

# Impact (Fiscal Year 2021 July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

## Homeownership

2 Habitat Homes Dedicated

85 Almost Home Participants

9 families received Covid 19 mortgage assistance

## Home Repair

45 Home Repairs

33 repairs were critical and made homes safer

12 repairs improved accessibility



29,952 donations of items

4.6MM lbs. diverted from landfill

46 cars donated via Cars for Homes, raising \$38,207



## Volunteers

467 Volunteers

15,267 Hours

There were months during the pandemic when we were unable to engage new volunteers. However, a core of superstar committed volunteers helped us keep things running. We are forever grateful to each one.

We are blessed by all volunteers who are now able to return to us, and truly make a difference. **Thank you!**



### Volunteer with us!

**Meet Carl:** Retired after 32 years with Dow Chemical, he was looking for a way to give back to his community. When our ReStore relocated to Warminster, ten minutes from his home, he came by to check out our volunteer opportunities. "The best thing is the people: young, retirees...it keeps you fresh. I also don't have to exercise at home; I get my work out here."

**For info: [volunteer@habitatbucks.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatbucks.org)**



**This Could Be You**

### Join our Restore staff

- Generous vacation time
- 401k
- Health and dental benefits available

*"I love the people I work with."* - Laura  
*"I wanted something physical."* - Josh  
*"I wanted to be doing something good for my community."* - Ryan

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# #cost of home

COMING HOME  
FALL 2021



### The Cost of Home is Rising

With your support, Habitat Bucks has been serving people in our community for over 30 years. As your local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we focus our efforts on building and repairing homes right here in Bucks County. We are currently facing some significant challenges. The high cost of land in Bucks County and the increased cost of building materials nationwide are affecting our ability to build affordable homes.

### The Cost to Build

Pandemic induced kinks in the supply chain have caused the cost to build our current projects to increase significantly. The cost of lumber, roof trusses, windows, foundation work, and other materials have all increased. Private homebuilders and contractors would pass these costs on to the homebuyer, but that is not an option for us. We promise Habitat for Humanity homebuyers an affordable home. Habitat homebuyers purchase their home with an affordable mortgage that is typically about one third of the sales

price. The balance is funded through ReStore sales, grants, government funds, sponsorships, and individual contributions. The Habitat model is built on community support.

### The Cost to Live

Living in Bucks County has never been more expensive, and with the cost of living being so high, many Bucks residents have to spend more than a third of their income on housing expenses. These households are considered housing cost burdened and are often forced to choose between paying the mortgage and buying medicine, healthy food or transportation. Eliminating this burden for families with limited means is what Habitat has been doing for years, and we are not alone. We have just formed a new cooperative, called Serving Bucks Together, with the YWCA, Bucks County Opportunity Council and Bucks County Housing Group. Together, we're exploring how

we can more efficiently serve Bucks residents with affordable housing solutions.

### The Value of Home

When people, both adults and children, have affordable and stable housing, you can see the positive impact it has on their lives. Children have the stability to make friends in their neighborhood, feel more comfortable and adjusted to school, and experience the security a stable home provides. We work to empower our families and engage the community, which helps to unite neighbors, reduce crime and strengthen entire neighborhoods.

A safe, decent and affordable place to call home should not be a privilege in Bucks County or anywhere. Together, with your continued support, we will overcome the challenges and continue to serve people in Bucks - one person, one family, one home at a time. Thank you.



**Help build the story of home.**

[habitatbucks.org](https://www.habitatbucks.org)

## Homeownership Highlight | Meet Melissa

### From a shelter, to the street, to a foster home, and now a home of her own

Melissa is a very proud mom of two boys. She has always tried her hardest, as a single mother, to give her sons what she never had: stability, confidence and encouragement.

*“My biggest dream for myself and my sons is a house—one we can call our own; one that no one can take from us; one we can put the hard work in to make it what we want.”*

Right now, Melissa does not have a bedroom of her own – her boys share the one bedroom of their apartment. However, their dream is coming true, and their home will be a completely renovated house in Bristol, the town where one of her sons plays football. Melissa is putting in her sweat equity now and will be purchasing her home in early 2022.

*“I want to thank Habitat for Humanity and all of their donors, affiliates and staff. You cannot imagine how a process like this feels to someone like me. You have restored my faith in my beliefs to work hard and be kind, because the rest will always fall into place.”*



## Home Repair Highlight | Meet Kelly

### A referral brings safety to a family

*“To say ‘blessing,’ just doesn’t seem to be enough. I am a single mother of two children (ages 18 & 5), and I own my own home. I take immense pride in the fact that we have a house that is ours. With that being said, there are many things I needed to have done; but, the money I earn goes to pay the bills, and I could never seem to save up for what the house and my family needed—electrical work.”*

With a lack of outlets and outdated wiring, Kelly’s house had extension cords and adaptors strewn all around just to make do. These were very unsafe conditions. She was worried her kids would get hurt or shocked, but didn’t have much of a choice. To her, these were scary expensive repairs! She reached out to the Bucks County Opportunity Council who referred her to Habitat’s Home Repair program.

Kelly and her children can now rest easy knowing that the wiring in their home is safe.



## 20th Annual Quakertown Rotary Habitat 5k



We’re back with all the amenities you’ve come to enjoy - indoor registration, a course that’s both a challenge to experienced runners and easily doable for new runners and walkers, a 3/4 mile Fun Run for kids of all ages, generous awards (including 70+ and the legendary “Backpacker Award”), and a prize raffle! Plus we have the sharpest dressed RD on the planet!

You will have binged on Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes, and pie! So come work off some of that excess and support a great cause on Saturday, November 27th. For details, visit [www.HabitatBucks.org/events](http://www.HabitatBucks.org/events).

## Make an Impact with a Qualified Charitable Distribution

Don’t need your IRA retirement savings as much as you once thought? Discover the benefits of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you’re 70½ or older and have an IRA, you are already qualified!

*“We have proudly supported Habitat for Humanity for many years, and have also included Habitat in our estate planning. In the meantime, making a direct gift from my IRA using the Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) reduces our taxable income, and allows us to provide more support to the mission of Habitat.” — Hank and Mariel Hearn*



## SAVE THE DATE! April 8, 2022



Join us at The Warrington for an evening of fun with friends that includes:

- Open bar, hors d’oeuvres and a delicious 3-course dinner
- Silent auction, featuring the **Designer Challenge**
- Live auction featuring unique experiences
- Mission appeal



## E-cards are here!

Introducing a brand new way to make a tribute gift! Let someone know you’re thinking of them with an E-card from Habitat Bucks. In addition to a gift in honor or memory of someone, you can mark any special occasion with our E-cards. Choose an image and customize your message.



## We are here to help!



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