



NEWSLETTER

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Spring brings not only flowers, but great fundraising opportunities for Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey! We invite you to volunteer for and/or support these events.

HOPE IN THE HILLS—MAY 17 & 18, 2025

Calling ALL Volunteers: Youth and Adults Alike!

Be a part of Hope in the Hills of Warren's 15TH ANNIVERSARY! Sign up today to volunteer to assist elderly, disabled, Veteran and/or low- to moderate- income homeowners in Warren County with small scale repairs, yardwork and home maintenance projects.

Join a crew and make a difference with them all weekend! Volunteer applications are OPEN and due **ASAP!**

Volunteers can register through the link on our webpage with the Habitat for Humanity NWNJ website: <https://habitatnwnj.org/programs/hopehills-warren/>

Adults will be contacted for background check information.

Have more questions? Please email us at hopeinthehillsvolunteers@gmail.com

Or call the Habitat Office 908-835-1300 ext. 10

Habitat for Humanity
Northwest New Jersey's
**Hope for the Future
Tricky Tray**

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH, 2025
CAMP SACAJAWEA
251 WHITE LAKE RD,
SPARTA, NJ 07871

DOORS OPEN 5:00PM
DRAWING BEGINS 7:00PM

Tickets \$35
2 WHITE SHEETS AND
1 GREEN SHEET OF
TICKETS INCLUDED

**SNACKS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE
BYOB**

Additional Ticket Packages Available:
\$50: 3 White, 3 Green, 1 Pink, 1 Blue
\$100: 5 White, 4 Green, 4 Pink, 2 Blue

**CASH OR CREDIT
AT THE DOOR**

Trays and donations still being accepted! Volunteers still needed! For more information please contact 973-940-0503

GOLF TOURNAMENT
ARCHITECTS GOLF CLUB
700 STRYKERS ROAD PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

SAVE THE DATE!

**JUNE 2,
2025**

Registration
7:30am
Shotgun Start
9:00am

COMMUNITY BLEND

**Habitat
for Humanity
Northwest New Jersey**

Community Blend provides a free cafe, programs that promote mental wellness and a mission that assists people financially.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

For more information, please visit

<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/golf-tournament-habitat-nwnj-community-blend>

What Have We been up to? Habitat on TV and Radio!

George to the Rescue

Saturday, April 19th saw the long-awaited airing of “George to the Rescue” on NBC TV.

What was so special about this episode? - It featured George, the TV host well-known locally since 2010 for renovating homes for people facing challenges, teaming up with Habitat for Humanity NWNJ volunteers.

Together, they completed a renovation project at Rebecca’s Homestead, an inclusive and sustainable Sussex County community that fosters independent living for adults with developmental disabilities.

The team updated a common gathering space. They moved the entrance to make it more accessible, spruced up the décor, improved lighting, and to the delight of the residents and aides—added a small kitchen area.

It was great to see some of our dedicated Habitat volunteers hard at work alongside George to create a beautiful result for Rebecca’s Homestead!

Habitat for Humanity NWNJ on the Radio!

On February 13th, 2025, Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey (Habitat NWNJ) took over the WRNJ airwaves to host their 3rd Annual *Have a Heart for Habitat* Radiothon! Having been a community partner for many years, WRNJ was gracious enough to help share the stories of those Habitat NWNJ has had an impact on once again. This year, homeowners, volunteers, and community partners alike shared what Habitat NWNJ means to them, and why there is a need now, more than ever, for volunteers to donate their time and talents. Thanks to the Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey community and WRNJ’s generosity, *the organization saw their monthly volunteer surveys triple from February to March!*

With the merge between the Sussex and Warren County affiliates of Habitat for Humanity having occurred earlier in the year, community members from both counties gathered at the radio station to share their experiences. Volunteers from both counties shared how they originally became involved with the organization, and there was a common theme among each story: the desire to be a part of something bigger than oneself. There were several homeowners who spoke during this year’s Radiothon as well, both who partnered with the organization to build their home, and who were recipients of each county’s Home Repair Program. Funds for this year’s Radiothon were allocated for both the build program and Home Repair Program as a result.

Over \$8,000 was raised from this year’s *Have a Heart for Habitat* Radiothon to benefit the home building and Home Repair programs. By early 2026, Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey expects to have 8 more Partner Families moved into their new homes, and to have completed one hundred Home Repair projects. Your generous giving helps make these projects possible and enrich the lives of others. Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey is incredibly grateful to WRNJ for hosting their event, and to all the supporters and donors who are helping build homes and hope in Sussex and Warren Counties.



SPOTLIGHT ON— the Community Center



After marking the third anniversary of its opening this past April, we shine this month's spotlight on Habitat for Humanity NWNJ's Community Center in Washington, NJ.

The philosophy of the **WCHFH Community Center** is to provide high quality programming to the youth, seniors, and Veterans and their families. It is a place where our community gathers together to learn, grow and thrive by providing a safe and supportive environment to all participants while also ensuring programs offer opportunities for positive interaction and maximum engagement.

What began as available space and a fierce desire to serve the community has evolved to a bustling hub of activities. In a recent interview, Annette Beam, the Community Center Event Coordinator, explained that she has been able to foster connections with some local instructors to help expand the variety of offerings at the center. Active discussions with community members have also provided feedback on ways the center can be used to benefit the community.

In high demand are "Toddler Time" parent/toddler gatherings, which not only benefit the children's play, but allow the parents to interact, share experiences and build friendships. Other activities aim to provide "something for everyone" of all ages, such as music, fitness and crafts. Partnering with other non-profit organizations, such as Norwescap, to offer programming may provide additional depth of experience. Life-enhancing sessions range from Zumba and Tai Chi to sober living support, empowerment coaching and family success support.

There are exciting activities planned for the future – for example, coming soon are a **scrapbooking workshop on May 17** (cost: \$50, includes lunch and dinner), and a **free 10-week ESL workshop beginning May 28th**. You can view the entire calendar of upcoming events at <https://habitatnwnj.org/cc/cccalendar/>. Longer-range plans include more outreach to plan veterans' events, expanding office space and adding a conference room.

The center is also available to reserve for events. Non-profits may use the space by pre-arrangement free of charge; for commercial purposes, the potential user may contact Annette Beam at annette.beam@habitatnwnj.org to discuss rental details.

Plan a visit to the Community Center soon! It is typically open Monday through Friday from 9am to 7 pm, with varying hours on weekends.



Fun facts: The history and purpose of the Habitat for Humanity NWNJ Community Center spans nearly 150 years.

- ◆ **1874:** Beginning in 1874, the Beers County Atlas of 1874 shows a Masonic Hall on this property.
- ◆ **1892 - 1914:** This space served as a blacksmith, cobbler, fish market, print shop, electric motor shop, and a wagon shop.
- ◆ **January 2, 1945:** A local family deeded the property to the Washington Lodge 512 Loyal Order of Moose who furthered the pre-existing structures.
- ◆ **October 1, 1982:** The Moose Lodge sold the building to the Central Warren Youth Association (CWYA) for \$80,000.
- ◆ **Summer 1965:** The Central Warren Youth Association was born with a simple purpose- to promote the welfare of the youth in the area and to provide cultural, educational services and social activities for all age groups.
- ◆ **1965 – 2005:** The CWYA served the community faithfully by providing activities, dances, toy drives, live bands and teen nights with as many as 400 teens in attendance; according to the Chief of Police, juvenile delinquency declined during that period.
- ◆ **February 19, 2009:** The building was donated to Warren County Habitat for Humanity by the Central Warren Youth Association with the hopes WCHFH would someday carry on the torch ignited by CWYA towards servicing youth.
- ◆ **April 6, 2022:** The Warren County Habitat for Humanity Community Center opens its doors to serve the needs of the youth, senior citizens and Veterans in our community.

Get Involved in SUSSEX COUNTY

ReStore Retail Space Needed

ReStore Value:

<https://habitatnwnj.org/shop>



Active Home Build in Wantage

(392 County Rd. 565)

Volunteer Sign-Up:

<https://habitatnwnj.org/get-involved/volunteer>



Home Repair Program

throughout Sussex

Donate:

<https://habitatnwnj.org/donate>



Tricky Tray Fundraiser

at Camp Sacajawea

Info. Here: <https://habitatnwnj.org>



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Update on the Wantage project

- ◆ Partial cleanout of this site was performed in February and March. The architect is now drawing up plans for the site. Work is estimated to resume around June. Volunteers welcome!
- ◆ The FAMILY SELECTION process for this location will begin soon. Families interested in this, or one of our other home projects, are asked to call 908-835-1300 ext. 10.

SC Chamber of Commerce Honors Habitat for Humanity NWNJ at “Toast to the Stars” Luncheon

Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey was among the Honor Roll of Nominees recognized by the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce at a “Toast to the Stars” luncheon on April 10, 2025 at the Crystal Springs Resort. This annual event “celebrate[s] the extraordinary accomplishments of some of the truly remarkable companies, organizations and individuals that make Sussex County a thriving and vibrant community” according to C of C President Tammie Horsfield.



agency whose activities produce broad personal benefits for large numbers of County residents, contributing significantly to the quality of life in Sussex County. HfH NWNJ is honored to have been nominated for this award and recognized for our contributions to the Sussex County community.

HfH NWNJ was represented at the luncheon by Barb Shaffer (Sussex County Office Manager) and Kyle Stuber (Director of Development). Our organization was nominated for the Quality in Living Award, which is given in recognition of a non-profit health, educational, social service, or recreational organization or



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What is Habitat?

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that aims to provide affordable housing for families in need all around the world. Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, the organization has grown to become a global movement that has helped millions of people to access safe and decent housing.

Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey, Inc. was established in 2025 by a merger of the Sussex and Warren County chapters, by a small group of people concerned with the need for decent, affordable housing. We are 501(c)3 non-profit Christian organization. Our ministry was founded on the belief that safe and decent shelter is a basic human need.

We use donated labor and materials from the community, homeowners' sweat equity, and corporate gifts-in-kind to make safe and affordable housing a reality. We don't make a profit on our work. We improve the communities we work in by gathering and welcoming volunteers, new homeowners and supporters.

Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey relies on volunteers and a small paid staff, and partners with people in need. Everyone is welcome.

OUR MISSION: "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together by building homes, community and hope."

If you would like more information about us please call (908) 835-1300 or (973) 940-0503.

Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to us in any way. The **cost of materials has sky-rocketed** so much that every little bit (no matter how small) would be greatly appreciated.

Our **ReStore location in Washington (NJ)** at 384 Route 57 West accepts donations according to the schedule posted at www.warrenhabitat.org/shop/

There is currently no Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Sussex County. We are actively seeking a new location. We would need a space in commercial zoning, with

at least 10,000 square feet and highway frontage. Good access to parking and loading/unloading would be helpful. If you are, or become, aware of such a space looking for an occupant, please let us know! We are **accepting donations of construction materials** at our Newton location.

We are also looking for **donations of pieces of property** (land and/or houses) in Sussex and Warren Counties so that we can continue to build affordable housing.

If you would like more information on how to help, please email

office@warrenhabitat.org
phone (973) 940-0503 or (908) 835-1300 or send mail to Habitat for Humanity Northwest NJ, 31 Belvidere Avenue Washington, NJ 07882

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