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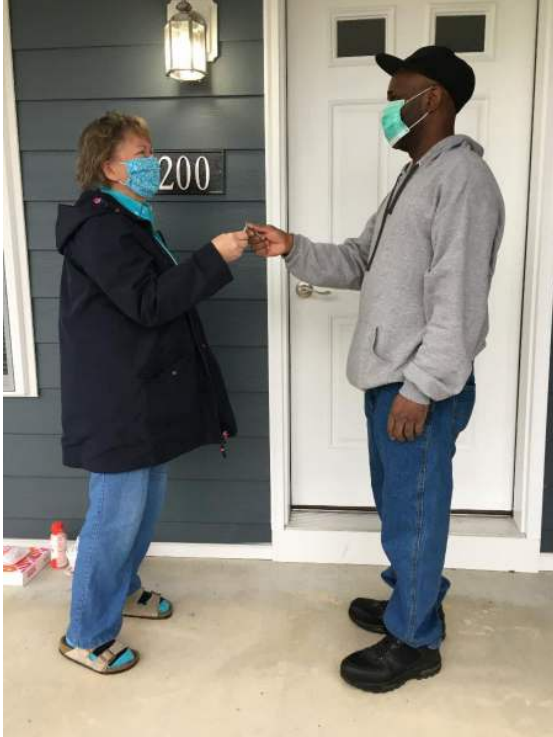
Nicole Diehl moved into her home in St. Michaels in March.



Amy Nichols moved into her home in Hurlock in late April.



Silvia Serrano moved into her home in St. Michaels in June.



Greg Walls moved into his home in Hurlock in April.



Katina Emory moved into her Easton home in June.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition released a new report revealing that minimum and average wages for renters fall well short of what is needed to afford rent across the U.S.. You can read the full report [here](#).

This report confirms that the world already was experiencing a housing crisis well before the global pandemic. COVID-19 has helped reveal its extent — and added to its urgency. Everyone has been forced to consider the fundamental importance of having a safe, decent and affordable place to call home.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, in a span of 3 months, five Habitat Choptank homebuyers were able to move into their forever homes in Dorchester and Talbot Counties! This would not have been possible without your continued support.

Many of our homebuyers are on the front lines for us and it is with your support that we will be able to continue building homes, communities, and hope for hard-working families in Dorchester and Talbot County. The continued outreach, partnership and building of quality, safe and affordable homes by Habitat Choptank is more critical now than ever. And, now more than ever, we need you.

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One Year Anniversary of the Cost of Home Campaign



Through [#CostOfHome](#), Habitat for Humanity's first U.S. advocacy campaign, Habitat Choptank has joined local Habitat organizations across the U.S. to help tackle the exacerbated housing stability and affordability challenges in our communities.

Over 18 million U.S. households were paying half or more of their income on housing before [#COVID19](#). The Cost Of Home turned one year old in June as over 40 million people have filed for unemployment, increasing the need for affordable and stable homes.

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ReStore Update

We reopened our ReStore on Tuesday, June 30th. We are doing everything we can to keep our staff, our volunteers, and our customers safe. Due to COVID-19, we have made a number of changes that include the following:

- 1) We will be limiting our store to 75 customers at a time.
- 2) All customers **MUST** wear a mask covering their mouth and nose at all times while in the building.
- 3) Our bathrooms will be closed to customers.
- 4) Our current hours are limited to Tues. - Sat. 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Beginning in August, our hours will



ReStore hours will be reassessed as needed in

change to Tues. - Fri. 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be no shopping hours on Saturday.

response to COVID-19 numbers in Maryland to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this uncertain time.

Welcome to our new part-time cashier, Erin Hoff!

Erin Hoff is a Habitat homeowner and has been volunteering at our ReStore for almost 3 years. In those 3 years, Erin has priced items for the sales floor, greeted customers, organized files, and helped behind the cash register.

Erin is especially grateful for everyone who helped her get to where she is right now; "without them, I don't think I would have been able to get or transition into this new position so easily," she said of the team she began volunteering with.

Despite initial nerves regarding the reopening of the ReStore, Erin is "excited to see how things grow customer-wise and sales-wise."



Erin and her family received the keys to their home in October and are happy to be in their forever home.



Welcome to our new part-time driver, Greg Walls!

Greg Walls recently became a Habitat



Welcome to our new part-time cashier, Nicole Diehl!

Nicole Diehl also recently became a

homeowner! Greg was one of the 5 homeowners who have moved into their homes since March. He received the keys to his Habitat home in Hurlock in April.

We're incredibly excited for Greg to join our ReStore team as a part-time truck driver especially given his past experience as a driver! Be sure to say "hi" to Greg next time you schedule a donation pick-up!

Habitat homeowner! She moved into her home in St. Michaels in March. She has quickly settled into her home with her two daughters.

Nicole is excited to get out and work, since her current position with the school system is still unknown. "I love my house but I'm tired of seeing the same four walls."

We're also incredibly excited for Nicole to join our ReStore team as a temporary part-time cashier!

We all hope to see you soon! **Please like us on Facebook for more updates.**

As a reminder, we are currently accepting donations for pick-up and drop-off **by appointment only.**

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Our Weekly Online Auction



This 28 bottle Koldfront wine cooler is one of the three great items featured in this week's online auction.

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July 24 - July 27
Weekly Online Auction

July 31 - August 3rd
Weekly Online Auction



