

# Building Hope

Christmas 2018



Warren County  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Home

*Harmony Township, NJ*

The Banfield family couldn't be more delighted with the best gift of all this season. After hours of labor and dozens of volunteers, the exterior of the home is almost complete. The rough plumbing and insulation are complete and drywall is about to go up. The build schedule will support the two days of taping of the NKBA design contest winners and HGTV celebrities hanging cabinets in the kitchen and master bathroom.



In December, volunteers from Warren Haven and Home Depot, companies who have also financially supported the build, aided in construction at the build site. They worked diligently installing insulation throughout the day and were a great help to our construction crew. ***Progress was made on the new home, as many volunteers helped to further our mission of putting God's love into action to build homes, communities and hope.***



## What happens to the Rockefeller Tree after Christmas?

As the tree is lit for the Christmas season, one has to wonder about the tree's story. Where did it come from, and what will happen to it after the holiday season has come and gone?

This year's tree is a 72-foot-tall Norway Spruce from Wallkill, NY. It has roughly 50,000 LED lights and is topped with a new Swarovski crystal star.

While standard tree-cycling may not be a viable option for the holiday giant, this king-sized cheer-giver will still be recycled after the season. Since adopting an eco-friendlier model in 2007, Rockefeller Center has partnered with Habitat for Humanity Int'l. to reclaim their trees' wood for building materials.

The Carpenter's Gift: A Christmas Tale about the Rockefeller Center Tree is a beautifully illustrated children's book about this story. Be sure to enjoy it with your little ones this Christmas season!

(Maloney, 2018) (Mizzoni, 2016)



## National Kitchen & Bath Association

**HGTV**

On a beautiful Thursday afternoon, the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) came to aid Warren



County Habitat for Humanity on the creation of their sixteenth home, currently being built in Harmony Township, N.J. Ten people came out to help, worked diligently throughout the day and had a lot of fun doing so. Bill Darcy, NKBA CEO (pictured on the right) and the rest of his team generously helped. As Melissa, Operations Manager from WCFH said, *“It was great to see everyone working hand in hand with the partner family to achieve a common goal that was for something bigger than themselves.”* Fantastic progress was made on the house, along with handmade housewarming gifts that will be presented to the family at the house dedication ceremony in the spring. Overall, it was a joyous, fun-filled day that showed the true spirit of community within the NKBA organization.

NKBA first partnered with WCHFH for its annual Student Design Competition in 2017. Nicole Banfield and her family are eager to meet Jennifer Bertrand and Chip Wade, celebrity designers featured on HGTV. The celebrities and student design competition winners will be flown in on January 16<sup>th</sup> and will be on site for two days to install cabinets in the kitchen and master bathroom.

This is an exciting event for WCHFH as multiple news outlets and other media organizations will be covering the event. With the generous help of NKBA, the partner family will have an efficient kitchen and bathroom setup for years to come.





## UPS Grant

### UPS

On November 12th WCHFH received a \$10,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, which drives global corporate citizenship and philanthropic programs.

The grant will be used toward plumbing, heating, final grading, and the parking lot to complete the Banfield family's new home.

This grant is indispensable to our organization's mission of putting God's love into action, and bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. "The generous donation from The UPS Foundation will allow us to create a safe and affordable home for the Banfield family and shows that the community is dedicated to the mission of Warren County Habitat for Humanity," said Ben Eskow, Executive Director of WCHFH.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



220 REPAIR PROJECTS



16 HOMES BUILT IN  
WARREN COUNTY



38 HOMES FUNDED  
INTERNATIONALLY



1,875 VOLUNTEERS

=

191,985 HOURS



2,883 TONS OF  
MATERIAL DIVERTED



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## SUPPORT THE RESTORE

The ReStore is Habitat's retail outlet whose mission is to raise funds to help Warren County Habitat for Humanity build homes for qualified low-income families and reduce waste by recycling or reclaiming materials that would otherwise be discarded.

Tax deductible donations of furniture, décor, household goods, building supplies, appliances, and many other items are prepped and set out for resale to the public.

Volunteer, donate, shop or browse at the Habitat ReStore!

### Restore Hours:

Sunday-Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9-5

Wednesday: 9-7

Thursday: 9-5

Friday: 9-5

Saturday: 9-5

### Dropoff Hours:

Sunday-Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9-4:30

Wednesday: 9-6:30

Thursday: 9-4:30

Friday: 9-4:30

Saturday: 9-4:30

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## Veterans Day Event

*Veterans Day Celebration*



Our Veterans Day three-day event was an astounding success. On Saturday several veterans participated on-site in assisting the Habitat team in construction. During lunch, the WCHFH team honored veterans and active duty military members and thanked them for their sacrifice and service to our nation.

On Monday, the ReStore opened exclusively to veterans and active duty military members and their families. *The bright and beautiful day was a fantastic experience for all involved as the veterans received gift vouchers and shared emotional stories.* An extraordinary connection between the community and the veterans and active duty military members was formed as they walked through the ReStore. As the day concluded, Melissa Flynn, Operations Manager at WCHFH said, "It was great to bring a smile to their faces and give back to those who have sacrificed so much to keep us safe."

On Tuesday, the ReStore opened to the community and offered 30% off all items in the store in honor of the sacrifices of veterans and their families. *Overall, the three-day event was an unforgettable experience for all involved and furthered WCHFH's mission of putting "God's love into action."*



## Annual Appeal 2018



*“Without Warren County Habitat for Humanity, I don’t know if I would have ever achieved my dream of owning a home.”*

— Nicole, 2018 Partner Family  
Mother of Two

**Nicole’s story is one of struggle, perseverance, and triumph.** Her dream from a young age was to become a homeowner. As a single mother of two living in Section 8 Housing, Nicole felt that becoming a homeowner would never be a reality for her. She knew she had to make a change to overcome government assistance and set an example for her children.

**With the hope of providing a brighter future,** Nicole diligently worked on improving her situation as she submitted multiple applications to Warren County Habitat for Humanity’s home building program. After several years of demonstrating relentless determination, Nicole was selected as the 16th partner family. She joyously received a "hand up."

As carloads of Nicole’s family and friends attended the groundbreaking ceremony, her dream of becoming a homeowner became a reality. While working alongside the community and Habitat volunteers, Nicole said, "This experience is better than just buying a home!"

**The WCHFH family has become an indispensable agent for positive change in the life of Nicole and many others in our community.** Your hard-earned dollars and volunteerism continue to help your neighbors better themselves by creating new opportunities for the next generation.

**“Hope is a powerful thing, and because of your continued, physical, monetary, and emotional support, WCHFH can provide hope for those who need it most.”**

**This year, in the warm spirit of giving, we are asking you and your family to consider expressing love for your neighbors through a monetary donation to our construction fund.** Your gift will help build a home for Nicole, her family, and many others. These contributions have a generational impact on families and the community as a whole. When considering the amount of a donation, please remember that families like Nicole’s rely on you to keep their dreams for a better tomorrow alive.

On behalf of our organization and all of the families we serve, thank you for your support and consideration. May God Bless you and your family.



## Warren County Habitat for Humanity's Community Center

*Coming to Washington Township in 2019!*



Warren County Habitat for Humanity will be opening a youth-based community center in Washington Boro, NJ. The new community center will also be engaging senior citizens and veterans throughout Warren County.

*WCHFH plans to open its community center doors in winter of 2019.* The center's focus will be on improving our community's health, wellness, and financial stability. Classes will also be offered to the youth for tutoring, financial planning, and life skills.

Be sure to tune in for more updates and news about our future community center! We cannot wait to open our doors to our friends in Warren County.



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID, A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. *LUKE 2:11*

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