At Habitat Bucks, we are privileged to serve our community. With your support, our impact shifts the trajectory of a family in a positive direction, because housing affects every part of life: education, health, economic success. Through the power of homeownership, the lives of these individual families are transformed, and so the entire community thrives when its members break the cycle of poverty.

However, we recognize that there is still more to do. There are far too many households in our county paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs. This is by definition, “housing cost burdened”, and puts individuals and families in situations where they must make choices between eating well, buying necessary medications or paying the rent. In addition, many local homeowners are living in unhealthy or unsafe conditions, because for various reasons such as age or health issues, they cannot afford to make critical repairs.

The Habitat Bucks board of directors and staff are dedicated to making an even greater impact in our county. Through rehabilitating homes to sell to new homeowners, we are removing blighted properties from our communities. By making repairs for struggling homeowners, many can remain safely in their home towns. And our Almost Home financial mentoring program is a wonderful resource for individuals to learn valuable skills to improve their financial standing, and as a result, position themselves for homeownership.

You will make a positive impact on our community by volunteering, financially supporting our mission and by advocating to others about the need for affordable housing solutions in Bucks County. Building Communities, Empowering Families. These are not just words to us, they are our calling.
Family Impact:
Homeownership Highlight

As a single mom for nearly 15 years, Jennifer never thought homeownership was financially possible. On the advice of another Habitat Bucks homeowner, she reached out to Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County. She enrolled in Almost Home, a six month program, which directly connects participants to financial counselors and coaches. The Almost Home program provided Jennifer with the skills she needed to pay down her debt and increase her credit scores. Instead of barely surviving paycheck to paycheck and “just making ends meet,” Jennifer was able to build her savings. After reviewing her financial achievements halfway through the program, a Habitat Bucks staff member encouraged Jennifer to apply for a home and despite her fear of yet more rejection, she was approved!

Jennifer was a vital part of the home renovations and purchased her new home in August 2018. Her teenage children worked alongside her, very aware of Jennifer’s courage in reaching for her dream, her tenacity in completing her sweat equity requirements and her faith that...not only was this dream actually going to come true...she was able to do it despite all the challenges that stood in her way. At a special Home Dedication ceremony, her son said, “I’ve never seen my Mom work so hard for something before. Thank you, Mom!”

Safer Living for a Three-Generation Family

Griffin and Jane were facing the looming cancellation of their homeowner’s insurance due to the serious disrepair of their front porch. But the cost of the repairs was far more than they could afford. As regular shoppers of Habitat Bucks’ Chalfont ReStore, they noticed a Home Repair brochure on display and followed up with a call to Karen Reever, Habitat Bucks Community Development Manager. Once Construction Director, Mike Fallon, came out and reviewed both the exterior and interior of the home, a plan was established to address much needed safety and accessibility issues.

“It has changed my life,” Griffin said. The porch repair, step modification and addition of double handrails has been a first step toward preservation of safe, affordable housing for this three-generation family.

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## Impact By The Numbers
### Habitat Homes
- **1** New Construction
- **5** ReHabitat Homes

### Almost Home
- **50** Participants
- **1,500** Hours of homebuyer education
- **21** Graduates

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### ReStores
- **13,881** Donations
- **85,923** Sales transactions
- **56,916** MILES driven to pick up donations
- **2,547,000 LBS.** of material diverted from landfills

- **42** Cars donated via Cars for Homes, raising: **$18,965**

- **Top-selling item:** FURNITURE

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