

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



At Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, the health and safety of our families, volunteers, staff, and supporters are our top priority. Over a nine-week period, when our active construction sites, ReStore, and office were shut down, we came together to effectively support our community by making sure to accomplish the following:

- Provided donations of hand sanitizer and PPE to more than ten local non-profit organizations and both major health networks for staff working on the front lines
- Quickly moved our ReStore shopping experience totally online in order to maintain sales while protecting staff and customers
- Offered online payment and contact-free pick-ups
- Held weekly homeownership orientation webinars in place of in-person orientations to continue to serve our local families. We mailed out applications and accepted them remotely
- Launched the #WhatHomeMeanstoMe campaign on social media in an effort to spread positivity among our supporters. The campaign elicited dozens of beautiful pieces of artwork and photography from followers of all ages.

We continue to navigate the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic as a strong, united family. Since reopening our operations at the end of May 2020, we:

- Closed on a full rehab home for a family of four in the City of Allentown
- Completed a rehab home in South Easton
- Put four new-construction homes under roof on the North side of Allentown, as well as foundation installation for two additional new-construction homes
- Launched a Homeowner Repair Program, focusing on homes located in a two-block radius around St. Luke's Sacred Heart Hospital (in partnership with St. Luke's Sacred Heart and City Center, supported by Air Products, Harry C. Trexler Trust, and The Dexter F. and Dorothy H. Baker Foundation)
- Held an incredibly successful virtual Raise the Roof event
- Have had five extremely successful months at our Habitat Lehigh Valley ReStore

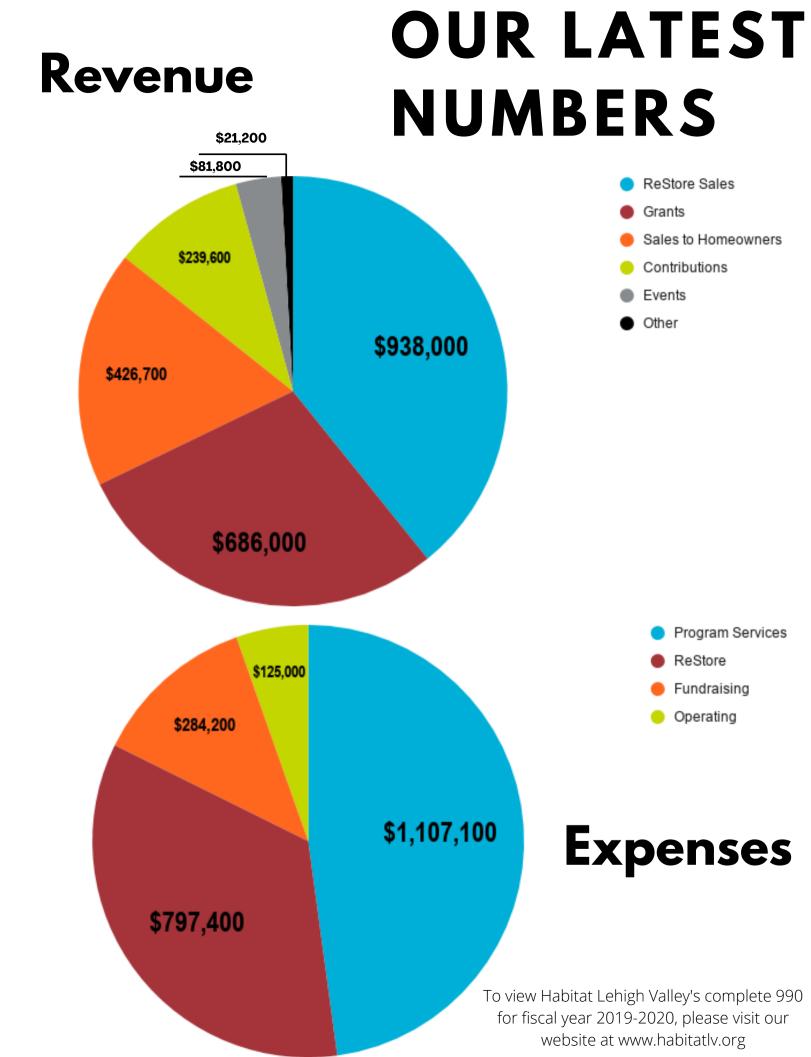
Safe and affordable housing is more crucial than ever now, and we all share a new appreciation for the place(s) we call home. As an organization, we continue to diligently work to break the cycle of poverty and increase safe and affordable housing options in the Lehigh Valley. Our work is made possible by each and every one of you!

We are forever grateful for your continued support of our mission, helping hard-working families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

Sincerely,

Yunica Ellistb

www.habitatlv.org



Individual gifts over \$1,000



July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Mr. & Mrs. Edward Labuda Mr Charles Frmert Mr. & Mrs. Hank Zorman Mr. & Mrs. James Van Artsdalen Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Keenan Mr. & Mrs. William Fritz Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Drobil Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hochstedler Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Elmore Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Gobreski Ms. Christine M. Beretsel Mr. & Mrs. Harold Black Ms. Helmtrud S. Young Mr. John Gagge Mr & Mrs Donald Weaver Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Horiszny Mr. & Mrs. Samuel B. Long III Ms. Margot Hillman Dr. & Mrs. Laurence Karper Mr. & Mrs. R. Wayne Kraft Dr. & Mrs. John G. Brady Mr. David Grubb

Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Gildea Mrs. Carol Watters Mr. Robert House Mr. Peter Thomas Mr. & Mrs. John Castaldo Mr. Amir Famili Dr. and Mrs. Frank Schweighardt Ms. Lisa Siedt Mr. John R. Cecchini Mrs. Linda Greenwald Dr. & Mrs. Stuart Boreen Ms. Carol Anne Kalmar Mr. Kenneth James Fioravanti Ms. Diane Paulas Mr. James Clee Mr. & Mrs. Christopher P. Donigan Ms. Kelly Berfield Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marant Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Bartoszek Mr. Richard Bott Mr. & Mrs. John Tacca Mr. Ronald Pangrazi Anonymous

Corporate donors, grants, and in-kind donations over \$1,000

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



GI VIPA Grace Church Bethlehem Gail Gray Home Grumpy's Bar-B-Que Roadhouse Habitat International Harry C. Trexler Trust Heart Care Group HiJinx Brewing Company HMB Management, Inc. Insulation Corporation of America Intel Volunteer Grant Program Jerdon Construction Services lust Born, Inc. KPMM Kirkland Village Kitchens by Design Kreative Kitchens Lehigh County Affordable Housing Trust Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Lehigh University Lehigh Valley Phantoms Lost Tavern Brewing Lowes Morey, Nee, Buck & Oswald, LLC North Star Construction Mgt. Olympus America, Inc. Paxos Restaurants Penn Quaker Site Contractors PNC Bank Pocono Brewery Company Posavek Construction PPL Services Corporation

Precise Graphix QNB Bank Raymour and Flanigan RCN Renewal by Andersen of Northeast PA Santander Bank Foundation Saucony Creek Brewing Company + Gastropub Schuler Service, Inc. Seven Sirens Brewing Company Simpli Home St. Thomas More School St. John's United Church of Christ **TD** Charitable Foundation The Colony Meadery The Pidcock Company The Reidler Foundation The Whiting Turner Contracting Company Truffle Bar UGI Utilities, Inc. Union United Church of Christ United Rentals United Site Services Valspar Wacker Polymers Waste Connections, Inc. Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Weyerbacher Brewery Weyerhaeuser Whirlpool Corporation Yergey Brewing

84 Lumber Air Products and Chemicals Almost Home Caterers Amazon ABE2 Warehouse American Bank American Fence, Inc. Arts Academy Elementary Charter School Associated Builders and Contractors of Eastern PA Bastian Carpet One Floor & Home Bath Supply Company, Inc. B. Braun Medical, Inc. Bell Ace Hardware Bella Casa Kitchen & Bath Bethlehem Business Forms **Bob's Discount Furniture** Bonn Place Brewing Company Call 2 Haul Catering by Karen Hunter Capital Blue Cross Cathy's Creative Catering Cave Brewing Company City of Allentown City of Bethlehem **Crest Flooring** Curious Goods at the Bake Oven Inn D'HUY Engineering, Inc. Daryon Hotels International Dexter F. & Dorothy H. Baker Foundation Dow Chemical Eastern Engineered Wood Products **EnerSys Americas** Erwin Forrest Builders Fegley's Brew Works FCU Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C. Fulton Bank Funk Brewing Company Garden State Tile Gateway Health Plan LP Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Mann

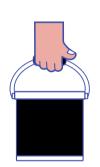
Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity® Restore



1.2 million

pounds of reusable goods diverted from landfills this year





7,218 gallons of latex paint recycled

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 then resells them to the public.

Every donation to the ReStore helps build strength, stability, & self-reliance through shelter. Over the past 5 years, the ReStore has returned over \$885,000 to our local home building program.

> To donate your stuff, visit www.habitatlv.org or call 610-776-7499

Building Communities

15,471 volunteer hours over the past year

Thank you to all of the Team Builders and Faith Builds who donated their time, talent, and funding over the past year!



Sponsored Team Builders

The Neffs National Bank Allentown Rotary Club Amazon ABE2 Warehouse Georgia-Pacific Precise Graphix Wells Fargo Wacker Chemical B.Braun Medical, Inc.



Team Builders

ADP NOVAcare Valley Community Management St. Luke's Hospital Lehigh University Allentown United Football Club DeSales University Moravian College U.S. Navy Cedar Crest College Denzel Group Janssen Group Engineers Without Borders



A message from one of our families:

My name is Yolanda Gordon. I was born and raised in Newark, NJ, and I moved to Pennsylvania in 2008 in hopes of improving my future as well as my children's. My children are very dear to my heart.

I closed on my home in October 2019, and since then I have been promoted from Shipping Clerk to Logistics Accounts Receivable Specialist, and I am in my last semester working towards my Associate Degree in Business Management. This past year has not come without its challenges, though. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, I had to work from home, complete my courses from home, and make sure my children completed their online schooling. The first two months were hard, but it has become easier now that we have our own routine. I am thankful that I have been able to work from home with my new promotion because in my former role, I would have had to report to work regardless of the pandemic situation. My new role has allowed me to be home safely helping my children.

When I look around my home, I see the different memories from building that have stuck with me. I remember when there wasn't even a foundation yet, and now it is a completed home and we are living in it! It is amazing to think about how far we've come. One of my fondest memories is our lunch breaks on the construction site. We would sit with the hardworking volunteers and get to know them. They all came from different backgrounds such as banking, engineering, teaching, former military, and here they were helping me build my house. I couldn't believe there were so many of them, too! I thought there would be like one or two, but there were just so many of them, and they were here to help me. I remember thinking "they are doing all this for me?" I couldn't believe it.

I also appreciated getting to know my fellow Habitat Lehigh Valley neighbors. We have a real sense of community having gone through the program together. There was always that comfort knowing that instead of my neighbors being strangers, they were almost like family. I got to know them and their journeys, as well. I felt safe with them around my family, and they felt safe with us around theirs. Before the pandemic, my daughter even helped babysit some of their children. It's just nice to know we can help each other out.



Being a homeowner has not come without its challenges. When something breaks, it is now my responsibility to fix it, not my landlord's. I had to learn better financial management, and I still continue to learn new aspects of being a homeowner. This house is now my responsibility, but that's okay because this house is mine, and I am grateful for it.

There are still things I would like to do to this home to finish making it my dream home. Eventually, I would like to put a fence in my backyard if I can. I am in no hurry though, because I have a lifetime here to do it, and I look forward to everything yet to come.



women build circle



women building up women

The mission of Habitat Lehigh Valley's Women Build Circle is to EMPOWER women in our program and help them build strength, stability, and self-reliance for their families.

Raising Funds. Raising Walls. Raising Spirits.

If you would like to know more about our Women Build Circle, please contact alli@habitatlv.org



Linny and Beall Fowler Community Award Winners





The Karpers The Elmores

Corporate Engagement Award Winner









Gordon Family

Bethlehem 121st Home Dedication

Essabir and Imariren Family

Bethlehem 122nd Home Dedication









Habitat for Humanity® of the Lehigh Valley



2019-2020 Annual Report