



#### **Volunteer from Home**

Although he could not be on site during the pandemic, our incredible volunteer, Ron Wolfe has been able to support our work from the comfort of his home. Check out this beautiful outdoor patio set he built, which will be included in our *Forever Home* Auction in June!

You too can get involved and put your talent to work to support Habitat Choptank. Whatever your ability or interest -- whether it be in carpentry, sewing, photography or designing gift baskets -- you can help! For more information, please contact Nora Skiver at <a href="mailto:volunteers@habitatchoptank.org">volunteers@habitatchoptank.org</a>.

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## **Cornish Park Cleanup**

Choptank RiverKeepers invited community members to join them for a clean up day in Cambridge earlier this month. Habitat Choptank staff members joined other community volunteers and spent the morning beautifying Cornish Park in the Pine Street District. Together, the volunteers collected 50 bags of trash in just under two hours.

# Women Build

Thank you to all of our volunteers, staff, and donors who supported our Virtual Women Build Week! Your support helps to build stronger communities and provides hope for more families at a time when it is needed most. Did you miss Women Build Week this year? Don't worry; there's still time for you to check out the awesome DIY videos our volunteers and staff put together!

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### **Congress answers Habitat's call**

Habitat for Humanity is applauding Congress for responding to its call for emergency mortgage assistance for low-income homeowners. The House and Senate included nearly \$10 billion in mortgage payment support in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

"Millions of American families have lost income during this pandemic through no fault of their own, putting them at real risk of falling behind on their housing payments," said Jonathan T.M. Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. "Mortgage payment assistance for low-income homeowners, coupled with the ongoing foreclosure moratoriums, will help families stay safe in their homes. With vaccines rolling out and an economic rebound on the horizon, this payment assistance will provide a vital bridge to a more secure future. We are thankful that Congress has answered our call for support for low-income homeowners."

Habitat supporters, through the Cost of Home campaign, have sent thousands of messages to their congressional representatives calling for this assistance. The legislation includes several other housing provisions that Habitat supported, including \$21 billion for state and local emergency rental assistance programs, \$5 billion for emergency Housing Choice Vouchers, \$100 million for housing counseling, and \$39 million for the USDA Section 502 and 504 home loan programs.

### upcoming events









This gorgeous table is on display & for sale at Reclaimed in St. Michaels. All proceeds from its sale will go to Habitat Choptank!

Stay tuned for ReStore Online Forever Home a Virtual House Auction Auction Tour!

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