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*Fall 2023*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As the Summer ends and we welcome Fall, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark looks forward to continuing our transformational work within our communities! With a competitive grant awarded from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and a second Implementation Grant from the Regional Foundation in the amount of \$300,000, these grants will support our ongoing work in Newark, including our Neighborhood Revitalization Program.



The West and Central Village Community Resource Hub continues to be a lifeline to the residents as we mobilize resources, build capacity, and improve the quality of life for our partner families.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark is proud to be named a Veterans Build affiliate by Habitat International. This designation allows Habitat Greater Newark to provide critical repairs to low- and moderate-income veteran families. Our mission is to continue to help veterans in need to remain safe and secure within the place they call home. As a salute to our veterans, we held our 1st Annual Golf Invitational at Maplewood Country Club on June 15th, 2023. Our 2nd Annual USATF sanctioned "Salute to Our Veterans 5k Run and Walk" will be held on November 18th, 2023, at Liberty State Park. Proceeds from these events will enable us to increase our outreach to veterans to meet the demand for affordable housing and home repairs for veteran families this year.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and dedication to Habitat Greater Newark.

— Jeffrey J. Farrell Chief Executive Officer Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark, Inc. Serving Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties



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# CRITICAL REPAIR

## TAWAYNA

Tawayna is a local veteran who resides in Newark who has faced struggles with substance abuse and homelessness but eventually sought treatment and turned her life around. Determined to create a better future, she focused on homeownership and improving her financial situation. After facing setbacks, she eventually purchased her first house and experienced a sense of accomplishment. Unfortunately, when a neighboring home caught on fire and caused significant damage to Tawayna's home, she was left to bear the repair costs alone. After connecting with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark, we were able to work with Tawayna to provide the critical repairs to help her remain in her home.

*"I can't thank Habitat for Humanity enough for the Disabled Veteran Critical Repair Program. I have been given a lifeline and I am forever grateful for this opportunity. I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Thank you thank you thank you Habitat for Humanity!!"*



Pictured from left to right: Local Newark resident and veteran, Tawayna Peebles, and Vanessa Bazydlo, Deputy Director of Fund Development and Corporate Engagement of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark.

## IRVING

Mr. Irving Ealy, a life-long Newark resident, has several disabilities including being hard of hearing, blind in one eye and an amputee causing him to be wheelchair bound. Being wheelchair bound in his own home has made it impossible for him to access his bathrooms. His first-floor bathroom is not wheelchair accessible with an additional bathroom on the second floor which he has not been able to access for years. HFHGN plans to build a wheelchair accessible bathroom on his first floor so that Mr. Ealy can utilize his bathroom whenever he needs. We also plan to build a ramp for Mr. Ealy in front of his home so that he is not homebound any longer.



Mr. Irving Ealy, lifelong Newark resident

## SHARON

My parents grew up in the south of the United States / Alabama and North Carolina and moved to Newark over 60 years ago. I lived on the same block for 60 years and purchased my home more than 25 years ago, before I had my daughter who is now 24 years old. I made the decision to invest in property for all the money I've worked hard to earn. I worked for Triple AAA in Florham Park for 30 years and am now retired. I started having repair issues in my home about 10 years ago and am grateful to have found Habitat for Humanity as a resource to assist me with ensuring my home continues to be a safe place for me to live.

To learn more about our programs please contact our Family Services Coordinator, Gabriela Bernal at [gbernal@habitatnewark.org](mailto:gbernal@habitatnewark.org) or visit our website at **Critical Repair - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark** ([habitatnewark.org](http://habitatnewark.org))

## CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Our 2023 Corporate Challenge was a great success with significant home rehabilitation and repairs, transforming the homes and lives of those we serve. Our year-round Corporate Challenge provides opportunities for our partners to support our work while also providing valuable team building and community engagement opportunities.

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the dream teams of our Title Sponsor DTCC for being such loyal, generous supporters of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark! DTCC so graciously supported multiple builds, our Golf Invitational, and our Salute to Our Veterans 5k Run and Walk, without supporters such as you, our work is not possible!

Christopher McDermott from DTCC states, “Habitat for Humanity’s vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live aligns perfectly with DTCC’s Core Value of Responsible Citizenship. Together, we work to uplift the communities where we live and work. Alongside my colleagues, I am excited to represent DTCC and partner with HFH to ensure that the vision is met.”

Gerardo Reyes from DTCC states, “It’s a pleasure for to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Our employees are always excited about being involved in different volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity. We continue to sponsor and support Habitat for Humanity because it makes an impact on the community in where our employees live.”





## CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Thank you to all our Sponsors for making it possible to fulfill our mission to serve our families, veterans, and seniors in need!

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**Don't miss out on the opportunity to have an instrumental hand in the building of a home for a family in need! Reserve your private build day, today!**  
**Contact our Deputy Director of Fund Development and Corporate Engagement**  
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## GRANT AWARDS

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWARK AWARDED SECOND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FROM REGIONAL FOUNDATION

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark (HFHGN) has been awarded a second implementation grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the Regional Foundation. The Implementation II grant is designed to foster the revitalization of Newark's West and Central Village neighborhoods in Newark, NJ.

Following the Foundation's initial \$500,000 for planning and the first phase of implementation, Habitat's Food Pantry opened in response to meet the neighborhood's critical need for food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Distributing 11,000 meals monthly, HFHGN's food pantry has been a lifeline to the neighborhood. Funding from the Regional Foundation Implementation Grant II will enable us to build our capacity to expand the Food Pantry to meet the increasing food insecurity among the residents we serve. Habitat Greater Newark's ID restoration and re-entry programs are collaborative efforts with other local organizations and have been critical to the needs of the residents. During Phase II of the implementation, we will expand these critical programs to better serve the community. Habitat's implementation work is rooted in addressing basic

needs and multiple social determinants of health and our phase II implementation will enable us to continue to forge relationships with partners to address the needs of the neighborhood.





## GRANT AWARDS

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWARK AWARDED FY2023 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT (NRTC) PROJECT FUNDING.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark (HFHGN) has been awarded \$523,300 in FY2023 Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) project funding by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The NRTC program is designed to foster the revitalization of New Jersey neighborhoods. Each year, credits are provided to business entities that invest in the revitalization of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods in eligible cities.

In 2018, in collaboration with the residents of the **West & Central Village of Newark** and with a grant from the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, HFHGN developed a neighborhood revitalization plan, to address the numerous and broad needs in the West & Central Village including: unchecked crime, lack of access to healthy food, a lack of recreational amenities for children, and access to employment. The following year HFHGN implemented its revitalization plan with grants from lead funders including Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, Bayer, Prudential Financial and Bloomberg Philanthropies. The Community Resource Hub opened on the corner of South Orange Avenue and South 6th Street on the ground floor of HFHGN's co-op building providing: a food pantry to address food insecurity for economically disadvantaged families, health and wellness services connecting residents to healthcare and other critical services, a license restoration program to assist in securing employment and a computer lab for children and adults who don't have access to their own equipment. Expanding upon existing relationships with other nonprofits in the area, HFHGN was able to staff the Hub with partners and secure the resources needed by this community.

Habitat Greater Newark also plans to utilize the funding to develop additional housing in the West & Central Village where pre-development is already under way and continue to provide Healthy Homes and Critical Repairs for seniors and veterans at risk of homelessness

within our focus area. Construction will bring two side-by-side triplexes to the neighborhood. Projects will be constructed to Energy Star standards and sold to low-to-moderate-income Partner Families who have been approved through the application process.

We are proud to continue to serve the community through our food pantry located at our West and Central Village Community Resource Hub. To date, we have served 145,000 meals and 11,000 families. Thanks to your generous donations, vulnerable families in Newark's West & Central Village are receiving the nutrition they need, and we look forward to continuing to make a positive impact in our community.

**To learn more about our West and Central Village Community Resource Hub, please visit our website within the link below or contact our Family Services Coordinator Gabby Bernal at [gbernal@habitatnewark.org](mailto:gbernal@habitatnewark.org)**

**Community Resource Hub Programs - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark ([habitatnewark.org](https://habitatnewark.org))**



*The food pantry at our Hub to provide food assistance for families and children of Newark's West and Central Village.*



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