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Choptank

## Message from the Executive Director

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Dear Friends & Supporters,

I'm not sure any of us could have predicted where we'd be today given the unforeseen impact of COVID-19. However, I can assure you that with the support of volunteers, donors, community partners and friends, we press onward firmly committed to Habitat Choptank's mission to build homes, community and hope in Dorchester & Talbot Counties. And we are grateful for the support that you have provided along the way.

This month, you'll be receiving a story in the mail about one of our homebuyers, Silvia. Please take time to read her story and, if you are able, help us help more individuals like Silvia establish safe homes for their families. The stability and safety that a home brings is desperately needed in these times.

### **Volunteer Support**

As you may have heard, Habitat volunteers with 100 hours or more of service this past year have been hard at work on our job sites and in our ReStore. We wish we could open this up to new volunteers or those with fewer hours, but at this time we need to carefully follow the guidance established by Habitat for Humanity International.

If you are new to Habitat Choptank or don't quite have the 100 hours of service, and would still like to volunteer, the opportunity to do so from your own home is available. Our ReStore will provide items from their inventory

to be repurposed or upcycled. This could involve sanding and staining, painting, reframing, or completely transforming an item. It really is up to you and your creativity, interests and talents. Items then would be resold in our ReStore or during a future auction, helping to generate more funds that are allocated back into our mission. If this is something that you'd be interested in doing, please contact Max, our ReStore Manager, at [manager@habitatchoptank.org](mailto:manager@habitatchoptank.org).

### **ReStore Operations**

Please be advised that ReStore hours have changed temporarily. At least for the month of August, we will be open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6pm and closed on Saturday. This is to ensure that our staff and volunteers remain as safe as possible, that we can adequately provide the level of customer service needed, and to ensure that we have the ability to replenish merchandise in our newly expanded store. This is temporary and we hope to return to normal Saturday hours in the future. We will keep everyone apprised of future changes.

We are grateful to those in the community who continue to donate and shop in our ReStore to support the need for quality affordable housing in Dorchester & Talbot Counties. **Remember, ReStore donation drop-offs and pick-ups must be scheduled in advance by calling the ReStore at 410-820-6186**. This also helps to keep everyone safe.

To stay up to date on changes at our Restore, please be sure to like us on FaceBook. This will also ensure that you receive timely information about our weekly online auction of unique ReStore items. If you don't have FaceBook, no problem, just let us know that you'd like to be added to the auction e-mail list. You can reach out to our Development Manager at [development@habitatchoptank](mailto:development@habitatchoptank) for more information or to be added to the list.

### **Home Buyer & Home Repair Programs**

If someone that you know needs affordable housing help, please encourage them to take time to call and talk to our Client Services Manager, Pat Ingram, for new homebuyers, or our Family Services Coordinator, Tara Felts, for existing homeowners. They can be reached at 410-476-3204 and can walk you or someone you know through the process. This is so important in dispelling some of the misinformation that people have about our programs.

If you happen to know an employer that would like us to make a presentation about any of our programs to their employees, we are happy to do that as well.

And if you or someone you know would like to support our mission of building homes, community and hope with a financial contribution, I welcome a conversation to discuss how to make that gift meaningful to you and your loved ones.

We continue to ask for everyone's cooperation and patience as we monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our operations. Please continue to keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy and please pray for our ministry and our community.

God bless you and yours,  
JoAnn Hansen



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