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For your convenience an envelope is enclosed if you care to make a gift to Habitat for Humanity.

Our Newest Homeowner — House #36

On February 14, 2023 my life and the life of my son, Mark, were changed forever with one phone call that I received while at work. We had been selected for the next house for Habitat For Humanity! I can still recall the excitement of driving to the site that night to show my son where we would soon be calling our home.

Over the next seven months, with the help of many members of the Habitat community, walls were put up, plumbing was installed and it began to come together as our forever home.

Owning a home is a dream come true for us. I struggled for many years to always provide the best I could for my child and now, with this grateful helping hand granted to us, I am able to provide a permanent roof over our heads and we will never have to wonder where we will live next.

I am eternally grateful to the many people who volunteered their time and applied their skills to help me and my son. The work they do is truly a blessing to many and I am happy to say I was one of the lucky ones. I pray this program continues and grows so many more families can feel the joy of homeownership.

Thank you, Jeannette Gonzalez



Habitat for Humanity to be accepting Homeowner Applications in 2024

To qualify for a Habitat home, families are asked to demonstrate their need for shelter, are current residents of Pike County, are able to pay a mortgage with a qualifying family income, and a willingness to partner with our volunteers. Families are required to complete 200 hours of "sweat equity" working on their house prior to occupancy.

The Habitat Family Selection Committee will meet with prospective families to review their need for shelter, financial information, etc. in order to select the best candidate for each house. Habitat homeowners are given a 30-year, 0% interest loan to repay Habitat for the cost of the materials and sub-contractors.

If you know of a co-worker, neighbor, friend or relative who might be interested in learning more about applying for a Habitat House, or wants an application, please call the Habitat Office at 570-828-1623 or email to hfhpc@ptd.org.



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Website: hfhpc.org **Donate on-line!**

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Mark Your Calendar for our

ANNUAL HABITAT GARAGE SALE

Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7, 2024
From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

At Fisher Lane and Route 2001, Milford, PA 18337



Beginning April 1, 2024
Habitat will Accept
donations of furniture, tools,
household items, etc.
(NO mattresses)

Call 570-828-1623, Fax 570-468-8074,
Email hfhpc@ptd.net



HABITAT NEWS

Newsletter of Habitat for Humanity of Pike County

“Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.”

VOLUNTEER



Habitat of Pike County volunteers work side by side with home owners to build decent affordable housing for those in need. Our volunteers come from all walks of life, with varying skills and in many shapes and sizes.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat!

The major portion of any Habitat house is built by volunteers who have little or no previous house building experience. Of course we do welcome experienced individuals in all aspects of construction! New volunteers are always needed.

Typically, work is done from Spring through late Fall, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 AM to Noon. Instruction is provided and safety is our first priority.

Members of our Food Committee provide refreshments to the worksite on a rotating basis, about once a month. Items can be dropped off ahead of time. If you would like to help, please call our Food Coordinator, Marilyn Siracuse, our (570-828-9884) for details.

Volunteers need help with pick up of donated household items in our Habitat truck and bring them to our storage areas for our annual Garage Sale in July.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Habitat Office at 570-828-1623 to learn more about working at Habitat, or email to hfhpc@ptd.org.

DONATIONS OF LAND NEEDED

In the past Habitat of Pike County has been blessed to receive donations of buildable land to build affordable housing for families in need. Since the current boom in real estate sales in Pike County, this has made the acquisition of land hard to come by.

If you have a generous heart and a buildable lot to donate, it would make our mission to build affordable housing for people in need much easier. You can contact the Habitat Office at 570-828-1623.

A Word from the Board President:

It is early December, and the cold weather has set in. People are decorating their houses for Christmas and other Holidays. Presents are being purchased and plans are being made to gather around tables filled with seasonal foods and cookies. In most stores there is Christmas music playing. I woke up in a warm comfortable home today and walked into the kitchen to the smell of fresh coffee and sat down to think. I am struck with how blessed I am.

I also considered the story about the birth of Jesus, a child born to a family on the move, forced by a political system, to go to a place away from home, to register for a census. They traveled by foot, perhaps with the help of a beast of burden. A young woman, Mary, was pregnant during this move and I suspect she was physically uncomfortable during this travel time. When they arrive in a small town, there is no normal place for them to stay but they find some shelter in a stable meant for animals and on that very night a baby is born under less-than-ideal conditions. This family’s circumstances were not really under their control. They made the best of it. They got a little help from what we call the local innkeeper, and the rest is history.

For those of us who have the honor of working in the Habitat for Humanity community, we see this as a familiar story. Life is not easy for everyone. Circumstances sometimes bring people into situations where they just cannot control even the place where they live. The mission of Habitat is to build decent affordable housing for God’s people in need. We do the best we can to build a warm, comfortable, and affordable home for families who simply need a little help. We wish we could do this for every family that is traveling through life with problems beyond their control, but for now, we do what we can, one home, one family at a time. The homes come with an interest free mortgage, a whole lot of volunteer help, a kitchen, a living room, some bedrooms and a bath. The family brings into the home their love, their appreciation, and their future. My thanks to our volunteers, donors, partner families, the board of directors, the Pike County partners and everyone who seeks to make the world a better place by helping one another.

Blessed Christmas and Holiday season to you all.

Along the way,
Pastor Niels Nielsen - HFH Pike County