

SUMMER 2025

HABITAT HAPPENINGS



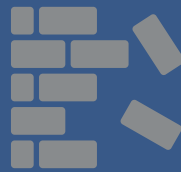
THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, sponsored, and volunteered at our 15th annual golf fundraiser! We had an incredible day on the greens and managed to raise \$55,000 to support workforce housing in Cape May County. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and community spirit made this event truly special. We couldn't have done it without you. Here's to continued partnership and support as we work together toward expanding housing opportunities in our region!



PLANNING BOARD DECISION

On July 24th, Habitat went before the Middle Township Planning Board to request a variance for an upcoming project involving a large lot in Middle Township. After much hard work from Habitat and our legal counsel, the board granted the variance and we are one step closer to creating 5 duplexes on the property in Whitesboro!



DECONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE!

The ReStore, our donation center and resale store, is vital to supporting our mission to build safe, affordable housing in Cape May County. The ReStore helps increase the community's access to affordable furniture, appliances, housewares, and building materials while diverting valuable, reusable items from the landfills. Everything sold in the ReStore raises funds for the construction of affordable homes. If you are aware of any properties slated for demolition, we'd appreciate an opportunity to see if there are any reusable materials (Kitchen cabinets, vanities, etc.) we can sell in our ReStore and help keep out of the landfills. Call the ReStore at 609-463-0244 to schedule a deconstruction.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES FOR 2025



THANK YOU, DAVE HAMMOND!

With sincere thanks, we recognize Dave Hammond's impactful three years as board president—plus his additional service in other positions—which brought energy, guidance, and dedication to our work. Amid challenges, his proactive leadership made a significant difference. Though he will be missed, we wish Dave all the best in his next chapter and hope he remains connected to Habitat Cape May.

THANK YOU, KAREN THOMPSON!

Karen Thompson served as both a Habitat Cape May board member and a former Habitat homeowner, contributing greatly through fundraising, builds, advocacy, committee roles, and leadership. Her thoughtful presence, deep insight, and steadfast dedication have greatly benefited the affiliate. We thank her for her many years of service and hope she will continue to remain involved with Habitat.



WELCOME NEW BOARD PRESIDENT, BRUCE LOVERSIDGE!

Bruce has served on the board for many years in a variety of capacities. He has an impressive 33 years of public service and is also actively involved in the Avalon's Lion Club. During his "active retirement" leisure time, Bruce enjoys boating and a round of golf. We look forward to seeing Bruce serve as board president for 2025!

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: MARSHA BURKE

Marsha has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Cape May County since 2020, driven by her belief that "too many people struggle to put a roof over their head." She finds great fulfillment working in the ReStore, especially when she witnesses the joy of customers discovering that perfect piece of furniture. And nothing moves her more than seeing families experience the excitement of moving into their new homes for the first time—knowing she played a significant part in that moment is incredibly rewarding.

To anyone thinking about volunteering, she says: "Do it. Just take the plunge ... Giving the gift of time reaps huge rewards!"



SHARON AND MARSHA
AT WORK IN THE RESTORE



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SARAH MATTHEWS

In June, state leaders diverted millions from New Jersey's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF)—a critical resource meant to build homes for working families, seniors, veterans, and people with special needs. Without urgent action, hundreds of affordable home developments will be stalled or canceled in communities across the state, including our Sumner Avenue project. Our application for \$4.8m was already in process when the Governor diverted the funds and closed the application portal.

At the same time, the newly expanded mansion tax is expected to generate more than \$300 million annually, but none of that revenue is currently being used to support affordable housing. That's not just disappointing, it's a missed opportunity to address our growing housing crisis.

We're calling on the Governor and Legislature to restore the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and dedicate at least half of the mansion tax revenue—around \$150 million a year—to affordable housing production. But we need your voice NOW to make that happen. Copy and paste this address in your browser to help us send the message: <https://www.hcdnnj.org/>

THANK YOU!
Lilly Pulitzer

We want to say **THANK YOU** to Lilly Pulitzer Avalon for raising \$400 in their recent "Shop to Support" event for Habitat for Humanity!

FOLLOW, SHARE & TAG! 🏠

Stay connected with Habitat for Humanity Cape May and our Habitat ReStore Cape May County on Instagram and Facebook. Follow our pages, share your favorite finds or volunteer snapshots—and don't forget to tag us so your moments can help build awareness and hope together!



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

AUGUST 26, 5-9PM



BIG NEWS: On August 26th from 5-9pm every burrito helps build homes in Cape May County.

Chipotle Mexican Grill in Cape May Court House will donate 25% of event sales to Habitat for Humanity Cape May County.

Here's how to make it count:

- Order pickup online: use code VR9T7GX (no delivery)
- Order in the restaurant: show the flyer (this picture counts!) to the cashier
- Location: 9 Broadway Ste A, Cape May Court House, NJ

Come hungry and go home happy and helping Habitat!

AUGUST 31, 10AM-5PM



This year Beachcomber Camping Resort is bringing the fun AND giving back with NJ BeachCon! A portion of the proceeds will support the work of Habitat for Humanity Cape May.

Don't miss this event on August 31st from 10am-5pm as we throw a celebration of comics, collectibles, costumes, and community!

Details and tickets:

<https://www.njbeachcon.com/>



SEPTEMBER 24, 9AM-5PM

On September 24th from 9am-4pm, we will have a table at the Veteran's Health and Benefit fair. Come see us there!

OCTOBER 11, 9AM-12PM

We will be sponsoring two runners at the Coast Guard Always Ready 5K. Come cheer our runners on!

The race starts at 9am!

