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Habitat for Humanity of Chester County



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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

You Help Us Build Strength, Stability, Self-Reliance & Shelter

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### Coatesville Construction

Two homes were completed in Coatesville; volunteers are hard at work finishing the construction of the final four homes in Coatesville's Cambria Terrace community.

### West Grove Construction

Five homes in West Grove's Fuller Meadows community were completed, and Construction is underway on the next set of five homes. In addition, all the sidewalks are being installed, and retaining pond preservation is underway.

### Critical Home Repair/Rehabilitation

A new way to fulfill our mission is to make repairs that enable low- and fixed-income homeowners to remain in their homes safely. Repairs involve weatherizing homes, building wheelchair ramps, widening doorways, custom-fitting bathrooms, etc. In 2022, volunteers completed the interior and exterior repairs on 12 existing homes.



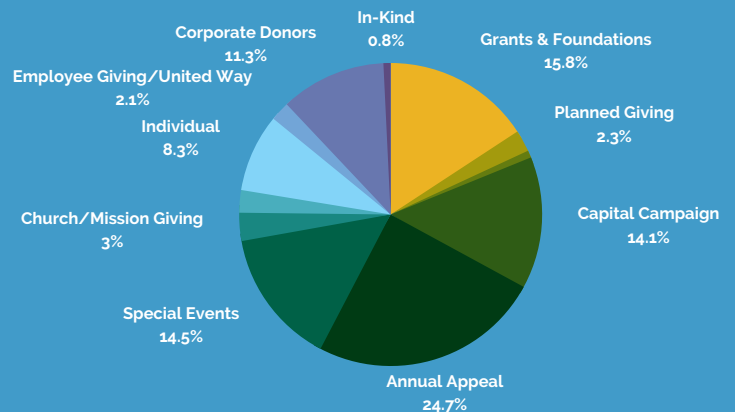
To read more about Habitat for Humanity's initiatives from 2022, scan the QR code to view our full 2022 Annual Report.



## 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

ReStore sales have generated \$2.5M for home construction since March 2002. The success of the ReStore in Coatesville, and the availability of affordably-priced retail space, prompted the Board of Directors to open a second ReStore in the Phoenixville area in May 2022.

In 2022, HfHCC raised more than \$1,125,000 in contributions from individuals, churches, foundations, corporations, special events, and United Way designations.



# LOOKBACK: 2023 EVENTS

## BUILD A HOUSE... BUILD A DREAM EVENT 2023



Our 20th annual Build A House...Build A Dream contest was held on March 11, 2023, at the Church Farm School in Exton, PA! During this competition, fifth-grade students from the Delaware Valley worked individually or in teams to build their own three-dimensional model dream home. The model homes were then judged by professional architects, engineers, and builders at the contest.



A total of 59 exceptional students enter the competition and create a total of 48 creative model dream homes. We saw plenty of intricate designs imagined by beautiful minds! The students enjoyed working together and watching their creations come to life. Check out our website for more photos and highlights of the event.

Thank you to our participating volunteers, judges, sponsors, parents, family, friends, and teachers for supporting your future engineers, architects, builders, and designers!



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

This past March, we celebrated Women's history month and International Women's Day. This is a time for celebrating Women's achievements, raising awareness about discrimination, and taking action to drive gender parity!

Here at Habitat for Humanity of Chester County, we work to provide equity in the form of safe, affordable living conditions for all people!

65% of Habitat for Humanity of Chester County Families are led by single mothers, and 53% of those single-parent families are led by minority women. We celebrate these women and their hard work and dedication to achieving affordable housing with our program.

When Shannon found out that she had qualified for a Home, she said "I couldn't really believe it. I had recently had a lot of downfalls, including cancer and messing up my credit. I didn't think I'd ever get back on my feet, let alone finally have a house of my own that I could afford as a single mom. I want my kids to learn and realize that it is never too late to make things possible, no matter what it may be and what you have been through." keys in hand. I cannot wait to show my kids their new home, where they will be raised until they're grown while creating memories that will last a lifetime."





## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK 2023

We celebrated our marvelous volunteers during April's Volunteer Appreciation Week and Volunteer Appreciation Day.

We are so appreciative of the hard work that our volunteers provide. Through our team builds, construction, sponsored events, and more, you help to provide brighter futures in Chester County. Thanks to you, we have completed 175 homes and served 530 deserving family members to date. In total, 3,491 volunteers have put in more than 135,700 volunteer hours, saving HfHCC more than 4 million dollars in labor since 1989!

Our dedicated ReStore volunteers take the time to unload, organize, price, and stage items on the floor. This year, 45 ReStore volunteers have donated almost 800 hours to ensure the ReStores look fantastic while assisting each of our shoppers.

David Mushrush has been volunteering as a truck driver for eight years. He says: "My reason for volunteering at Habitat is twofold. I truly believe in Habitat's mission, and by volunteering, I am giving back to my community and helping those who deserve a chance to own a home achieve that goal." By volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, whether on the construction site or in our ReStores, YOU are building brighter futures in Chester County.

## EARTH DAY 2023 & RESTORE E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

At Habitat, we celebrate Earth Day every day with sustainable construction practices. In April, we highlighted a few of our initiatives as well as provided an opportunity for the community to recycle electronics with our E-waste event.

Home affordability and sustainable home-building go hand in hand. That's why Habitat for Humanity makes sustainable building a priority worldwide. From reducing utility bills through energy-efficient homes and renewable energy sources to cutting waste and construction costs with conscientious building practices, we're finding ways to optimize our homes to benefit families and the environment.



We use superior walls for our home foundations. Superior Walls reduce the number of materials used to build a structure, including wood and concrete, and reduce the carbon footprint of a new home or commercial facility's construction process. The energy-efficient walls help lower long-term energy costs and reduce energy leakage.

Our windows have Low-E technology that reduces energy costs. Low-E applied to windows helps to block infrared light from penetrating the glass from the outside. In addition, Low-E is more energy-efficient, helping you save on heating and cooling costs and costs associated with running your heating/cooling systems.



We use Energy Recovery Ventilation to assist our HVAC systems. An Energy Recovery Ventilation (ERV) captures the exhausted air from your home and uses that air to create the energy needed to ventilate your house.



We also provide homeowners with Google Nest Thermostats. The Nest Learning Thermostat is the first thermostat to get ENERGY STAR certified. It learns what temperature you like and builds a schedule around yours. An independent study showed that it saved people an average of 10% to 12% on heating and 15% on cooling bills.



Moving towards a low-polluting and sustainable society starts with our purchase and waste behaviors. Through shopping and donating to the ReStore, you are helping our planet while assisting families in our community to achieve affordable housing. To date, the ReStore has saved 18.4 million pounds of waste from the landfill. This April, our Chester County ReStores hosted electronic recycling events in Phoenixville and Caln in partnership with The Junkluggers! The event accepted computers, laptops, printers, cell phones, TVs, and more. We had a great turnout and saved four truckloads of electronics from the landfills.

# UPCOMING: 2023 EVENTS

We look forward to building even brighter futures in our community with you! Stay up to date with our upcoming Habitat for Humanity fundraising and community events.



## MOTHER'S DAY 2023

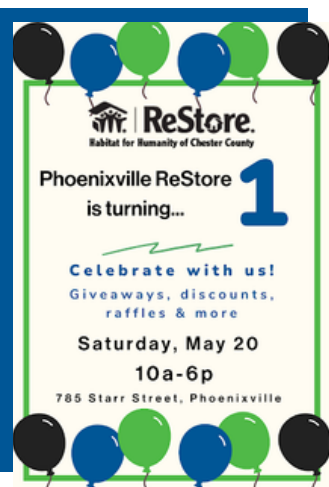
This Mother's Day, consider donating in honor of your mother. As previously mentioned, 65% of Habitat for Humanity of Chester County Families are led by single mothers and 53% of those single-parent families are led by minority women. Our mission is to provide affordable housing to all people in our community, and we are so blessed to be able to help strong women achieve stability and affordable housing for themselves and their children.

## 1ST ANNIVERSARY FOR PHOENIXVILLE RESTORE!

We are celebrating our first anniversary at the Phoenixville ReStore! Thank you for being so supportive over the past year through donations, volunteering, and shopping with us in Phoenixville. When you shop, donate, and volunteer with us, you are helping to build affordable homes in Chester County.

Our first-anniversary celebration will be held on May 20th, 2023. To show thanks to you, our generous supporters, we will be giving gifts to the first 100 shoppers! There will also be raffle items, 50% off storewide (some exclusions apply), and more!

Join us in celebrating our first anniversary in Phoenixville, at 785 Starr St, Phoenixville, PA, United States, Pennsylvania.

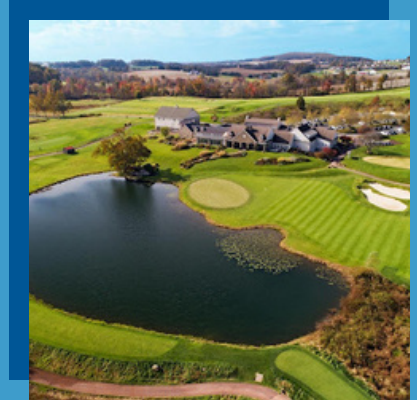


## HOPS FOR HOMES BEER FESTIVAL & BUILD A THIRST BEER COUPON BOOK

Join us at our second annual Hops for Homes beer festival, to be held on June 17th from 12 pm - 4 pm at the Exton Square Mall! This event is a summer day of fun, enjoying local brews, wine, spirits, food, and entertainment, all while supporting a fantastic cause for our community. The event aims to raise money for materials to build affordable homes in Chester County.

This is our second year of hosting the event, and 20+ local breweries are signed on! The sixth annual Building a Thirst coupon book sale will also kick off at the Hops for Homes event, featuring free beer coupons at 18+ participating breweries.

This is a rain-or-shine event with tent coverage available. This event is for anyone 21 and over. Designated driver tickets are available. Check out our website for more information and to purchase tickets. Contact Christy Kane at [christy@hfcc.org](mailto:christy@hfcc.org) for more information.



## 20TH ANNUAL DRIVING TO BUILD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date for Monday, September 11th, 2023! This year's tournament will be held at French Creek Golf Club in Elverson, PA.

More information on sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales can be found on our website in the coming months. Contact Jason Pyrah at [jason@hfcc.org](mailto:jason@hfcc.org) for more information.



## STOLEN SUN AFTER PARTY

After our Hops for Homes event on June 17th, keep the party going at Stolen Sun Brewery's after-party!

Show your Hops for Homes wristband and enjoy 15% off your meal. Valid on food only on June 17th, 2023.

Learn more at [stolensun.com](http://stolensun.com)!



## VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Tuesday, May 23rd from 12-2 pm  
at East Caln Park, Bel Tavern.



## CHECK OUT OUR BLOG POSTS!

Introducing our new blog posts! Find the "blog" tab on our website under News & Events to learn more about Habitat, our mission, and ways to get involved!

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# NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT HABITAT

## Square Foot Club

The Square Foot Club is a unique group of loyal donors who make an impact all year long through monthly donations. These gifts give us a steady stream of income to ensure our programs are sustained throughout the year and allow us to properly plan for growth. You can help break the cycle of poverty by joining the Square Foot club today!

## Cryptocurrency Options

Donations in any form help Habitat for Humanity of Chester County build a more inclusive neighborhood. Whether donating in a traditional sense or using Cryptocurrency, all funds raised help give a hand up to a family in the area.

## Legacy Foundation

By making a permanent gift to Habitat through your will, trust, beneficiary designation, or by your investment in a charitable gift annuity, you ensure that our partnership will endure long after your lifetime until our shared vision is realized and everyone has a decent place to live.

## Become an Advocate for Affordable Housing

Support Habitat for Humanity of Chester County's mission by advocating for policy and systems change at the local, state and federal levels.

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