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Habitat Bucks was built on the foundation of bringing people together, and with your support, over the last 30 years, together we've built 120 houses and preserved another 116 homes through significant repairs, all with the express purpose of building homes, communities and hope.

Today as we all navigate the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, it is even more critical that we bring people together to support one another. For those with stable housing, social distancing means figuring out the logistics of working remotely, transitioning

school-aged children to learning at home, avoiding crowds, and adjusting one's mindset.

Still, there are far too many families in Bucks County for whom social distancing and other pandemic restrictions aren't as straightforward as they sound. When a person is living in substandard or overcrowded conditions, sheltering in place only increases the feelings of uncertainty and vulnerability. The uncertainty that so many of us feel today, these families have felt for a lifetime - if not generations.

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COMING HOME FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



This is an unprecedented moment where every one of us has been forced to deeply consider the fundamental importance of home – of having safe, decent and affordable shelter. Bucks County was already experiencing a housing crisis long before COVID-19. The pandemic has only made our work more urgent.

We've been building community and empowering families for over 30 years, because we know our neighbors need our help.

Now more than ever, we need you.

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Homeownership Highlight | MEET DAMIAN & JOANNE

"The most positive change has been time - quality family time together."

Joanne can relax now, as she feels safer in her new home and can send her children to better schools. She appreciates the quiet of living in the suburbs. Her husband Damian is obsessed with his new yard, mower and trimmer. And for the kids, it's all about bikes and basketball.

Before, they were living in a cramped 2-bedroom apartment where the boys had to sleep in their parents' room to avoid neighbors' cigarette smoke seeping into the children's bedroom. The health benefits are very important, but their new Habitat home has also improved their financial picture. As Joanne looked at her new utility bills, she was shocked at how energy efficient their new home is.

Joanne's advice to anyone thinking of applying for a Habitat home, "Go for it; do it! It's the best thing that could happen to somebody. Push toward your dreams."

Home Repair Highlight | MEET MARGARET

Margaret, age 70 and a recent widow, is raising three grandchildren in her home in Langhorne. She contacted us as she was worried about numerous deteriorating conditions in the house. When the Habitat repair team came to assess her needs, we found her exterior stairs were in a very dangerous condition and the exterior door accessing her kitchen was rotted. Our crew began with her safety and access issues first.

With her new stair and door, Margaret feels safer and grateful to have our repair team addressing these and other safety issues.

"Thanks again for your professionalism, quality, and attention to detail. I am delighted."



Before



Are you required to take a mandatory distribution from your IRA account each year and burdened by the associated taxes? Many people feel that the direct transfer of funds from an IRA is a great way to help families of and make it a part of their legacy.

We are here to help you make your impact, your way!

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I wanted to drop a line of appreciation to everyone who has ever opened their heart to Habitat Bucks, this as I acknowledge the personal privilege of enjoying 20 years in my Habitat home...I'll never forget the expression of love. I started as an empty vessel and truly ended up overflowing with all things good, given so freely by strangers....Each one counted in my heart; never to be forgotten....To those I haven't met, accept this note of gratitude for what you are doing today. Only when your family's basic needs are met can you become who God would want you to be. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

- Peggy, Habitat Bucks homeowner

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