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**WCHFH RECEIVES GRANT FROM VALLEY NATIONAL BANK  
TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Warren County Habitat for Humanity recently received a \$5,000 grant from Valley National Bank, a regional bank holding company headquartered in Wayne, New Jersey. The grant will be used toward the construction of the Blitz Build home to be built in Franklin Township for the Chobot/ Eckert family. This grant is indispensable to WCHFH's mission of putting God's love into action, and bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

A Blitz Build is a home built in 10 days. WCHFH, along with the community, will construct a home on Beidleman Road in Franklin Township starting July 22, 2020 and completing it on August 1, 2020. "The generous donation from Valley will not only allow us to create a safe and affordable home for the Chobot/Eckert family, but is a great example to show partnership and community involvement" said Melissa Flynn, Operations Manager.

WCHFH is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing, and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. The organization relies on volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials to fulfill its mission. To find out how you can support WCHFH by volunteering your time or donating, please go to [warrenhabitat.org](http://warrenhabitat.org) or call the office at 908-835-1300.

**Valley National Bank Methodology**

Valley has specific goals for lending, investment and community development activities to ensure we are meeting credit needs across all of our assessment areas according to The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA), which encourages economic inclusion. This serves as good business practice, since affordable homes and small businesses act as an economic engine to sustain the neighborhoods and people in which we invest. In addition, financially aware individuals are better able to access opportunities and contribute back to their communities. Valley's broader community development efforts demonstrate the Bank's commitment to responsible corporate citizenship.

### **Access for All**

Valley operates over 200 retail branch offices throughout New York, New Jersey, Florida and Alabama. The Bank offers a variety of services to increase access to opportunity and improve the financial lives of individuals, including first time home buyers and small business owners.

### **Community Service**

Our employees take an active role in the communities we serve, helping us build stronger and more financially secure neighborhoods. In addition to philanthropic service at the corporate level, we encourage our employees to become actively involved in community service, including through volunteer engagement with community based partners.



Pictured Left to Right: Kristen MacLean, WCHFH Resource Development Manager; Ben Eskow, WCHFH Executive Director; Dan McAdams, Valley Vice President Market Manager; Daryl Detrick, Blitz Build Coordinator