Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley MUCh to celebrate annual report 2017-2019*



more to build: a letter from the executive director

What an amazing 30 Years. Thank you! It is because of you and your continued support that we have so much to celebrate! We celebrate that 120 permanent, attainable houses have been hand built for local, hard-working families. We celebrate providing the opportunity for our parents to give 280 children the ability to live and grow up in healthy and stable housing. We celebrate the revitalization of neighborhoods and the creation of viable communities. We celebrate an increased quality of life; one where dreams and successful futures are possible!



The need for safe and affordable homeownership extends beyond the current housing crisis. Studies substantiate the correlation between affordable housing and health. According to the Center for Housing Policy, affordable housing reduces the exposure to allergens, asthma, neurotoxins and accidental injury that is prevalent in families that are forced to live in substandard housing. Lisa Harker, an independent advisor on child poverty, reports that substandard housing increases the risk of meningitis, mental and behavioral health problems, and slow growth in children which is directly linked to coronary heart failure.

Our Homeownership Program goes far beyond the shelter we build. Sustaining Habitat Lehigh Valley's mission for the next thirty years will help lessen the burden on the valley's designated low-income housing and greatly improve both the health and quality of life of our residents. With your continued support, we can revitalize more communities, increase the affordable housing stock and empower Habitat homeowners to overcome the barriers that so often stand between their families and better, healthier, more financially stable lives.

With sincere gratitude,

building strong futures



A decent place to live can remove barriers to opportunity, health and education that might have been part of a family's life for generations.

Homeownership provides stability for everyone in a family. Children in particular are more likely to succeed in school when they experience educational stability and safe living conditions. Children of homeowners are also more likely to graduate from high school and college.

A safe place to live - free of broken windows, rodents, inadequate heating and cooling, and the stress of eviction can improve the health of every member of a family.

Additionally, an affordable mortgage allows homeowners to invest in education, healthcare, and savings in order to make forward looking choices and create better futures for the next generation.

number of children 280 living in Habitat Lehigh Valley homes homes dedicated 120 over the past 30 years home dedications 5 throughout 2018-2019 children of homeowners are more likely to 25% graduate from high school and 116% more likely to graduate from college Updated heating and cooling systems decrease the risk of asthma, respiratory disease,

and heart disease.

empowering families

No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to have a decent place to live.

That's why Habitat Lehigh Valley offers a hand up, not a hand out to families in our community seeking safe and affordable housing.

Habitat considers the need for housing, ability to pay, and willingness to partner of each family who applies to our program, alongside our annual income guidelines. Each adult family member must contribute 250 hours of sweat equity, building their own homes, the homes of their neighbors, and/or volunteering at the office or ReStore.



100 individuals attended our 2019 homeownership orientations

families currently enrolled in our homeownership program





37 program applications received in 2018-2019

Hours of sweat equity by



partner families in 2018-2019

constructing community



Volunteers are truly the backbone of our program.

All year round, volunteers dedicate their time to construction, the ReStore, office work, and program and event committees.

Our Core Construction volunteers give Habitat their time and talent on a regular basis, working alongside future homeowners. In addition, we welcome individual volunteers, Thrivent FaithBuild groups, community groups, and corporate Team Builder teams.



*These numbers are approximate and reflect the 18/19 fiscal year to date.

Thank you to all of the Corporate Team Builders who donated their time, talent and funding over the past year:

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shop. donate. volunteer.



The Habitat Lehigh Valley ReStore provides an environmentally friendly and socially responsible way to keep good, reusable materials out of landfills.

The ReStore accepts donations of new and gently used furniture, building materials, and household goods, and resells them to the public. Proceeds from every sale support Habitat Lehigh Valley and help local families build achieve homeownership.

The ReStore's recolor latex paint program continues to grow, offering local residents and businesses a resource to responsibly recycle leftover or new latex paint. Through this program, we create high quality, low cost latex paint easily available for purchase in our community, and help keep latex paint out of our waterways and landfills.

Please visit www.habitatlvrestore.org for more information





making an impact

Thank you to all of our ReStore donors and supporters, including:

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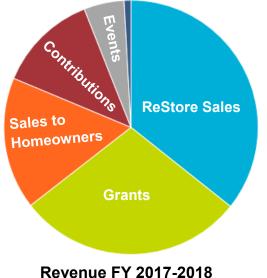


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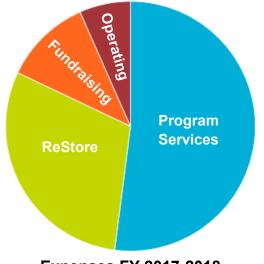


strength in numbers financial report 2017-2018

To view Habitat Lehigh Valley's complete 990 for fiscal year 2017-2018, please visit our website at www.habitatlv.org.



ReStore Sales	\$859,000
Grants	\$693,000
Sales to Homeowners	\$405,000
Contributions	\$306,000
Events	\$123,000
Other	\$ 21,000



Expenses FY 2017-2018

Program Services	\$1,125,000
ReStore	\$649,000
Fundraising	\$245,000
Operating	\$143,000

engaging neighbors

Everyone has the ability to improve the lives of their neighbors. At Habitat Lehigh Valley, we engage our local community in a variety of events and programs; there is truly something for everyone, even without ever swinging a hammer!

Thanks to sponsorship, attendance, and auction purchases, our **Toast to Hope** annual fundraising event was a huge success in 2018. We are looking forward to growing and building the event in 2019, focusing on capturing a local, homegrown feel.

Most recently, **She Nailed It** was a phenomenal success, bringing in 30 teams of women hammering to smash housing inequality! All of these events allow the community to be a part of our mission, while raising vital funds.



\$55,220

raised by **30** teams at the 2019 **She Nailed It** competition

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\$63,952

raised at our 2018 signature fundraising event, **Toast to Hope**

\$10,450

raised through House that Beer Built

coupon book sales featuring **10** local breweries



laying the foundation

The following individuals, organizations and companies made donations over \$1,000 from July 2017 - May 2019. In order to be good stewards of our financial support and the environment, this year's donor list can be found at **www.habitatlv.org.** Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution, helping Habitat Lehigh Valley to build strength, stability and shelter.



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