

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

This report is a summary of activities carried out by the organization for fiscal year 2022 -2023

Building Homes, Communities and Hope

Warren County Habitat for Humanity Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters of Warren County Habitat for Humanity,

As we turn the page on another year, my heart overflows with gratitude for the incredible community that powers Habitat for Humanity here in Warren County, NJ. Together, we've weathered the storms of uncertainty and emerged stronger than ever, fueled by the unwavering belief that every family deserves a decent, safe, and affordable place to call home.

This year, your unwavering support helped us achieve remarkable milestones:

• Families Empowered: We partnered with 35 families to build or repair homes, transforming lives and laying the foundation for brighter futures.

• Communities Revitalized: Through our community center and neighborhood revitalization projects, we breathed new life into the Washington and Phillipsburg area communities, fostering a sense of pride and belonging.

• Hope Ignited: We engaged 399 volunteers, igniting the spirit of service and compassion in hearts of all ages.

• Worlds Changed: Through our international tithing program, we helped support the construction of twelve homes in Honduras.

But the need for affordable housing remains immense. The rising cost of living continues to push families further and further from the dream of homeownership. In these challenging times, our mission takes on even greater urgency.

Looking ahead, we're not simply aiming to maintain momentum; we're determined to amplify our impact. Our ambitious plans for the coming year include:

• Building three new single family homes in Franklin Township, Phillipsburg, and Harmony, providing secure havens for families currently teetering on the edge.

• Expanding our home repair program by nearly double and helping existing homeowners stay in their beloved communities by addressing critical maintenance needs.

• Launching new initiatives within our Washington-based community center to create a beacon of hope for its residents.

• Increasing our advocacy efforts to raise awareness about the affordable housing crisis and Habitat's work by working with our community leaders.

Building a home is more than just erecting walls and laying foundations. It's about forging relationships, instilling hope, and empowering families to write their own success stories. It is seeking to put God's love into action and lifting each other up in a life changing way. With your help, we can build more than just houses; we can build a brighter future for generations to come.

Thank you for being a part of this journey with us and God bless.

Ben Eskow

Executive Director



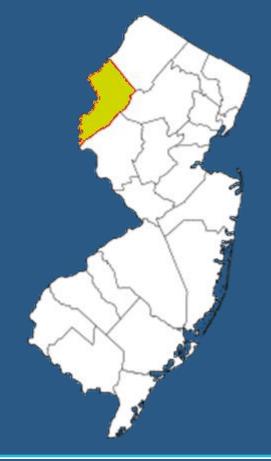
Ben Eskow, Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

OUR VISION

A world where **everyone** has a decent place to live.



Serving Warren County since 1999

Cover Page Photos: WCHFH Build Crew, Stefano Family receiving keys to their home, Pregenzer Family in front of their new home. •



Annual Beams & Dreams event raised \$39,973

NOVEMBER 2022

Hosted the New Jersey Civic Youth Ballet as they perfomed scenes from Nutcracker to full house at Community Center

FEBRUARY 2023

- Hope in the Hills of Warren 13th annual Weekend of Hope.
- 2nd annual Tricky Tray raised \$20,440

JUNE 2023

• Dedicated 21st home for a family of three in Franklin Township, NJ

OCTOBER 2022

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- Hosted Veterans recognition event with more than 60 people in attendance.
- Raffle drawing to support Veterans Build raised \$7,460.

DECEMBER 2022

Have a Heart for Habitat Radiothon

Raised \$31,660 in partnership with our friends at WRNJ Radio for Veteran Build and Home Repair Progams

MAY 2023

- Dedicated 22nd home for a family of five in Franklin Township.
- ReStore celebrates 11th anniversary.
- Home Repair Program is established to bring all repair programs under one umbrella.







COMMUNITY CENTER ANNIVERSARY

HOMES BUILT & DEDICATED

HOME REPAIR PROJECTS COMPLETED



RESTORE ANNIVERSARY



TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS FAVORABLY IMPACTED



VOLUNTEERS





INTERNATIONAL FAMILIES SERVED



HOPE IN THE HILLS AGING IN PLACE PROJECTS COMPLETED



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"This is what we all work so hard for... Seeing the gratitude our partner families appreciation and of is а reward to each one of us that can't even be put into words. Thank you to everyone here, and those in our community as well, who made their dreams come true." -Ben Eskow, WCHFH Executive Director

This year WCHFH dedicated our 21st and 22nd homes, which are the 3rd and 4th homes on land donated by Franklin Township. We are also nearing completion of our 3rd Veteran Build home, also on the Franklin Township tract of land.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



WCHFH proudly dedicated their 21st home to Steve, Donna, and daughter Amber Stefano in September 2022 "We are still pinching ourselves because it's like winning the lottery, only so much better," Donna and Steve commented upon hearing the news that they had been chosen to become homeowners, "This means a new beginning and security for our family. A blessing we will never take for granted."



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



Nick and Maggi Pregenzer and their three children officially moved into their home in June of 2023, becoming WCHFH's 22nd partner family.

When asked what their experience with Warren County Habitat has been like, they shared that it has been overwhelmingly positive: "Obviously, we now have a beautiful home, but Habitat has also been an inspiration and has restored our faith in humans and our sense of community."



"Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. " 1 Corinthians 10:24



Volunteer Hours

Sixty-eight volunteers donated 6,788 hours toward the completion of the partner family homes in progess during this fiscal year. These numbers do not include the sweat equity hours of our partner families.

Members of our extremely dedicated Build Crew, who work in all types of weather to complete our partner family homes.

HOMES IN PROGRESS

The Riddick, Fischer, and Werkheiser familes are our three partner families whose homes will be dedicated in the second half of 2023 and first half of 2024. The Riddick home is our third Veterans Build. The Fischer home is the sixth and final home built on property donated by Frankin Township. The Werkeiser home is being built in partnership with a grant from NORWESCAP



Riddick Family Franklin Township



Fischer Family Franklin Township



Werkheiser Family Phillipsburg

As of May 2023, the WCHFH Critical Home Repair (CHR), Touch of Kindness (TOK) and Hope in the Hills of Warren Programs now come under the umbrella of the **Home Repair Program (HRP)**. HRP is applicable to seniors, those with a disability, or families with extreme circumstances, who struggle to maintain the integrity of their homes. The program exists to provide eligible low and moderate income homeowners the resources needed to make necessary home repairs, thereby preventing them from suffering accidents or injuries, and enabling them to stay in a safe and healthy environment.

Amanda's Story

Amanda is a Warren County homeowner who needed a critical repair to make her home safe. Her porch had holes and rot in the floorboards, and the cost of the necessary repairs was unaffordable. The steps leading up to Amanda's front door were so unsafe that the mailman had to memorize the correct path up her steps just to safely deliver the parcels to her mailbox.

"Last Halloween my son was ten, he wanted to decorate the porch for Halloween, but we couldn't. In fact, we put the candy down at the bottom because we didn't even want kids to walk up the steps," Amanda recalled.

"It's symbolism of things happening in my life here! My porch was falling apart and now the porch is getting fixed, and my career is moving forward ... things are looking up for sure."





-Amanda



Home Repair Projects FY 2023: 35

warrenhabitat.org/programs/critical-repair



warrenhabitat.org/programs/hope-hills-warren

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4



Our goal as the Community Center is to provide "A Place of Purpose Where the Community Gathers Together to Learn, Grow and Thrive." – JJ Norment, Community Outreach Director



We are thrilled to report that in FY 2023 - its first full year of operation - the Community Center exceeded all of our hopes and expectations. The Community Center pulsed with life this year, as a number of diverse programs brought neighbors together under one roof. From the high energy Zumba classes to the mindful Tai Chi, our calendar offered a variety of wellness activities for people in all walks of life. Children explored their creativity at crafting events, and themed kids' parties provided joyous celebrations for each holiday. Adults, too, allowed their creativity to flow through regular crafting sessions and biweekly Open Mic Nights every other Friday. The Warren County Habitat for Humanity Community Center has been able to open their doors to other companies and organizations too, for meetings, events, and workshops. Whether seeking the peaceful focus of yoga or simply a friendly gathering space, the Community Center fostered a vibrant spirit of connection.

FY 2023 Statistics # of Events - 460 # of Attendees - 5,300 Donations & Grants - \$16,185



Many of the Veterans who attended the Veterans Recognition Event

Thank you to our many donors and supporters, including the John Taylor Babbitt foundation, which donated an emergency difibrilator to the organization.



Examples of Programming Youth A Guide to Financial Literacy Kids Crafts Lego Time Toddler Time Dance Classes for Teens Family Nutcracker Performance Movie Night Adult Fitness Classes Job Fair Open Mic Night Widow/Widower Support Group AA Meetings Veterans Recognition Veterans Forum

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

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NEW SIGN - SAME GREAT STORE

The ReStore celebrated its 11th anniversary of serving the community with a new sign, which completes the store front renovation started a few years ago. The store continues to provide new or slightly used household goods at below market value prices, generating revenue which then funds our mission of building safe and affordable homes in partnership with qualified families. For the second year in a row, revenue exceeded \$1 million. Thank you to all those who donated their home goods, to the 277 volunteers who donated their time and effort and our enthusiastic and innovative staff for managing our ever expanding operations.







"We're doers, we get things done... When there's a problem, the Habitat team will find a solution." – Michael Chobot, ReStore General Manager

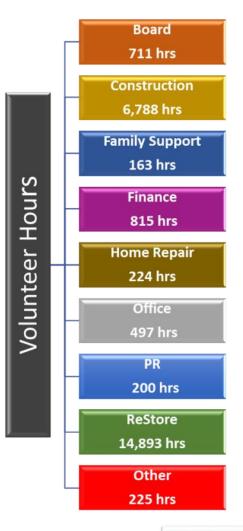


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"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

When it comes to volunteering we like to say, "You don't need to be able to swing a hammer." This becomes evident by looking at this graphic, which shows the number of hours our volunteers contributed by general volunteer activity.



WCHFH is an organization that thrives because of its volunteers. Whether they've donated a day of their time or a year, they are an integral piece to this organization's success and we are so grateful for their involvement. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers for their selflessness and dedication to our mission of building homes, communities and hope!





To discuss group and individual volunteer opportunities, contact our Volunteer Services Manager: 908 835 1300 ext. 11 or brittany.powelson@warrenhabitat.org

warrenhabitat.org/get-involved/volunteer



Group Participation

We welcomed 20 groups - totaling 148 volunteers –who worked either at a build site or at the ReStore. These groups came from civic organizations, businesses, church groups and schools.



Below: Pictures from Volunteer Recognition Event

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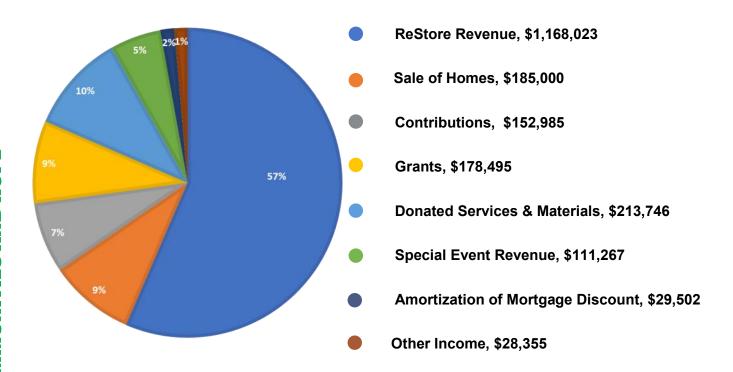
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2023 FY Statement of Financial Position

* All financial figures are preliminary and unaudited.

REVENUES - \$2,067,013

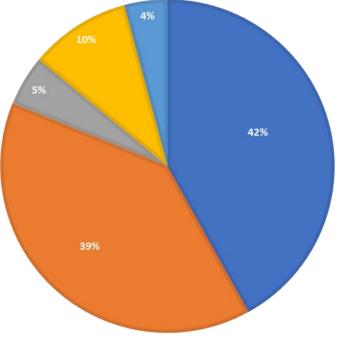


EXPENSES - \$1,821,401

- Home Building, Repair & Community Programs Expenses, \$763,779
- ReStore Expenses, \$714,346
- Discount on Issued Mortgages, \$88,734
- General Administrative, \$179,130
- Fundraising, \$75,412

OTHER FINANCIAL MEASUREMENTS

- Available Cash \$526,461
- Mortgages Held \$1,447,978
- Construction in Progress \$738,8745



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Retail ReStore Personnel

General Manager – Michael Chobot Assistant Manager – Christine Erhard Assistant Manager – Janice Duffy

Volunteer Leaders

Architectural Coordinator – Joe Flynn Assistant Treasurer – DJ Pesaniello Community Events – Patty Swayne Electrician – Donald Burd Engineer/Truck Supervisor – Nevitt Duveneck Lunch Coordinator – Patty Swayne Surveyor – Vern Lawson Volunteer Coordinator – Brittany Powelson

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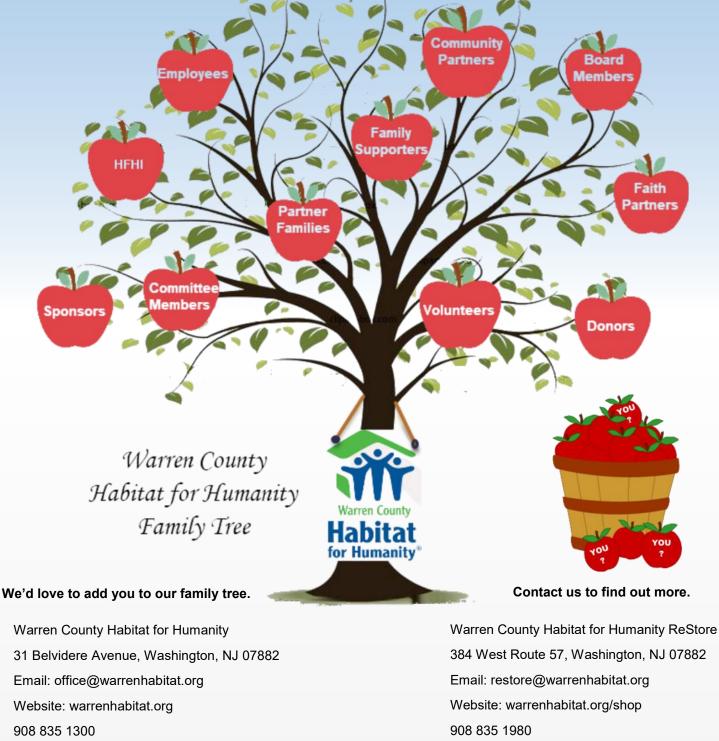
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Family trees usually represent genealogical relationships, so why a Warren County Habitat for Humanity Family Tree? Though not all of us associated with WCHFH are related through genealogy, those who support WCHFH are truly a family - bound together by our mission. By giving generously of themselves through their time, talents, prayers and donations, my fellow family members are putting God's love into action and God has blessed us by allowing our tree to bear much fruit from which to provide for our community. - MW, WCHFH Family Member

"And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful." Titus 3:14



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