



Habitat Happenings: Newsletter – Summer 2020

Hello friends:

It is said that “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade”. Over the past few months, we’ve been making the best out of a challenging situation.

- The construction of 307 Hillside Avenue in Long Branch continued with only one experienced volunteer, following safety guidelines and our construction staff, Ron and Andy.
- HFHMC was recognized with the Acts of Kindness award by the Grunin and OceanFirst Foundations.
- The ReStore reopened to the public on July 15.

Most recently, the Home Dedication for 307 Hillside took place during the first week of August. For our newest partner family, Allahsha and her son, Norman, their new home is the best “lemonade.”

We are moving forward on our next home at 105 Seaview in Long Branch in partnership with Monmouth Medical Center and the City of Long Branch. As long as the need for affordable housing continues, Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County will be there every step of the way.

Warmest regards,

David Hinton
Board President

Diane Kinnane
Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 19** – Home Dedication Facebook Watch Party at 4 pm – Visit www.habitatmonmouth.org for more information
- **September 14** – Save the Date: Golf for Homes at Bella Vista Country Club - Marlboro

We've Reopened!
 Our ReStore is now open! Visit us Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm! Visit www.habitatmonmouth.org/restore to learn more.

**WELCOME HOME
ALLASHA &
NORMAN**



This summer we are thrilled to welcome our newest partner family, Allahsha and Norman, to their new home in Long Branch. Habitat staff and volunteers diligently worked on this home for the past several months, prior to the pandemic. Thank you to groups from Stevens Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Tower Hill Church, Long Branch Police Department and IBEW Local 400 .

On August 19 at 4 pm, a special Facebook Watch Party of the Home Dedication will stream to welcome our newest homeowner and recognize all those who made this dream a reality! Follow us on Facebook or visit www.habitatmonmouth.org for more information.



Above: Volunteers in early January ready to work! **Right:** Allahsha getting some sweat equity hours in.



WELCOME & THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD!

We wish to thank our retiring board members Steve Palecek and former Board President, Nancy Doran for their long-time service to our board! We are grateful for all of their years of dedication.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new board member, Dan Foglia, who joined this past April. And congratulations to David Hinton who is our new Board President, succeeding Gregory Robinson who remains on our board.

Right: David Hinton, Board President. **Below:** Our board recently meeting via Zoom!



IN THE NEWS

A shout out to Freehold Reformed Church and Gramercy Orchestra of New York for not one, but two, live stream concerts featuring Rita Harvey and Neil Berg in June and July! All donations will help Habitat continue its mission throughout Monmouth County!



A special Thank you to OceanFirst, in partnership with the Grunin Foundation and Townsquare Media, for choosing Habitat as an Acts of Kindness Recipient. And a big thank you John Mizsak for the nomination!



The OceanFirst Foundation also awarded Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County a \$10,000 COVID-19 Relief grant to assist the ReStore in upgrading operations for the safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff.



L to R: David Hinton, Board President; Dominick Romano, OceanFirst; Peggy Molloy, ReStore Manager and Felicia Levine, Director of Development

CARS FOR HOMES

“Recycling” a vehicle you no longer use or need can help benefit Habitat Monmouth’s programs and partner families! Through our Cars for Homes program, we accept almost all vehicles which are sold and the revenue comes back to support our mission! During FY2020 alone, donors helped raise almost \$24,000!



Donating your vehicle is fast, easy to do, and potentially tax-deductible, and it helps keep an enormous amount of steel out of landfills! To find out more, visit www.habitatmonmouth.org/carsforhomes!