

20 years of

Building Hope

Warren County

Habitat for Humanity

Fall 2019

In The Beginning

1999-2019

In the spring of 1997, a group of concerned people gathered together to explore the possibility of organizing an Affiliate Habitat for Humanity in Warren County. Habitat for Humanity International granted that status to Warren County in February, 1998. The next step was to complete an extensive application process for full affiliate status. Many people were involved in the 18 month process to complete the application.

On August 1, 1999, WCHFH received its affiliate status, becoming responsible for all aspects of Habitat home building in Warren County, including fund-raising, site selection, family selection and support, construction and mortgage servicing. It also began a journey to improve the lives of county residents living in expensive, unsafe or unhealthy substandard housing.

Groundbreaking for the first home took place in July, 2000. Since then, fifteen more homes were built in Warren County. This included new single-homes, duplex constructions, and rehabs. During that time WCHFH also opened a ReStore and established a repair program.

In 2019 WCHFH celebrated 10 years of Hope in the Hills, finalized plans to begin a street of six homes, including a Blitz Build, and is beginning construction on the upcoming Community Center.

It's Looking Like a Spring Dedication



Excitement is in the air as construction on the 17th home, built by WCHFH, located on Dana Street in Lopatcong, begins to look like a home. Many volunteers, along with Josh and Robin Maguire, the current Partner Family, have been diligently working every Thursday and Saturday to keep up with the end goal of completing the home by spring of 2020.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Dana Street build took place in June, immediately followed by excavation and block work for the foundation. Volunteers framed the home, and with cooperating weather throughout the summer, the volunteers quickly got the house "in the dry." They are now installing siding and exterior trim.

In addition to the new home, an existing garage on the property has been renovated and will be part of the new homestead. We hope to have the exterior work completed by mid to late October.

In the meantime, the plumber and electrician will soon begin, and once they have finish, the insulation can be installed along with temporary heating. The next step will be interior details; drywall, millwork, flooring, painting, etc. If all goes well we should be nearing build completion by February-March of next year, with a dedication soon to follow.

Celebrating
20
YEARS



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,
- **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
- **2019** Through Tithing, WCHFH Funded 50 Homes Internationally

20 Years of WCHFH Volunteer Celebration

The sun was bright on a Saturday afternoon to kick off the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. Volunteers and their families were invited for a day to unite with others who help WCHFH accomplish the mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

About 200 people enjoyed the fun filled day which included a buffet, carnival games, corn hole and other activities, along with tours of Bread Lock Park and the Morris Canal Museum.



In twenty years of serving the community, WCHFH has recorded over 2,000 volunteers and over 210,000 hours of labor. Through love, dedication and teamwork volunteers have enabled WCHFH to serve the community through several programs; home building, home repair, retail, and personal education workshops.

WCHFH has several committees and areas where volunteers commit their time. These areas include the Board of Directors, Administration, ReStore staff, Family Services, Volunteer Committee, Faith Relations, Youth Relations, Veteran Affairs, Property Acquisition, Resource Development, Public Relations and many other areas as well. WCHFH would not be here today without volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers, donors and the community.



Bowling for Homes Fundraiser Raises Over \$7,000

In partnership with Oakwood Lanes and many local businesses, WCHFH hosted their 5th annual “Bowling for Homes” fundraiser on August 24th, at Oakwood Lanes in Washington.

The event attracted businesses and bowlers throughout Warren County to “come out and bowl for a great cause,” stated Ben Eskow, Executive Director of WCHFH. “We are truly blessed to have Rob Plenge and his staff at Oakwood Lanes, local businesses, and other community members join us in support of providing safe, affordable housing in Warren County.”



The event raised over \$7,000, and all proceeds go directly to the building fund in support of the 17th home being built along with the partner family, Josh and Robin Maguire and their two children.

Another Successful Corn Hole Fundraising Event

Supported by Stuber Insurance Agency & Hackettstown American Legion

On July 13th, Stuber Insurance Agency hosted the 3rd Corn Hole Fundraising event for WCHFH at the Hackettstown American Legion. This successful fundraiser raised over \$1,500.

WRNJ supported the event by running their own contest with the prize being prepaid spots for two teams in the Braggin’ and Baggin’ Corn Hole event. Team Jimmy and Team Greta were among the sixteen teams who kicked off the challenge and played for 4 hours. Bill Marcario & John Sisto took home the winning boards for the third year in a row.



20 Years of Building Homes

2001	Marble St. Washington	Trimmer Family
2004	Brainard St. Phillipsburg	Au Family
2006	Hanover St. Phillipsburg	
2008	Railroad Ave. Harmony Twp.	Rossi Family
2008	Railroad Ave. Harmony Twp.	Bori Family
2009	Butler Park Rd. Washington	Emerich Family
2011	Prosper Way Washington	Albert Family
2012	Railroad Ave. Harmony Twp.	Orellana Family
2013	Hanover St. Phillipsburg	VanLuvanee Family
2014	Washington Ave. Washington	Knolmayer Family
2014	Water Street Great Meadows	Cappard Family
2015	Mercer St. Phillipsburg	Boger Family
2017	Lock St. Washington	Greenough Oakley Family
2017	Lock St. Washington	Mornick Family
2018	Pleasant Valley Washington	Freeman Family
2019	Belvidere Rd. Washington	Banfield Family
2020	Dana St. Lopatcong	Maguire Family

Atlantic Health System & Hackettstown Medical Center Grants \$10,000

Together We Will Tackle Community Health Needs

Atlantic Health System (AHS) and Hackettstown Medical Center (HMC) are committed to building healthier communities, beyond simply the delivery of excellent health care. Understanding and supporting the needs of our local community in Morris and Warren counties is a top priority for HMC.

With that in mind, the Community Advisory Board (CAB) of Hackettstown Medical Center was recently pleased to award Warren County Habitat for Humanity with an HMC CAB grant for programming at the Warren County Community Center.

Warren County Habitat for Humanity will meet one or more of the identified priority health needs, and will now help Hackettstown Medical Center and Atlantic Health System address these needs - this is great news for residents of this region!



Making a Difference



225 Repair Projects

16 Homes Built in Warren County



11 New Builds

5 Rehabs



50 Homes Funded Internationally

WCHFH is expecting to complete 7 more homes in Warren County by 2025

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



WCHFH RECEIVES A GRANT FROM INVESTORS FOUNDATION

Warren County Habitat for Humanity recently received a \$10,000 grant from Investors Foundation at Investors Bank of Washington, NJ. The grant will help further WCHFH Community Center's mission (bringing community together by building on our resources, strengths and talents to elevate the hope and well-being of our community) by assisting with funding the upcoming community center.

Investors Bank, headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With over \$25 billion in assets and a network of more than 150 retail branches, Investors Bank delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors Bank's services include complete deposit, loan and cash management products for consumers and businesses. Investors Bank. Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

About the Investors Foundation

Investors Bank created the Investors Foundation in 2005 to support the communities Investors Bank serves. Investors Foundation supports initiatives in the arts, youth development, health and human services, education and affordable housing. Investors Foundation works to improve the lives of its customers and neighbors.





UPS Freight Supports WCHFH

\$10,000 Two Years In A Row

Warren County Habitat for Humanity (WCHFH) received a \$10,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, which drives global corporate citizenship and philanthropic programs.

The grant will be used toward plumbing, heating, final grading, and a driveway to complete the housing project in Lopatcong Township for the Maguire family. This grant is indispensable to WCHFH's mission of putting God's love into action, and bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.



"The generous donation from The UPS Foundation will not only allow us to create a safe and affordable home for the Maguire family, but also shows that the community is dedicated to the greater mission of Habitat for Humanity," said WCHFH Executive Director, Ben Eskow.



UPS i-Parcel Kicks In Too

ReStore receives huge donation

UPS i-Parcel of Edison, NJ generously donated eleven large containers of new merchandise to the ReStore.

Items included designer brand name clothing, shoes and other small items. A Canada Goose parka, Patagonia coats, Hunter boots, and Billabong clothing are just a few brands among the selection of men's and women's, XS - 7XL These items can be found for sale at the ReStore in the new clothing section near the Book Nook.



We're thrilled to announce the hiring of Kristen MacLean as our new Resource Development Manager at WCHFH.

Kristen brings with her not only a high level of development skills and experience, but previously served as the Fundraising Chair for WCHFH while also serving on the Board of Directors from 2006-2008.

Kristen and her husband reside in Oxford with their two children, an 11 year old son and 8 year old daughter. She currently serves as treasurer of the Oxford Central School PTA. She is excited to join the WCHFH team where she can continue to serve the community.

Kristen joins us in the midst of great program expansion with the opening of the Community Center as well as our Blitz Build. We are thankful to have her as part of the team in such an exciting time.

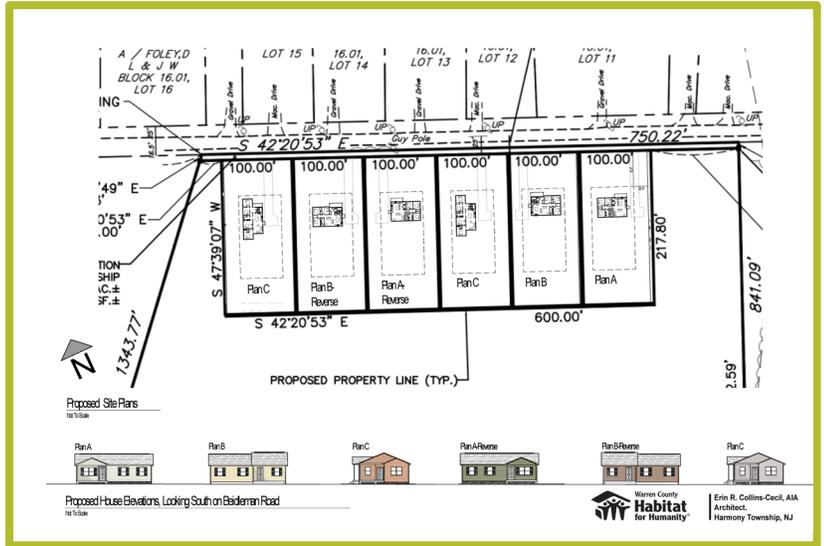
What's Next?

Coming to Washington in the Fall

The need for affordable housing and a strong community continues. We have committed to expanding our Critical Home Repair program to areas of the county not currently served. We have committed to providing community center space and programming for an array of county services to the community, and we have recently committed to accelerating our home build program over the next three years.

Blitz Build - What is that?

Six houses on Beidleman Road in Franklin Twp. will be constructed. One of those houses will be a Blitz Build, meaning a house is constructed in only 10 days. The walls will be prefabricated over the winter so they can be assembled on site in one day. From July 22nd- August 1, 2020 we plan to take the house from decking to completion, with a dedication on August 2nd. There is a lot of work to be done before and during that time. We need volunteer teams to help with hospitality, safety, tool organization, cleanup, fundraising, construction and much more. If you are interested in this project, contact the office at 908-835-1300.



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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