



Habitat
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Choptank

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends & Supporters,

For many of us, this year has been extremely challenging and from what we see and hear around us, it will continue to be for some time. Having said that, I encourage you to reflect on the lens that you are using to view your world. Is it a lens that focuses on the challenge or the opportunity created through the challenge? Is it a lens that can adjust to different and unfamiliar color and light? Is it a lens that can focus in on the detail as well as adjust to the big picture? Is it a lens that enables you to see what someone else sees, or feel what someone else feels?

The Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Choptank recently adopted a new Strategic Plan. If you'd like to review the plan, please [click here](#). It required applying a new lens to the work that the organization has been doing for the past 28 years. It required a shift in thinking about and better understanding what we do and what is needed by the families who live in the neighborhoods in which we work.

As you review the plan, you will find a focus on Neighborhood Revitalization in two communities in our service area, while remaining open to new opportunities and an overall desire to help people secure and maintain safe and affordable housing in a time such as this.

This plan will continue to require adjusting our lens to bring creative solutions to old challenges. Creative solutions that invite more light, more color, a different perspective, a new angle... and an invitation to work together to bring about a kind of beauty and magic that is no less than spectacular when it happens.

We are excited about the possibilities ahead of us, from building and repairing more

homes, to expanding our Americorps program to bring more education, outreach and support services to the community, to creating a structure for teaching home building skills to those in need of jobs and interested in making a difference, to empowering residents and homeowners to use their voice for positive change in their communities. We are inspired to see people from different walks of life come together to build homes, community and hope.

Despite what we each see and feel when we look through the lens, we each have a purpose, a story to tell, a mission to accomplish that is all part of God's promise that he will work all things together for the good of those who love and serve him.

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)***

That's a promise that I find myself needing to rest on more and more during these difficult times. My prayer continues to be that God would grant us all the strength and wisdom to fulfill his purpose in us with a heart of love, and thanksgiving for his many blessings. May they be yours as we enter into this season of thanksgiving and wonder.

If someone you know needs affordable housing, has a question about our ministry or would like to volunteer, please encourage them to call or e-mail us at 410-476-3204 or info@habitatchoptank.org. And if you or someone you know would like to get more involved in supporting 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.

Please continue to keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy.

God bless you and yours,
JoAnn Hansen



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