Difference



220 Repair Projects



16 Homes Built in Warren County



45 Homes Funded Internationally



1,875 Volunteers

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191,985 Hours



2,883 Tons of Material Diverted From Landfills

Support the ReStore

The ReStore reduces waste by recycling or reclaiming materials that would otherwise be discarded.

Tax deductible donations of furniture, décor, appliances, household goods, building supplies, 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 Hours:

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

Drop off Hours: Sunday-

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday: 9-4:30
 Wednesday: 9-6:30
 Thursday: 9-4:30
 Friday: 9-4:30
 Saturday: 9-4:30

The ReStore Celebrates 7 Years

The Annual Sale was Bigger than Ever



The ReStore celebrated its seven year anniversary on Saturday, June 8th. The weather was perfect for this spectacular event, which offered 50% off the entire store and parking lot. Men, women, football players, and firefighters joined in for a free Zumba class, which kicked off the sale. A large portion of the parking lot was full of items, along with the Miller Blood Bank mobile and a firetruck from Oxford. Inside the building, the Washington Police Department offered free child identification cards while shoppers rushed to get good buys before they were sold.

The day was a success because of all the generous support, donations and volunteers. A big thanks to the Warren Hills Football teams, regular volunteers, and new volunteers. Thank you to the donors and those who contributed to make the 7th Annual Sale a hugely successful fundraiser. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Warren County Habitat for Humanity's mission.



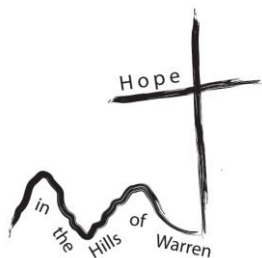
Pedals 4 Progress

Our Most Successful Drive

Each year the Warren Hills Regional High School Chess Club has partnered with WCHFH to collect bicycles and sewing machines to donate to Pedals for Progress. Pedals for Progress donates the items to third world countries, which gives people transportation and the ability to obtain jobs.

Thanks to the community's donations, we had our most successful drive with 145 bikes, 58 sewing machines and \$2,126. Of those donations the ReStore donated 68 bikes, 40 sewing machines and \$1,140. In addition, 3 bikes from the ReStore went to a local single mom with three children and 7 sewing machines went to Gary, WV.





Hope in the Hills of Warren

Serving the Community for 10 Years!



Hope in the Hills of Warren celebrated its 10th anniversary during its annual Weekend of Hope from Friday, June 21st to Monday, June 24th. Sixty-one volunteers, ages 14 and older, worked on 25 residential homes within Franklin Twp., Mansfield Twp., Oxford, Washington Boro, and Washington Township in Warren County, NJ.

This included 28 first time volunteers, who along with 33 returning volunteers completed work on 10 more homes than last year. These volunteers completed 70 minor home repairs, such as interior/exterior painting, porch/deck repair, hand railing installation/repair and yard work, as well as other small projects. Ten support staff volunteers also contributed to the success of the event.

Since Hope in the Hills began, ten years ago, volunteers have helped 221 homeowners with over 28,000 hours of labor. Many homeowners have benefited from Hope in the Hills over several years, and seven homeowners were new to the program this year.

Both homeowners and volunteers experienced many blessings throughout the weekend. For qualified homeowners, Hope in the Hills helps alleviate the burden of worrying about small tasks and safety concerns left unaddressed. As teenage volunteers learn technical skills and engage with their neighbors in need, Hope in the Hills continues its mission of building a community where God's love is put into action.



"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors – in our way, each of us is a giver and receiver."

Mr. Rogers



Warren County Habitat for Humanity's Community Center

Looking Forward to a New Beginning

The current WCHFH office building located at 31 Belvidere Ave. Washington, NJ is about to begin a major renovation. Like years ago the building will once again be a safe haven for the youth along with senior citizens, Veterans and families.

The new community center's focus will be on improving health, wellness, and finances. Classes will also be offered to the youth for tutoring, financial planning, and life skills.

Visit the future home of the Warren County Habitat for Humanity Community Center to see the progress and learn more about the upcoming programs.



Very helpful people who
Operate without a paycheck because they
Love to contribute and
Understand the power of giving and
Never give up.
They step up to help and
Everyone appreciates
Each small act because it
Really makes a difference.
Sharing time is caring for others!

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