



Habitat for Humanity® of the Lehigh Valley

**2022
2023**

ANNUAL REPORT





9 Home Dedications



23+ Critical Home Repairs Completed



20,000+ Volunteer Hours



Over 2 million pounds of reusable items saved from local landfills



6 homes in progress



28 TeamBuilders



3 Amazing Events



1 Future 50 - Home Project

From Our Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley is the true definition of community - an organization that rallies behind its neighbors to provide a hand-up when it is needed most. As a team, we are consistently brainstorming, creating new partnerships, and coming up with creative ways to serve our families at the highest capacity. During the past fiscal year, we served 23+ families in our Home Repair Program, making sure that adults and children can continue living in their affordable homes, but do so in an environment that is safe and healthy. We closed on 9 homes, providing 14 children and 10 adults a lasting place to call home. In November 2022, we closed on a 12-acre property in partnership with Northampton County, which allows us to create permanent affordable housing for up to fifty families.

Serving our neighbors is a community effort, as it requires staff, volunteers, donors, advocates, partner families, and support from our local businesses (both big and small). We are fortunate to be located in the Lehigh Valley, where all of these come together in concert with one another to make our mission possible. With your continued support, we are able to provide increased opportunities to our friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

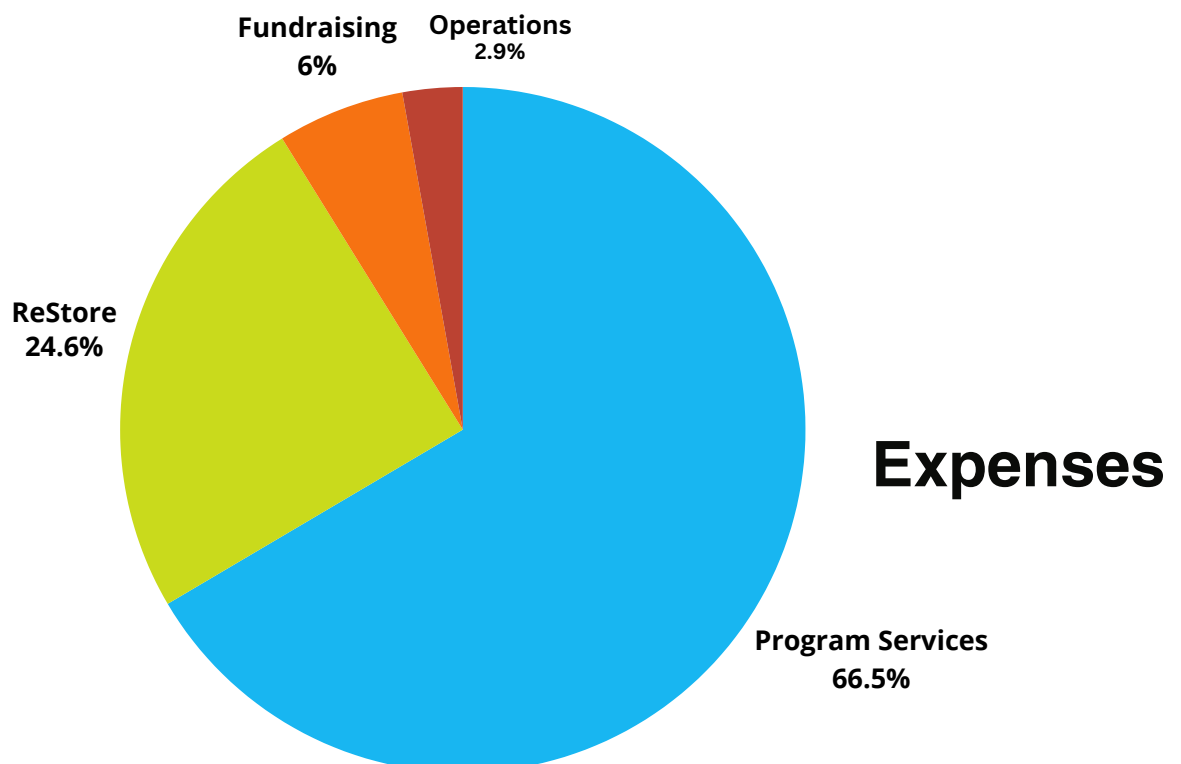
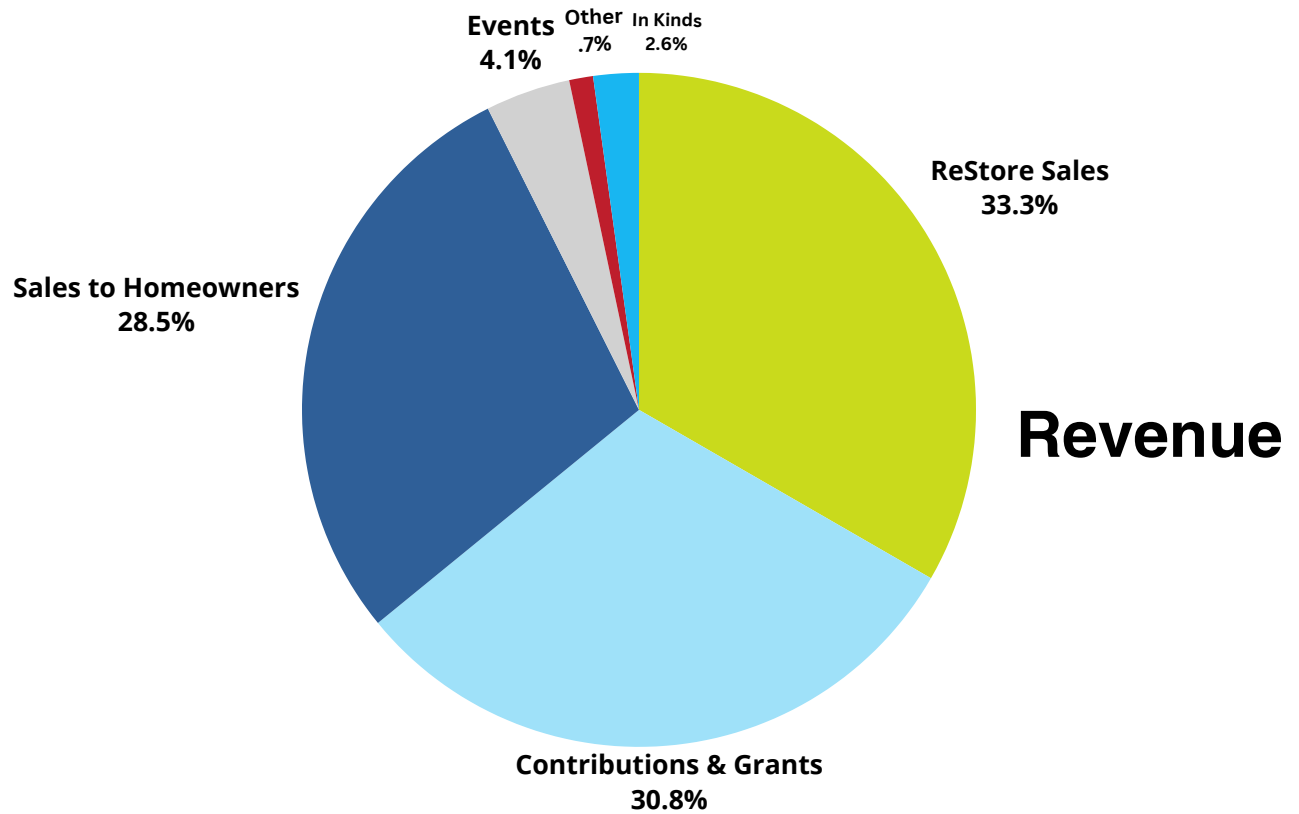
Thank you for believing in our commitment to serve those who mean the most to you.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Jessica Elliott

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Executive Director







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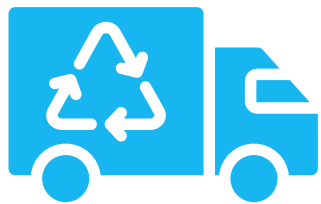
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All funds raised from selling donated goods at the Habitat Lehigh Valley ReStore go directly back to funding our mission. Together we build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.



In fiscal year 22/23, the Habitat Lehigh Valley ReStore saved over 2.3 million pounds of reusable items from local landfills.



The ReStore has recycled over 10,000 gallons of latex paint.



Volunteers contribute over 10,000 hours at the ReStore every year!





24,000+
Volunteer Hours!





**Volunteers do not necessarily have
the time; they just have the heart.**

-Elizabeth Andrew





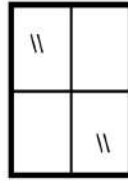
Roof Repairs and
Replacement



Accessibility
Modifications



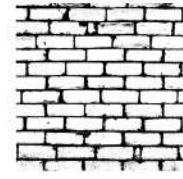
Carpentry
Repair



Windows, Doors,
and Gutters



Security



Brick Repair



Exterior Painting

With our Critical Home Repair Program, Habitat Lehigh Valley continues to make sure that affordable housing and repair solutions are accessible for homeowners burdened with the cost of repairs that exceed their capabilities at the present time. The Repair Program at Habitat Lehigh Valley seeks to ensure low to mid income families have the support necessary to remain safely in their homes.



23+
Families served



“Habitat cares about the needs of the people they serve...I am eternally grateful.” - Home Repair Client



Dear Habitat for Humanity,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible generosity and support that you extended to my family and me. The recent assistance you provided in replacing my mother's roof and gutters, as well as waterproofing her back sunroom, has left me truly amazed and profoundly grateful.

Working alongside your staff was an absolute pleasure. Their professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact were evident in every step of the process. As my mother's caregiver and legal guardian, my top priority is her well-being and care. Dealing with the challenges of being a full-time caregiver for my mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's, has made it difficult for me to secure a job that would provide sufficient income to address essential home improvements.

Over the past few months, my mother has faced multiple surgeries and health issues, including a broken patella, kidney stone procedures, and a recent hip fracture. While she now requires the assistance of two people, I have been shouldering this responsibility alone, driven by love and a strong commitment. Despite the challenges, I wouldn't change a thing about the last six years I've dedicated to her care and well-being. However, this commitment has meant putting my career and income on hold and only being able to work part-time jobs that accommodate my caregiving responsibilities.

The gift that Habitat for Humanity has bestowed upon us is truly beyond words. The immense relief and weight that has been lifted off my shoulders have brought tears of joy and gratitude. It's as if my prayers have been heard and answered, reminding me of the incredible goodness in the world. The program you provide, and the selfless individuals who offer their services free of charge represent the epitome of compassion and support.

As a man who holds the desire to provide for his family, I initially found it difficult to fully accept such a remarkable gift. The day the roofer visited and treated me with respect, patience, and thorough explanations, I knew that every detail was being taken care of with the utmost care and professionalism. This reassurance brought me a renewed sense of confidence in the process.

I speak on behalf of my mother as well when I say that she would be both deeply honored and humbled by the extraordinary kindness you've shown us. This once-in-a-lifetime gift has touched our lives in ways that words cannot adequately convey. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual associated with Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley. Your honorable work is a beacon of hope and support, and I pray that God blesses you and your families abundantly.

With sincerest appreciation and eternal gratitude,

F. Marshall





our mission: we build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.
our vision: a world where everyone has a decent place to live

future Habitat homeowners are:



in need of
better housing



willing to
partner with us



able to pay
an **affordable, 0%**
interest mortgage



over the past 10 years, Habitat Lehigh Valley has invested over \$10 million into the **transformation of neighborhoods** in our community.

1 in 8 families in PA pays more than half of their monthly income on housing. Take a stand with Habitat Lehigh Valley as we advocate to improve housing affordability.

the tangible evidence that decent, affordable shelter creates long-lasting and life-changing impact on families and communities is apparent in our homeowner testimonials:



**"The effect this has had on my feelings of self-worth as a mother has been enormous. Your hard work and generosity goes far beyond building homes. You are building spirits."
- Morgen (Habitat Lehigh Valley homeowner)**



families with safe, stable, and affordable housing have fewer health problems, improved school performance, less psychological stress, and more self-assured parents.



- 65% reported better physical health.*
- 80% of children's grades improved.*
- 41% of adults completed an educational or job training program.*
- 94% of homeowners now feel safe in their homes.*
- 98% said that owning a home improved how they felt about themselves.*
- 57% of families have more savings.*
- 48% of families feel more connected to the community.*

*www.habitat.org

what does it take to build a Habitat home?



donations from generous individuals, sponsors, faith groups, corporations, and organizations help our families achieve the dream of homeownership.



415 completed volunteer hours each week



250+ sweat equity hours completed by future homeowners



150 pounds of nails and 400 two-by-fours





WOMEN BUILD

Empower. Engage. Educate.

**October '22 Women Build
kicked off with a terrific crew of
empowHERed women and CORE
volunteers laying the initial
decking and floor joists for a
single family home in Allentown!**



**I am woman.
Watch me build.**



SERVING COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



VETERAN BUILD WEEK 2022





65 Teams



**Over \$170,000
Raised!**



Home for the Holidays

Gingerbread House Challenge



20 Teams



Over \$30,000 Raised



drink local. build local.

400
BREWERY
PASSPORTS SOLD

OVER \$20,000 RAISED



Barry & Marcy Dobil

Foundations of Philanthropy Award



Barry and Marcy Dobil have been making people's lives sweeter for decades. During their time as owners of Josh Early Candies, they brought the joy and familiar comfort of chocolate confections to many of our homes and holiday tables since the early 1970s. As a 4th generation owner of Josh Early Candies, both Barry and Marcy know the importance of supporting family and tradition. The Dobils are dedicated supporters of Habitat Lehigh Valley, which serves families and helps make the dream of homeownership a reality. Their commitment to Habitat Lehigh Valley both financially and on the construction site is evident in their many iterations of service to our organization.



They've traveled both locally and internationally to serve on home builds and have worked hand-in-hand with our families, our construction staff, and our CORE volunteers. We thank them for their servant heart, their generosity of spirit, and their unfailing kindness. They are, indeed, incredibly sweet.



Corporate Philanthropy Award

BSI Corporate Benefits believes in serving their clients at the human level and addressing their needs with balance, strength, and integrity. As a company that supports the surrounding Lehigh Valley community with a great non-profit commitment, BSI upholds a standard of excellence in making sure that both individuals and businesses are valued and are met with care and attention to detail. Since 2021, BSI and Habitat Lehigh Valley have partnered to address the severe needs in both our Critical Home Repair Program in Allentown, as well as our homeownership program. BSI's dedication to building a better Lehigh Valley aligns with Habitat Lehigh Valley's determination to build communities of hope. With their partnership, Habitat Lehigh Valley has been able to serve multiple families in the Home Repair Program who are now able to safely age in place without the burden of costly repairs that are unaffordable for so many. Habitat Lehigh Valley thanks BSI for their support of our mission, and we know that our future endeavors will be upheld by their commitment to serving others.





Community Dream Builder Award



Flowserve is a company that believes in cultivating the safety of their work, the people in their surrounding community, and the integrity of the services they provide. Similarly, Flowserve applies those principles to their commitment to give back to organizations that work together to improve the lives of their neighbors and community members. Since the Fall of 2020, Flowserve has dedicated their time and generously supported Habitat Lehigh Valley's mission of building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. They've given countless volunteer hours on our Tacoma Street, Cumberland Street, William Street, and Philip Street projects and have financially contributed to funding that has supported each project endeavor. No task too small or too challenging, Flowserve's zeal for service is an exemplary model of how a group of people with connected hearts can come together to make lasting and impactful change. As one of Flowserve's select nonprofits, Habitat Lehigh Valley is forever grateful for their partnership and their commitment to addressing the affordable housing crisis in the Lehigh Valley. Flowserve's energy on the construction site is matched with their compassion for our families, their generosity to our mission, and their dedication to helping others.



