

## Partners in Transforming Lives

With every nail driven and every wall raised, we come closer to realizing our vision where every family has a healthy, affordable, and safe place to call home. Yet, the blueprint for this future requires more than materials; it demands the collective effort and unwavering commitment of our entire community. We have found a true partner committed to attainable, affordable homeownership with the **County of Bucks**.

Together, we have identified and leveraged crucial funding sources to finance the construction of new, affordable homes. Funds allocated through the County have also made the rehabilitation and preservation of existing homes possible; and by doing so, we have been instrumental in addressing blight issues in our municipalities.

Also in partnership, we are currently in the pilot stage of the Bucks County Home Repair Program (BCHRP). Many seniors and low-income households struggle to afford much-needed repairs to their homes. Habitat Bucks has been repairing homes for over ten years now; and, BCHRP will make it possible to help even more County residents with critical repairs. We are not only improving the safety and accessibility of aging housing stock one house at a time, but also cultivating renewal in our neighborhoods.

A shining example of our partnership is the establishment of the Habitat Bucks land trust model in 2022. This model has been a true game changer in making sure there will be affordable housing in the long-term. Habitat Bucks is ensuring that vital members of our communities, such as school teachers and social workers, are not priced out of the neighborhoods they serve.



**top: Commissioners Robert Harvie, Diane Marseglia, and Gene DiGirolamo**  
**bottom: Habitat Bucks' 128th home dedication**

The County's Department of Housing and Community Development championed and informed our efforts while contributing vital insights and guidance through the implementation process.

Every partnership, such as ours with the County of Bucks, can be a stepping stone towards a brighter, more inclusive future. Won't you join us as we continue to build not just homes, but hope and lasting change for all residents of Bucks County?

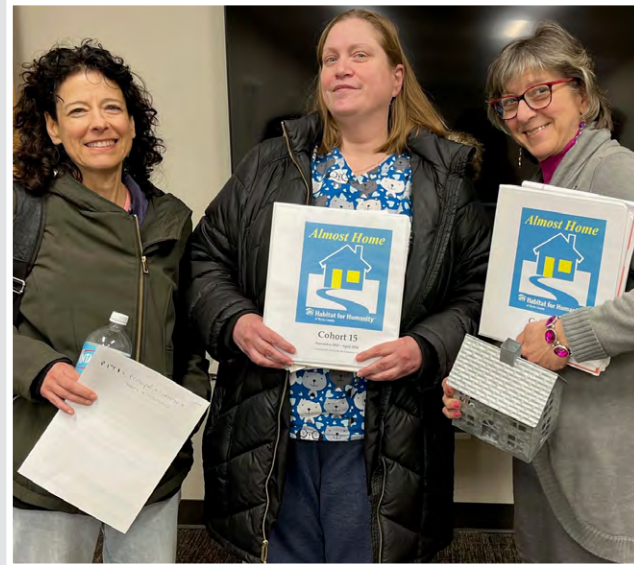


# Homeownership

## Empowering Financial Futures: A Partnership for Community Growth

Partnerships are the cornerstone of our efforts to foster strong, stable communities, and our collaboration with the Bucks County Housing Group (BCHG) is a prime example of this commitment in action. This partnership enriches our **Almost Home** financial empowerment learning series by providing a comprehensive curriculum designed to equip participants with vital financial skills. Additionally, BCHG offers invaluable one-to-one credit counseling, ensuring personalized support tailored to meet the unique challenges and goals of each participant.

Our joint efforts underscore the belief that sometimes a hand up is all that's needed to transform lives. By joining forces, **we not only enhance our educational offerings but also strengthen the support network available to those we serve.** Together, Habitat Bucks and BCHG are committed to building stronger, financially empowered communities, one family at a time.



# Home Repair

## Changing Lives: One Repair at a Time

We're thrilled to highlight our partnership with The Leff Family Foundation, a long-time supporter of our Home Repair Program. Their generosity has expanded our ability to tackle essential projects, from fixing roof leaks to updating electrical systems, directly improving the safety and comfort of numerous homes.



The Leff family hasn't stopped at financial support; they rolled up their sleeves and joined us on-site, demonstrating the power of hands-on involvement. "It was certainly an eye opening experience for our children, but, they all loved it...they got an idea of what homeowners go through who were putting in their "sweat equity," shared Todd Leff.

The Leff Family Foundation believes in the strength of partnership to make substantial

community improvements. "It's incredibly rewarding," they shared, inviting others to experience the fulfillment of active participation in our mission.

# Collaboration Builds Homes and Hope

Partnerships are the hallmark of any nonprofit organization. And they speak to the heart of our mission at Habitat Bucks, as without innumerable partnerships with homebuyers, homeowners, committed volunteers, generous donors, and staff, our vision would be merely a starry-eyed view of an unachievable task. It is only through the collaboration of all that safe, affordable homeownership is achievable in our beautiful county.

Bill Tuszynski is one such partner. He has worked with Habitat Bucks for more than 20 years, offering his time, ingenuity, and financial gifts in support of our work. What began as a commitment to volunteer monthly with the Quakertown Rotary on Habitat Bucks' construction sites grew to service on the Family Selection Committee and Board of Directors, and leadership for fundraising and advocacy opportunities. "Habitat is an organization where you see the tangible results of what you do," he shared recently. "For me, the satisfaction of seeing hard-working families getting a hand up to have the stability that comes from homeownership is the greatest reward. Whether you give a monetary contribution or a donation of time, the rewards are ten-fold."

Corporate partners like Johnson & Johnson, Parx Casino, Penn Community Bank, and countless others have woven themselves into the fabric of our communities, not only by employing area residents but by immersing themselves



Corporate partner volunteers from Parx Casino • Johnson & Johnson • Penn Community Bank

in the culture and climate of the County. At Habitat Bucks, they are represented within our volunteers, on our Board committees, and among the sponsors of our homes and events. The generosity of their time, expertise, and financial gifts is creating positive change for County residents.

At Habitat Bucks, our mission is, *Building Communities, Empowering Families.* Together, with the help of many, many hands, we're making possible our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

## Maximize Impact, Minimize Taxes: Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) Tax Credit



Penn Wealth Planning believes in the power of generational wealth. Homeownership is key to building that wealth. Affording a home is the first step in the process, but helping people stay in their homes is equally important. Supporting Habitat Bucks through NAP provides a vehicle through which Penn Wealth Planning can make a significant donation in support of affordable homeownership while utilizing tax benefits allowed by the Commonwealth to reduce out-of-pocket expenses. Interested in learning more about how your business can utilize corporate tax credits to impact the global housing crisis?

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**Hard Hats & High Heels**  
HABITAT BUCKS' ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT  
May 2 at The Warrington • 6pm



# Transforming Surplus into Support: The Environmental Impact of the Habitat Bucks and Axis Global Collaboration

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County ReStores (Habitat Bucks) and Axis Global Logistics have forged a remarkable partnership that epitomizes the synergy between corporate responsibility and environmental stewardship. "Our long term strategic partnership with Habitat ReStores enables Axis Global to provide solutions to our customers that contribute to their environmentally conscious sustainable initiatives, such as a 100% non-landfill initiative," shared Jason Berman, CEO Axis Global. Axis Global Logistics specializes in providing essential supply chain management solutions and services for top-tier clients in luxury retail and other high-demand markets. They ensure timely and precise execution, catering to industries that prioritize quick and accurate performance.

Enter Habitat Bucks' ReStores, which have become a pivotal solution for Axis and its clientele, offering a sustainable pathway for repurposing materials that would otherwise contribute to landfill waste. Over recent months, Axis has contributed more than 25 tractor trailer loads of materials to ReStores, aligning with their environmental goals while supporting Habitat Bucks' mission. This partnership showcases the Habitat ReStores as a viable, eco-conscious alternative for companies looking to manage their excess materials responsibly. Together, Habitat Bucks and Axis Global demonstrate how collaborative efforts can lead to significant environmental and community benefits.



**LANGHORNE STORE:** 1337 Lincoln Hwy. • **WARMINSTER STORE:** 539 Jacksonville Rd. • **QUAKERTOWN STORE:** 38 N. West End Blvd.  
**Store Hours:** Mon.-Sat. 10am - 6pm **Call 215.822.2708 for FREE pickup of larger items**



## Inclusive Horizons: Shaping Futures Together

Habitat Bucks is thrilled to spotlight our partnership with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU), a collaboration that brings diverse learners to volunteer at our ReStores. These special volunteers brighten our days with their enthusiasm and smiles. This partnership is unique, offering these wonderful volunteers a chance to practice social and work skills in a real-world setting, all while forming lasting friendships. In 2023 alone,

students and their coaches devoted over 670 hours across our 3 ReStore locations. We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every volunteer can thrive and make their contribution to our community. It's partnerships like this that remind us: together we do so much more than build homes; we build hope, friendships, and a better world for everyone. **"When I volunteer at Habitat ReStore, I feel happy because I get to work hard, say hello to the people shopping and the people that work there, and help them,"** shared Cameron, BCIU volunteer.