

2019 July 01, 2018 - June 30, 2019





message

from the board president and executive director

Dear Habitat Friends.

The following report reflects Habitat for Humanity Choptank's accomplishments for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. As you will discover, this past year, Habitat Choptank served more families than ever before through our expanded focus on and commitment to Neighborhood Revitalization.

Now we find ourselves in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and never before in the history of this organization has the safety and shelter of a home been more important. We assure you that we remain committed to continuing our efforts and exploring new and bold strategies in FY20 and beyond, that support our vision of a world where everyone has a decent, affordable place to live.

Thank you for your continued involvement, dedication and support, without which we would not be able to lend a helping hand to hardworking individuals and families in need of safety and shelter in the communities where we live and work.

Respectfully,

George J. Fox Board President JoAnn Hansen
Executive Director



our mission

To work in partnership with God and all people to build, rehab and repair homes, improve the quality of life in communities and restore hope in the lives of those we serve.





our vision

We envision a world where everyone has a decent affordable place to live beginning with the eradication of poverty housing in blighted neighborhoods in Dorchester & Talbot Counties.

our values

Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ through word and action;

Deliver high quality services and demonstrate respect at all levels of partnership;

Empower clients through education, support services and access to resources;

Ensure that the principles of sweat equity, repayment, and education leading to financial independence are incorporated into all aspects of service delivery;

Promote dignity and hope through strategies that lead to decent and affordable housing; and

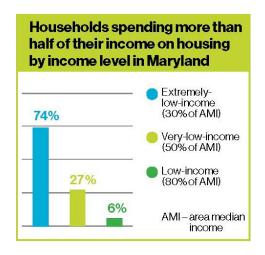
Support sustainable and transformational community development through partnerships with other public and private organizations.

the need is great

Did you know that 1 in 6 households in the U.S. spend more than half of their income on housing?

It gets worse when you consider income level – 74% of households at the extremely low income level in Maryland spend more than half of their income on housing.

These families are forced to make impossible choices. Safe homes. Nutritious food on the table. Health care. Access to good schools. Reliable transportation. Which would you choose?



Source: Habitat for Humanity International and the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University's The State of the Nation's Housing 2019 Report.



our community impact



3 weatherization and critical home repairs

AAAAA

85 community members served

through our home maintenance workshops, annual resource fair, and resource linkage outreach

6 community development activities

collaborated with the City of Cambridge and other non-profits to bring energy and resources to Cornish Park in the center of the community where we build

576
volunteers
25,722
volunteer hours



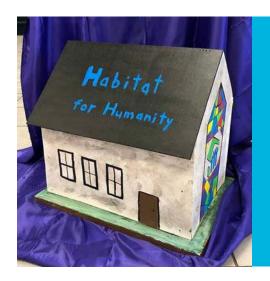
what we do building homes

In FY2019, Habitat Choptank continued our efforts to build homes that are durable, accessible, and affordable in Easton in Talbot County and Cambridge and Hurlock in Dorchester County. While 16 homes were under construction, four homes were completed and sold – two in Easton, one in Cambridge and one in Hurlock.

Building homes that are durable, accessible, and affordable means building with low maintenance materials that last. It also means incorporating design features – such as wider doorways for wheelchair accessibility and lever door handles – that allow the homeowner to age in place. Energy-efficiency is also important in keeping monthly bills lower for our homeowners, so we incorporate an Energy Star water heater and improved insulation.

We also look for innovations that reduce building costs and allow us to build more quickly. In FY2019, we started using panelized walls in some locations and will be investigating modular housing in FY2020.

In addition, Habitat Choptank broke ground on the Brooks Lane neighborhood in St. Michaels, Maryland on September 8, 2018, initiating the development of seven durable and energy-efficient homes. The Brooks Lane property was generously donated by the Dodson family with additional support provided by the estate of Robert and Beverly Wolffe, Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development, Talbot County, and the Town of St. Michaels. This generous support funded infrastructure and site work, and the first four homes are now underway in various stages of construction.



faith build house

The fourth of the St. Michaels homes is called our Faith Build, with the construction supported by communities of faith in the Bay 100 area. These churches and other individuals contribute prayers, construction volunteers, donations, and food for those working on the house. Construction of this home is underway with completion scheduled for FY2020.



our volunteers

Thank you to the 576 hard-working volunteers who contributed 25,722 hours of their time and talent to help make our work possible.

100 - 199 hours

Joan Bailey

Robert Baldwin

Mary Ellen Bauer

Byron Belcher

Sean Callahan

Kim Cassady

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Dick Deerin

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200-499 hours

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Jan Swigert

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Wayne Towers

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Dick Weaver Roy Weedon

Tom Wilson

Sandy Wrightson

Skip Wrightson

500 - 749 hours

Byron Belcher

Mark Dyott

Fred Haller

Sandy Hollicky

Pam Martinsen

Terri Spence

Chuck Weber

1,000 hours & **Greater**

Nathan Kish



volunteer awards



golden hammerDave Perry



golden hard hat Byron Belcher



golden globe awardDon Schmigel



golden couple award Cindy Lilley and Jill Jasuta



community partner of the year ShoreRivers



golden ladder award Jennifer Grier



special awardDick Weaver



contractor of the year Shoreline Painting



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faith partner of the yearWaugh Chapel United Methodist Church



volunteer groups

Thank you to these groups who generously donated their time and volunteered with us between July 2018 and June 2019.

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St. Mark's United Methodist Church (Easton)

Sts. Peter and Paul High School

Volunteer Maryland AmeriCorps Members



volunteer highlight

Bob Mawyer has been a volunteer with Habitat Choptank since December 2018. Prior to committing to serve as our Database Administrator two days a week, Bob retired from a 31-year career in IT to Hooper's Island. He now makes the hour-long drive to our office in Trappe and Habitat Choptank is the benefactor of his generous spirit, extraordinary expertise and genuine interest in our mission. Not only is he instrumental in managing the data management needs for our fundraising, volunteer and administrative efforts, he does it all with a good-natured spirit and ready smile.



what we do building community

Habitat Choptank's Neighborhood Revitalization is a holistic approach that expands our traditional partnership with new homeowners and volunteers to include neighbors and local organizations for a far greater impact in the communities we serve. While home construction continues to play a vital role, a bigger toolbox that includes repairs and other services allows us to serve more families.

Habitat Choptank has been building our Neighborhood Revitalization program through partnerships with Dorchester County and the City of Cambridge, as well as other local community organizations, to affect real and sustainable change in the Pine Street Historic Neighborhood in Cambridge.

Helping Hands Revolving Loan Fund

Low income homeowners face tough choices when challenged by home repair needs. Some homeowners choose to pay other pressing bills, putting off needed repairs, or they are faced with taking out an unsecured personal loan at 29% interest because of low home values. Hardworking, low income families need another solution, so in FY19, we designed our Helping Hands Revolving Loan Fund to help families make these home repairs. Based on the Habitat principles of sweat equity, payback, and education, homeowners repay repair costs on an income-based sliding scale. The repayment creates a fund to complete future repairs for other families. We are grateful to the Todd Fund and the Mid-Shore Community Foundation for providing funding for the program and to Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development through their Community Investment Tax Credit program, which allocated tax credits to donors to the revolving loan fund.

Senior Resource Fair and Block Parties

Neighborhood Revitalization also means helping the community with projects, resources and information. Habitat Choptank and Waugh Chapel in Cambridge, Maryland held a senior resource fair in August 2018 for 80 attendees for a day of DIY demonstrations, home maintenance presentations, and neighborhood fun. Habitat Choptank, the Community Garden at Waugh Chapel, and Shore Rivers also partnered to Rock the Block in April 2019. Over 50 volunteers and community members gathered to clear debris, tires, and invasive species from lots on High Street in Cambridge and garden beds were cleared and raised to increase accessibility for community members.

AmeriCorps

Our AmeriCorps National members are an integral part of Habitat Choptank's team. In FY19, our AmeriCorps member, Kiesa Smith supported Neighborhood Revitalization in Cambridge by conducting outreach in the Cambridge community, as well as helping on our owner-occupied home repairs for families in need. Kiesa's work increased our capacity to serve more families.







what we do building hope

From our partner families to our tithing program to the ways we connect to our faith, there is so much that gives us hope here at Habitat Choptank.

partner families

We have many wonderful partner families, and they all have a moving story to share. One such story is that of Harry Seldon. Not too long ago, Harry was homeless, living in his car. He came to Habitat Choptank in early 2018 and began his journey. He first moved into rental housing, and then began putting in his "sweat" equity hours, saving for closing costs, and taking his prehomeownership classes. Harry moved into his home on Port Street in Easton on April 27, 2019 and he could not be happier. Just look at that smile on his face!

tithe to el salvador and haiti

U.S. Habitat organizations tithed more than \$14.6 million in FY2019. As a tithe partner, Habitat Choptank allocated 10% of unrestricted donations to international Habitat communities in need. And we are pleased that Habitat Choptank was among the top ten tithers in FY2019 for intermediate-sized affiliates! We chose Habitat for Humanity Haiti and Habitat for Humanity El Salvador where the need is great as the recipients of our tithing funds. We tithed a total of \$32.712; with \$24.543 for Haiti and \$8.178 for El Salvador.

1 in 6 U.S. households pay half or more of their income on housing.

Let's do something about it.



Help make the #CostofHome something we all can afford. habitat.org/costofhome



prayer walk

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat Choptank is working with the City of Cambridge and community partners to revitalize the Pine and High Street areas through community engagement, new builds and critical safety repairs to homes of qualifying residents. In support of that work, we held a Prayer Walk through the neighborhood on September 16, 2018 where we stopped to pray at our job sites, as well as at homes of current Habitat homeowners. We invited others to join us along the way to spiritually bless the work we are doing and families we serve. What an uplifting day!

cost of home campaign

Families all across the United States are paying too high a price to cover the cost of their home. Everywhere you look—cities, suburbs, rural areas—the stability that home should bring remains out of reach for too many families. One solution is Habitat for Humanity International's Cost of Home Advocacy Campaign that was launched in June 2019. Affiliates across the country - including Habitat Choptank - are engaging housing advocates and federal, state and local policymakers to advance access to safe, decent and affordable homes.

habitat affiliate conference

Thanks to donors who gave to the Nancy Andrew Team Development Fund, our staff were able to attend the Habitat for Humanity International Affiliate Conference in Atlanta in March 2019. Bringing together affiliate representatives from across the country and abroad, the Conference was critical for sharing information, strategies, tools, and success stories. Habitat Choptank staff had a chance to develop as a team and came home with great ideas to move our affiliate forward.



Habitat for Humanity Choptank is thankful for our many generous donors who believe in our mission and work with us to seek a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live.

The information contained in the following sections reflects total giving for all projects and campaigns conducted by Habitat Choptank including grants, cash gifts, Carpenters Club, Special Events, in-kind gifts, legacy gifts and all other special projects between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

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Decent and affordable housing provides a cornerstone for stability, security and opportunity.

Habitat Choptank's Cornerstone Society members provide a stable, financial base on which we can build our programs and provide solutions for affordable housing here in Dorchester and Talbot Counties. We have been blessed with a group of donors who have remembered Habitat Choptank in their estate or long-term financial plans. We appreciate these donors and their generous planned gifts which allow us to build for the future.

If you are interested in becoming a Cornerstone Society member and are updating your will, you can consider adding Habitat Choptank as a recipient using the following simple language:

After fulfilling other provisions, I give, devise and bequeath _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (or \$_____ if a specific amount) to Habitat for Humanity Choptank.

If you have already planned a legacy gift to benefit Habitat Choptank, please let us know. We will respect your privacy and anonymity, if desired and ensure your wishes are fully understood and carried out.

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Carpenter's Club Member Benefits

- · Each contribution is 100% taxdeductible.
- Donors have a hand in building every house for every family we serve.
- If an email address is provided, Habitat Choptank sends an email with special updates and our monthly newsletter that shows the progress of the houses currently under construction.
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We are blessed to operate the Habitat Choptank ReStore on Commerce Drive in Easton. In FY19, \$113,539 in funds went directly to support the cost of building homes in Dorchester and Talbot Counties.

Our ReStore accepts home improvement items and new and gently used furniture, appliances, home goods, building materials and more. We also need volunteers to support the store's operation - from cashiers to interior design and decorators to floor staff. Consider contacting our ReStore at 410-820-6186 to learn about our current volunteer opportunities.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Two special events were held by Habitat Choptank in FY19 that provided critical funding for our work to build homes, community and hope.

The Hunt for Habitat, held in honor and memory of Herbert 'Herby' Andrew on November 30, 2018, was a huge success, raising \$33,365 from the silent and live auction of hunting and fishing experiences donated by local hunting enthusiasts and long-time friends of Mr. Andrew. Thank you to Greg Whitten and David DeLuca for chairing this event.

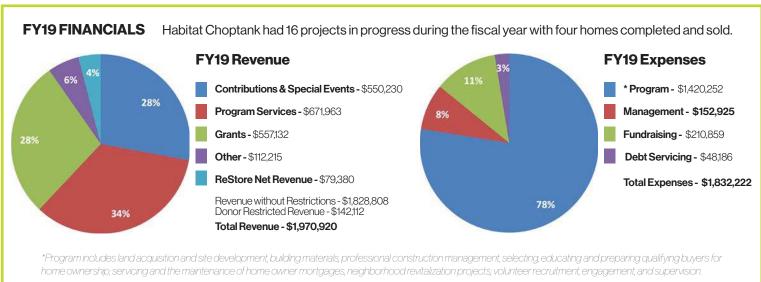
The Annual Golf Tournament under the leadership of Fred Haller and Brett Whitehead was held on June 7, 2019 at River Marsh Golf Club at the Hyatt in Cambridge. Operating for the 13th year, the tournament raised \$24,459 from sponsors, event proceeds, and donations.

SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

In FY19, Habitat Choptank received a grant of \$8,000 from the Nathan Foundation to repair the work trailer and purchase the tools necessary to fully outfit the trailer used at job sites in Hurlock, Maryland. The trailer was damaged and the tools stolen during a break in and theft. The tools are critical to our construction work in building high quality, affordable and energy-efficient homes. The grant enabled us to keep costs down and continue our work.

Since 2007, the Nathan Foundation has generously supported Habitat Choptank's work in Dorchester County. Providing grants totaling nearly \$100,000 has allowed Habitat Choptank to construct homes where the need for affordable housing continues to grow.





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