WHAT A YEAR!

Affordable housing has always been a need within our community, but the pandemic has shown us just how pressing this issue really is. For the lucky ones, working from home meant you had both a job and a safe home. Many of our Habitat families are frontline providers of essential services (hospitals, maintenance, food preparation, teachers, etc.) and they, too, worked hard to have a safe place to return after a long day of work and to raise their families.

Thanks to your support, so many more families live in a place they can call home. Behind every number and picture on the following pages are real families impacted by YOUR generosity. Every dollar you gave, every wall you raised, every hour you volunteered, whether on the construction site or in our ReStores, helped these families and so many more. Habitat homes are not the end of the story, but the beginning of a better life.

Our goals for 2022 are the same as the past 36 years - continue offering a hand up, not a hand out by building homes, community and hope in partnership with families with low-incomes. We pray God will continue to bless you and your family in the coming year and keep you safe.

Thank you for your continued support!

Janet V. Green    Stephen Abbitt
CEO      Board President

P.S. We enthusiastically look towards the future and the work we will do together. Your efforts have been extraordinary. So thank you, thank you, thank you for your kindness and generosity.
In normal times, our mission calls for us to bring people together to build and repair homes in our communities while striving to find new pathways to decent, affordable housing. In this season of continued unprecedented challenges, we are building on our culture of innovation and responsiveness to aggressively attend to community needs for more affordable housing.

-Janet V. Green, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg

“‘I’ve been through a lot, but I’m trying to be strong because I have a son,’” she said. “I want him to understand that if you work hard, you can always get where you need to be. You just have to be patient and try. And keep trying.”

-April, 2021 Homebuyer of the 3D Printed Home in Williamsburg

“The truth about Habitat is they really help you advance your life. They invest in you. They invest in you long term. It’s not just about building a house. They want to make sure you’re in the home and you’re able to keep the home and you’re making wise decisions. They educate you.”

-Cordella, 2013 Hampton Homebuyer
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Advocacy

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 1 in 7 families in the U.S. were paying half or more of their income on housing. The pandemic has left families who are facing additional economic hardship from lost wages with impossible decisions, between paying their rent or mortgage and paying for life’s other essentials. Through our engagement in the Cost of Home advocacy campaign, we are working to create policy solutions that address the need for home affordability in our community. This year we have spearheaded the Education and Mobilization committees of Habitat Virginia’s Advocacy and Action Team, called for an increase in funding in America's Rescue Plan for affordable housing development, and worked to pass Neighborhood Homes Investment Act legislation to support building and rehabilitating homes in distressed communities.

Help make the #CostofHome something we all can afford and read more at HabitatPGW.org/Advocacy!

Volunteers

Volunteers have power.

Because of the volunteers who build and repair homes and work in our ReStores, whole neighborhoods improve and completely transform. Through this transformation, families achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life. In addition, Habitat volunteers gain a sense of community, help their own career/personal goals, give back to society, and achieve a strong sense of purpose. Habitat believes in the power of volunteers and understands how lending a hand has made a difference. We need you! Volunteer with us to ensure future hardworking, lower-income families live in safe, decent and affordable housing for years to come. Join us on a construction site, in our ReStore, during our special events or on advocacy.

Sign up today at HabitatPGW.org/volunteer-info.

Lorraine & Ed Austin

It is with broken hearts that we share the loss of our Founder Lorraine Austin & her husband Ed in a tragic car accident that occurred in late July 2021. So many Habitat families whose homes were built in the late 1980s through early 2000s shared Lorraine and Ed stories through tears. Please visit HabitatPGW.org/legacy to see some of the moving tributes remembering Lorraine & Ed that were shared. Please continue to pray for Lorraine & Ed’s family and our community, which has suffered a tremendous loss.

The last year was filled with many “new normals.”

Amidst the ongoing pandemic, customers, donors, staff and volunteers found themselves having to navigate new normals, just like you undoubtedly had to adjust in your life. Despite all of the adjustments, we are thrilled to inform you that both ReStore locations experienced record sales this past year!

There is no doubt our loyal customers were looking for bargains during these economically difficult times, and there is no better place for a great bargain than the Habitat ReStores! Our faithful volunteer base began returning to the ReStores with newfound excitement. Donors have been calling for FREE pick ups and dropping off fabulous donations in record numbers. Everyone seems to face each day with patience and determination, while knowing they are making home ownership a reality for so many deserving families in our area.

We were able to celebrate many milestones this past year and are happy to report that volunteer hours at both stores were up over last year, total donations were a record high, an estimated 600,000 customers visited our stores and we net more funds than ever before, allowing us to fund construction on more homes for deserving families.

If you haven’t shopped at our ReStores (or haven’t during the pandemic), you can still find incredible deals on new and gently-used appliances, furniture, home decor, building materials, doors, windows, flooring, kitchen cabinets and so much more! Our SUPER partner at Walmart continues to donate to our ReStores, creating a constant variety of brand new items available to our loyal customer base.

Both ReStore locations boast convenient, drive-thru areas where you can easily drop off your donations without getting out of your vehicle. And we will not only unload your donations, but we will hand you your tax deductible receipt right there. You can also call for a FREE PICKUP of your larger items because we have four large box trucks (and strong personnel) who will pick up your items at a time convenient for you.

NEW to the ReStore this year is our easy, donation pickup scheduling software found online at ReStorePGW.org. Click on “Donate” and start with your zip code, then tell us what you have and choose the date and time that works for you. It’s that simple!

THANK YOU again for your support and please remember 100% of the net sales proceeds from the ReStores go directly to building affordable homes that are sold to hardworking families with lower incomes right here in our local community.

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Coupon expires December 31, 2022.

Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg
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Raise the Roof Renovated
Saturday, February 19, 2022
7PM to 11PM
James River Country Club

Run the D.O.G. St. 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run
Saturday, April 16, 2022
7AM to Noon
Duke of Gloucester Street

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Friday, September 23, 2022
8AM to 3PM
Location TBD

For sponsorship information contact Virginia Staley at virginia@habitatpgw.org.
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