

Building Hope

Warren County
Habitat for Humanity

Christmas
2019

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Home

Dana Street, Lopatcong Township

The Maguire family couldn't be more delighted with the best gift of all this season. After hours of labor and dozens of volunteers, the siding is complete and the team will be finishing the porch just in time to move inside for the cold weather.



Students from DeSales University aided in construction at the build site for two days. From moving dirt to building a wooden walkway. The small crew was a great example of one community helping another in a time of need.

Teams from UPS also contributed on two separate days. The UPS Foundation has been a financial supporter for the last three homes built by WCHF. Through UPS and other's generosity the Maguire family is beginning to feel what it is like to have their dream of owning a home come true.



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 77-foot-tall Norway Spruce from Florida, NY. The 900 lb tree is topped with a 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! (Sold at the ReStore.)

(Maloney, 2018) (Mizzoni, 2016)

Thankful This Thanksgiving

Meet the Newest Partner Families

One week before Thanksgiving two families received a call that changed their lives forever. “It’s like winning the lottery; no, it IS winning the lottery,” Deanna said, while her eyes filled with tears.

Michael Chobot, Dominique Eckert and their two sons are excited to partner with WCHFH in building a home on Beidleman Road in Franklin Township. Michael and Dominique are lifelong residents of Washington and recently moved to Tatamy, PA for a more affordable rental home. They are very excited to have the opportunity to move back in the area and enable their children to attend their alma mater, Warren Hills Regional High School.

Michael is currently employed by C&S Wholesale Grocers and Dominique is working toward a degree in nursing at Warren County Community College.

Rob Irizarry, Deanna Cleary and their three daughters have been residents of Washington for almost ten years. Rob works at NVE Pharmaceutical in Allamuchy Township, while Deanna is employed by Maschino Food Service working as a lunch provider at High Bridge Middle School.

Partnering with WCHFH on the house in Franklin Township is the perfect location for the family. The girls are very happy they will still be close to their friends and eventually reunite with them in middle school at Warren Hills.

This is an exciting time for WCHFH as we go into 2020 building homes with three families at the same time. Our goal is to complete the Maguire home, #17, the Chobot/ Eckert home, #18 and choose another family by the end of 2020. In 2021 we will complete the Irizarry / Cleary home, #19, along with house #20.



Blitz Build 2020

Beidleman Road, Franklin Township

If you have not already heard... ***We are constructing a home in 10 days, this summer!*** Franklin Township has donated land on Beidleman Road on which WCHFH has agreed to build six homes.



Having participated in Blitz Builds in the past, Dave and Daryl Detrick pitched the idea to WCHFH that one of these homes be completed as a Blitz Build. This is an opportunity for a community building event that will increase our volunteer and donor base.

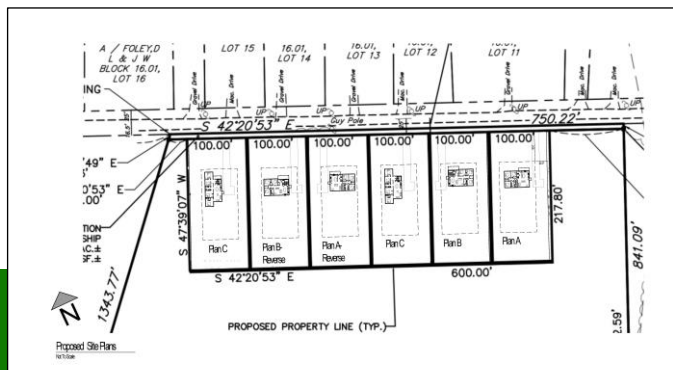
The walls will be pre-built this winter in a barn located near the site. This will enable the volunteers to complete the framing on July 22nd, the first day of the ten day Blitz Build.

The Blitz Build barn workshop is ready for action, volunteer architect Erin Colins has completed the plans and code enforcement officials are on board. The next step is to get volunteers and donations in place.

How Can you help?

Every dollar, every nail will make a difference. The ultimate goal is to provide the home at zero cost to our affiliate, from framing to finish. We need to raise \$130,000 in funds, in addition to in kind donations. ***Does your organization have a specialist?*** Consider partnering with WCHFH to help make this house a home. Your organization will receive special recognition, their name on the sponsor board and a tax deductible receipt. ***We also have a need for all skills, all levels.*** You do not need to lift a hammer to help. Consider building behind the scenes starting today or during the 10 days of Blitz building.

The heat is on and coffee will be brewing at the barn, so come join the team and be a part of WCHFH's history as we make our first Blitz Build a reality. Lock in your spot today!



July 22nd – August 1st

Dedication August 2nd



Any hours you can give.
Any day you can offer.
Any task you can do.

**For more information
or to sign up**

Visit

WarrenHabitat.org

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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

Drop off Hours:

Sunday-Monday: Closed
 Tuesday: 9-4:30
 Wednesday: 9-6:30
 Thursday: 9-4:30
 Friday: 9-4:30
 Saturday: 9-4:30

Ph: 908.835.1980

Veterans Day Event

The ReStore Serves Veterans

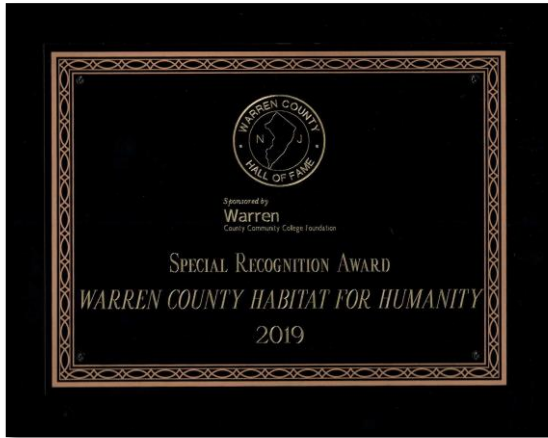


On Monday, the ReStore opened exclusively to Veterans, active duty military members, and their families *The day was a fantastic experience for all involved as the Veterans received gift vouchers and shared emotional stories.* An extraordinary connection between the community, Veterans and active duty military members was formed as they walked through the ReStore.

A team from Mars Wrigley Confectionary also enjoyed volunteering and interacting with the Veterans as they listened to their stories. They also assisted with restocking the showroom floor, merchandising and organizing small goods.

On Tuesday, the ReStore opened to the community and offered 30% off all items in honor of the sacrifices made by Veterans and their families.





WCHFH Receives Special Recognition Award at the Warren County Hall of Fame Banquet

Two representatives from WCHFH enjoyed an evening of fine dining and socializing before accepting the Special Recognition Award. The award was presented by Warren County Community College Foundation's Executive Director, Samir Elbassiouny.

Melissa Flynn had the opportunity to share the exciting accomplishments WCHFH has had over the past twenty years, while Daryl Detrick caused the crowd to get excited about the upcoming events planned for 2020.

We are blessed to have been given this opportunity and honored to represent part of Warren County's community.

Warren County Habitat for Humanity's Community Center

The Community Center is expected to open in April of 2020!

Demolition will begin in December of 2019, immediately followed by many specialists putting in consistent time to bring this entire historical building back to its original purpose of serving the community.

A number of community partners have expressed interest in providing programming and collaborating with us in our mission of, "Providing a place where the community joins together with purpose to learn, grow, and thrive."

If you would like more information or have an interest in becoming a community partner, please contact the office at (908)835-1300 extension 15, or send an email to jason.norment@warrenhabitat.org



Maryann Citro

Dedicated Volunteer for Over 15 Years



We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Maryann Citro. Maryann was an integral part of our Habitat family for many, many years as she coordinated lunch providers for our volunteer build crew twice a week, (often providing the lunch herself if needed) and donated handmade knitted items for our annual auction fundraiser. Her sunny personality and compassion for others, even while undergoing chemotherapy

treatments over many years, was an example and blessing to all of us. She was a faithful and tireless volunteer, and she will be greatly missed.

http://www.cochranfuneral.com/obit/obit_detail.php?id=3352

Vic the Builder Retires

After 20 Years of Volunteering

After twenty years of selfless dedication to our affiliate, Vic Bozzuffi recently announced his retirement as Construction Manager. Almost every Saturday, Vic could be found at the build site skillfully leading our volunteers and working alongside of them and the partner families as they raised yet another home. We are pleased to say that Chris Motzenbecker has already stepped up to the plate to lead the Saturday crew, as well as continuing to do the same on Thursdays. Vic will be greatly missed, but we do hope to see him around our affiliate from time to time.



Making a Difference



220 repair projects



16 homes built in Warren County



38 homes funded internationally



1,875 volunteers

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191,985 hours



2,883 tons of material diverted

2019 Annual Appeal

What are you thankful for? *How blessed is your life?* What meaningful action can you take to make a positive change in your community, *right now?*

For our partner families, these can be difficult questions to answer before God brings them to us. Living close to the line – above poverty level, but *paying more than thirty percent of your income on housing, leaves nothing extra.* Nothing for medical expenses, nothing for reliable transportation, nothing for clothes for the children, nothing for education, nothing to save. *No way up. No way out.*

*Hundreds of families in Warren County
have had their lives completely transformed by the work we do every day.*

At Warren County Habitat for Humanity, our mission seeks to put God's love into action - bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Our vision is *A world where everyone has a decent place to live.* A home is not just a house. A home builds strength, stability and self-reliance.

We provide a hand up - not a hand out. Our volunteer run organization builds homes together with our partner families funded by donations from the local community. Those families buy the home at a price based on their ability to pay with an interest free mortgage.

In 20 years of serving Warren County

- We have completed 16 homes and the 17th is under construction now.
- Through tithing we have funded 50 homes built internationally.
- We have built and expanded the ReStore in Washington.
- For 10 years our Hope in the Hills program completed over 225 repair and/or home improvement projects.
- We have become a Veterans Build Affiliate.

2020 is going to be an UNPRECEDENTED year for us!

- For the first time ever a new Habitat (built and operated) Community Center will open in the heart of Washington.
- We will break ground to construct six homes in Franklin Township. SIX!
- Our first Blitz Build – a home built in ten days (start to finish!) will be built from July 22 - August 2, 2020.
- For the first time, two partner families have been selected and are ready to put in sweat equity to build their homes.

This is your time to take action! We need your help to continue our work to make a positive change in the community. In this season of giving, we urge you to open your heart and consider how a small donation could change the lives of so many. This year your tax-deductible donation is needed more than ever to help us reach these ambitious goals in 2020.

Donate today at www.warrenhabitat.org or [Facebook - Warren County Habitat for Humanity](#). We can't do this work without you - every contribution matters and is appreciated!

**Thank you for your support and
May God Bless You!**

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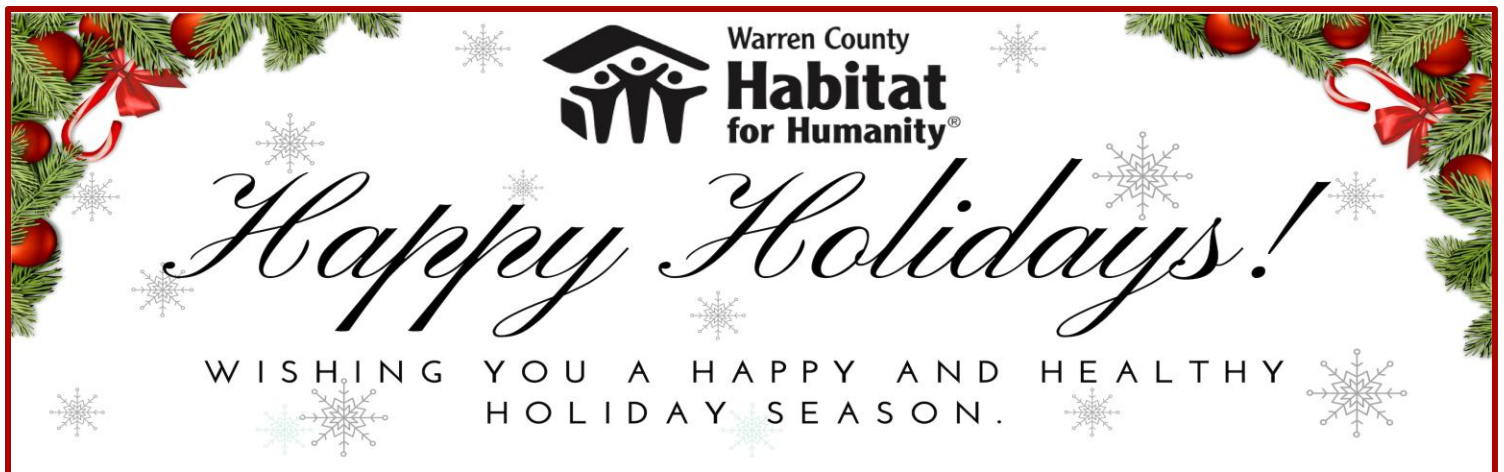


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CONSIDER DONATING YOUR CAR?

- One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will be used by Warren County Habitat for Humanity to build and repair affordable homes.
- You may qualify for a tax deduction for donating a vehicle.
- It's fast and easy. Learn more about how vehicle donations work. Visit <https://www.warrenhabitat.org/donate/cars-for-homes/>



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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