



HOLIDAY PARTY

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Habitat holiday party this year! We had an amazing time and are so honored to be surrounded by so many amazing volunteers, staff members, board members, and families. You are what makes Habitat the best! We wish you all a happy holiday season and a very happy new year!



IN OUR COMMUNITY...

On Veterans Day, service took on new meaning for our team. Habitat spent the morning at the home of Harry, a local Vietnam veteran, and his wife, clearing brush, repairing decking, fixing wiring, and sprucing up the yard. But the most powerful moments weren't found in the tasks. They came from the stories shared between volunteers, neighbors, and those who have – and still do – wear the uniform. The stories of how service can change the community and the world were the center of focus all day. When Greg, an active duty Coast Guardsman, noticed the weathered flags in the yard, he offered to properly retire them. That small act of honor carried enormous meaning for Harry and his wife, turning a simple repair day into something unforgettable. We are so grateful for our amazing volunteers who showed up - David, Tom, Paul, and Bill - to help this local family, who have served our community and country so faithfully!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



From our Executive Director

Last week brought long-awaited progress on two of our build projects. We received zoning approval for a single-family home on Wildwood Avenue and final Planning Board approval for a five-duplex project on Sumner Avenue, both located in Cape May Court House. The level of regulation involved in property development has tested our patience at times, but we continue to move forward in faith, trusting that work rooted in Christian values will succeed with His blessing. At this time of year, it is a special gift to know that these major hurdles are now behind us.

While the Sumner Avenue project still has a complex road ahead, we are supported by a determined team and committed partners who are working hard to see it through. In the meantime, all systems are go for the two single-family homes in West Cape May. We anticipate delivery of the modular units in April and plan to work quietly and diligently to complete most of the construction before the height of the summer season, out of respect for the neighbors on this small, narrow dead-end street.

Giving Tree Fundraiser

DONATE



We have a new way for people to give to Habitat for their end-of-year giving! In the ReStore, individuals can choose an envelope from the giving tree labeled with a specific amount to donate (in \$2 increments from \$2-\$200). If every envelope is donated, we will raise \$10,100 for affordable housing in Cape May County. We also have a way to give online via our website or the QR code above. Don't wait! Get your end of year giving in before January!



SPOOKY FUN, SERIOUS SUPPORT: AUDREY'S CLOWNS WIN BIG FOR HABITAT!

Local high schooler Audrey and her friends turned heads at the Beachcomber Halloween Event with their fun clown-themed campsite, earning second place in the competition. Their creative display brought lots of smiles — and helped raise \$808 for Habitat for Humanity Cape May.

The group's prize will go toward supporting Habitat Cape May's mission to build more workforce housing in the community. Audrey said she's proud of what the team accomplished and excited that their efforts will make a real difference for local families.

Congratulations to Audrey and her friends for combining creativity, community spirit, and support for an important cause!

CARS FOR HOMES

This season, make your end-of-year giving count by donating to Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program! When you donate a car, truck, boat, motorcycle, or other vehicle — running or not — you help raise funds to build affordable homes for local families in need. Free towing makes it easy to give back while clearing out space.

Why Give Before Year's End?

Your donation can support Habitat's mission right now and may qualify for a tax deduction when you itemize on your federal return. The amount you can deduct generally depends on the sale price of your vehicle — if it sells for more than \$500, you may deduct the full selling price; if \$500 or less, you may deduct its fair market value, up to \$500 (consult your tax advisor).

Give More Than a Gift — Give a Future

Donating is fast, free, and meaningful. Turn that old vehicle into a powerful gift of shelter and stability this holiday season!

