



HABITAT INSIDER

IMPORTANT NEWS BULLETIN

Message from Our Executive Director



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Executive Director

During this uncertain time, you and I are ever grateful for the protection and safety our own homes provide. We are mindful however, that there are many in our community who cannot “shelter in place” because they either do not have shelter or because their shelter is crowded, unsafe or unhealthy.

We do not know how this pandemic will unfold in the weeks ahead. But we do know that no one will be harder hit than those families who are at the core of our mission.

Please join me, our staff, volunteers and board members in ensuring the mission and ministry of Habitat Choptank - **building homes, community and hope** - continues.

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COVID-19 IMPACT ON HABITAT CHOPTANK



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Right now, every aspect of our affiliate has been hit hard, from our ReStore closure to the postponement of our Special Event to closing job sites to our construction volunteers, all activities which challenge our ability to continue to serve those in need of quality, affordable shelter.

Never before has our mission been more important.

Here's a brief update on our recent activities.

1. We have reached out to all of our Habitat mortgage holders to assess the impact of this crisis on their families. We will report on the results and ways that you can get involved in future news bulletins.
2. Our Mortgage Servicing Committee is actively engaged in ways to ease the strain on families by restructuring mortgages to ensure that those who cannot make payments due to job loss or health issues do not have to worry.
3. Though operations have slowed with the loss of valuable help from our volunteer force, we are happy to report that we are still on track with construction for families scheduled to complete sweat equity and savings within the next 6 months.
4. Where homes are completed and buyers are ready, in order to speed up the process of providing safety and shelter, we will be renting to two families until their mortgages are processed and approved.
5. Affiliate staff are currently working from home utilizing technologies that enable us to connect and work remotely. We continue to assess the impact of this pandemic on our Habitat homeowners, complete mortgage documents and loan applications, and build and shore up our operations, as well as plan for the future.
6. In addition to supervising contractors on job sites, our Construction staff are also providing support for the renovations taking place at the ReStore. Construction is still considered an essential business in Maryland. **The ReStore, however, remains closed to the public and cannot accept donations.**

While Habitat Choptank cannot affect an immediate change in the short-term of this pandemic, the long-term benefits of our work do indeed help to keep families—and the greater community—safe and healthy.

And it's your support, our volunteers, donors, and advocates, that gives our partner families the hand-up they need to build a solid foundation for the future, and for that we thank you!

Be on the lookout for updates and more ways you can help support Habitat Choptank. In the meantime, your donations are greatly appreciated. No gift is too small.



All events postponed until further notice.

Please like us on Facebook so that you continue to receive important and timely messages.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our community remains safe and healthy.

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