



HELPING HANDS

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**"Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
For as long as you can."**

- John Wesley

All the Good You Can

By Cathy Collins

I never cease to be amazed by the members of the Habitat Newburgh family. In the past few weeks, they have gone above and beyond even their normal level of get-it-done attitude. Volunteer-led Walk and Golf events together raised over \$100,000. We rocked out to a benefit concert put on by the band of a Board member and leader of the Builders Blitz Committee, and the PresbyBuild team put on another fantastic talent show. If that weren't enough fundraising, the generosity of our donors provided an additional \$10,000 raised for Hudson Valley Gives Day through our *Raise the Roof* campaign. And all the while we were building 4 new houses on Ann Street, working on 3 gut rehabs, and participating in National Women Build week. Plus the families who will purchase these homes completed their homeownership education classes. Now it's true that this was an exceptionally busy time; it's also true that there are always multiple things going on simultaneously to make the work of Habitat Newburgh happen.

The only way Habitat's work happens is that so many people—volunteers, donors, and staff alike—live the perspective of the quote above. I am heartened by the amount of time, energy, and gifts (monetary and otherwise) that people bring to our work day in and day out. Even more so because so many people share their gratefulness in being able to give—seeing their giving not only as a way to help others, but as a blessing in their own lives. The results speak for themselves in the families whose lives have been changed, in the homes that provide stability to a block, in the hope that has been created in the City of Newburgh. I am forever grateful for the community that gives so much and makes it possible.

Generous Donors 'Raise the Roof' and More!

Over \$10,000 donated to Habitat Newburgh on Hudson Valley Gives Day



On Wednesday, May 17, Habitat Newburgh celebrated Hudson Valley Gives Day by asking our supporters to 'Raise the Roof' and give \$3,000. With a matching gift from a generous donor, we would raise a total of \$6,000, enough to put a roof on one Habitat home.

You blew that goal out of the water! Because of your generosity, we raised over \$10,000. That's enough to put a roof on a Habitat house and then some!

We are honored and humbled by your support, and ready to keep building. THANK YOU!



The Chris O'Leary Band

Fundraiser for the 2018 Home Builders Blitz



Thank you The Chris O'Leary Band for an awesome show and for helping us raise funds for the next Builders Blitz houses!

Happy Father's Day!



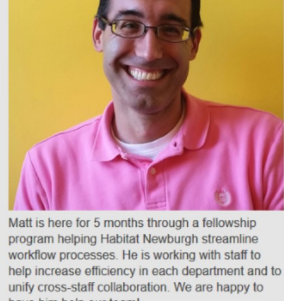
Future home buyer Manuel with his daughter at our volunteer coffee break. Manuel was putting up house wrap on their family's future home, while his daughter pitched in at the *Habitat Newburgh ReStore*!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

150-156 Ann Street

Our 4 Faith Build homes have undergone a significant transformation. In the last two weeks alone, half of the siding on 152, 154, and 156 Ann Street has been completed, giving these homes half of their 'skin'. We are also thrilled to see the drywall begin to be installed in 156. It has only been a short few months in these homes, but already they are bringing positive attention to the corner of Ann and South Johnson Street. There is still loads of work left to do, which means more opportunities for you to come out and volunteer!

Welcome Matt Mauriello!



Matt is here for 5 months through a fellowship program helping Habitat Newburgh streamline workflow processes. He is working with staff to help increase efficiency in each department and to unify cross-staff collaboration. We are happy to have him help our team!

Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Tour

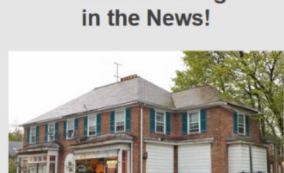


Join us for a FREE coach bus tour and learn more about Habitat's work in Newburgh. Tour in-progress rehabs and new builds, and see a completed Habitat Newburgh house. **All are welcome to join!**

Tours begin at our office
125 Washington St., Newburgh, NY
10:45 AM Sign-in & refreshments
11:00 AM Tour begins
Call (845) 898-8035 x109 to RSVP

Tour Dates:
Saturday, July 8
Wednesday, August 9

Habitat Newburgh in the News!



Surge of sales in of city-owned properties in Newburgh

"Kohl attributes the success to several factors: more aggressive marketing, a surge in demand from area residents, investors and downstate people looking for bargains, and the revitalization driven by the Newburgh Community Land Bank and Habitat for Humanity. 'People see they're making a visible difference,' he said of the Land Bank and Habitat."



Rundown Newburgh streets to get new life

"Among the properties, 13 are in an area north of Broadway where long-vacant houses are being renovated into affordable single-family homes and rental units as part of a collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh and RUPCO."



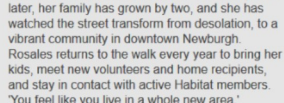
Habitat Newburgh celebrates dedicated builders

"It is not as though we are excluding men, we are just trying to include women in a nontraditional way with construction. It is not an industry which has been as open or has had as many women involved in it."



Habitat Rosales moved into her East Parmenter Home in 2010 with two of her children. She was one of the first families on the block. Seven years later, her family has grown by two, and she has watched the street transform from desolation, to a vibrant community in downtown Newburgh.

Rosales returns to the walk every year to bring her kids, meet new volunteers and home recipients, and stay in contact with active Habitat members. "You feel like you live in a whole new area," Rosales said."



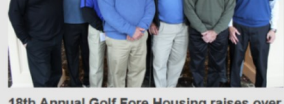
Habitat for Humanity walk draws crowd of 500

"Every hand, every heart and every dollar" counts, Collins said. And the best part: no experience is necessary. No matter what your skill set, there's a volunteer job to be found at Habitat, she said. "We'll teach you everything you need to know."



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Claudia's Corner: Spring may be stalled but cleaning continues

"Sales from the ReStore in Newburgh go towards Habitat for Humanity building projects. It is a great resource for both shopping and donating. You never know what you'll find there. They will take furniture, home décor, books, records and demo items from remodeling projects."

Thank you to the volunteer that came out to build with us this month!

West Point Women
Janis Berg & Friends
Key Bank
Washingtonville High School
Phillipstown Presbyterian

If you would like to schedule a Team Build day, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Matt Arbolino at (845) 898-8035 x110 or marbolino@habitatnewburgh.org

Keep up with the latest Habitat Happenings!



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Thank you to the incredible team of volunteers who organized another successful fundraiser to support the work of Habitat Newburgh! A special thank you to committee chair Bill Murphy, who has led this event for 18 years!

Women Build Week & Tool Clinic



We celebrated National Women Build Week by inviting women to join in on the construction site, and with a Women Build Tool Clinic. At the clinic, taught by long-time Habitat volunteer and Hudson Valley HandyYOMAN small business owner Vivian Rizzo, we learned how to safely use many of the common tools encountered on a build site.

Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to our guest instructor!

Volunteer / Donor SPOTLIGHT!

Tom Conroy

You can usually hear Tom coming by his infectious laugh. Tom Conroy has been a volunteer and donor to Habitat Newburgh for 15 years. He is a passionate advocate for Habitat who has worked on the construction site, and has served on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Golf Committee, and the Development Committee. As a donor, Tom gives personally and through his business, Allstate Thomas Conroy Agency, and has been a steady supporter of the Walk and Golf fundraiser events.

At Habitat, we love to put a volunteer's talents to work, and Tom is a man of many talents. One gift that he brings is the gift of gab! Tom has emceed the Walk for Housing and is our auctioneer at the Golf event. He has a way of getting everyone in the room in the same good mood that he is in, and telling jokes that have us rolling our eyes but belly laughing as well.

Tom feels a great pride in being a part of Habitat Newburgh. He believes that everyone should experience the joy of seeing what can be accomplished for families and the community. He shares that his favorite Habitat moment was when he first started volunteering. He was sweeping the basement floor with a young man who turned out to be the son of the future homeowner. Tom remembers the innocence, happiness, and appreciation that the young man expressed when speaking about his family's future home. This conversation has stayed with Tom, and continues to inspire him in his work with Habitat.

While Tom is proud of all that Habitat has accomplished, he also recognizes that there is so much work yet to be done. Anyone who knows him knows that if you are in his vicinity, you are likely to be invited (persuaded) to get on a bus tour, volunteer, and donate. We are grateful for Tom's unflagging enthusiasm for our work and for getting more people involved.



Year of Service with Habitat Newburgh

Join AmeriCorps!



Do you know someone who would like to join Habitat Newburgh for a year of service with AmeriCorps? As a Construction Crew Leader or as a Family Services Coordinator, they can make a tangible difference in the community and help families achieve their goals, all while gaining leadership skills and learning more about the non-profit world.

AmeriCorps members serve for 10.5 months and earn a living stipend, benefits, and an education award (upon completion of service).

To learn more or to apply, visit our website or contact Matt Arbolino



DATE CHANGE

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Dedication of 150, 152, 154, & 156 Ann Street, Faith Builds II



The four Ann Street houses will be dedicated at the end of July to homeowner families! Come out and celebrate the accomplishment of the faith communities that have sponsored these houses—Methodists & Friends Build, EpiscoBuild, & PresbyBuild—and the hard work of all of the volunteers and future homeowners who lent a hand in building them.

Redesigned Website is Live!



Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Check out our newly redesigned website! With a new look and updated messaging, this site strives to tell the Habitat Newburgh story, serve as a resource for information, and bring in new home buyers, volunteers, and donors.

We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we iron out the kinks. If you spot a typo or issue, please let us know so we can address it.

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming events in 2017

Sunday, July 30 Dedication of 150, 152, 154, & 156 Ann Street

Saturday, August 19 Dedication of 131 Carson

Saturday, September 30 Dedication of 30 S. Miller

Thursday, October 26 Building Houses, Building Hope Fundraising Breakfast

Donations and purchases build houses, too.



Please visit our website at www.habitatnewburgh.org
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