

## building hope, one home at a time





# How You Can Help

More than bricks and mortar, an investment in Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark is life changing and pays dividends into the future. Ways you can donate to our mission:



Secure online contributions (one-time or recurring) ☑

Gifts on behalf of a loved one

Match your gift through your

place of employment



In-kind donations

Estate Giving





#### Interested in donating?

Contact Danielle Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer at dsanchez@habitatnewark.org for gifts of real estate or estate giving.

Contact Vanessa Bazydlo, Deputy Director of Fund Development and Corporate Engagement at vbazydlo@habitatnewark.org for sponsorships, one-time or recurring gifts, gifts on behalf of a loved one, employee giving, in-kind donations, or donating your car.



#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark (HFHGN), I want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible volunteers, sponsors, and partners for their steadfast dedication and support of our mission.

As we welcome Spring 2025, we are energized by the opportunities this season holds and excited for a year of meaningful impact and progress With special thanks to The Healthcare Foundation of NJ, Habitat is thrilled to introduce our newly enhanced food pantry located within our West and Central Village Community Resource Hub. This upgrade is designed to expand access to healthy foods, foster connections, and increase food distribution within the community.

Thanks to your continued support, Habitat continues to increase the number of home repairs for veteran and senior homeowners living on a fixed income through our Critical Repair Program.

In partnership with University Hospital and other mission-based organizations, Habitat will host quarterly Health and Wellness events. These events will focus on Women's and Men's wellness and Victim and Trauma Awareness, enabling us to increase accessibility to vital services.

By working closely with community leaders, volunteers, and our sponsors, we continue to strengthen our programs to ensure we provide the highest level of impact in Essex, Hudson, and Union counties.

Together, let's make 2025 our most meaningful year yet!!

#### - Jeffrey J. Farrell

Chief Executive Officer Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark Serving Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties

# cars for homes 🛪 🛪 🏘

Donate your vehicle to Habitat of Greater Newark's Cars for Homes program and help a family build a home and attain strength, stability, and self-reliance for the future.

To donate your vehicle, call or visit: 877-277-4344 · habitat.org/carsforhomes

### CORPORATE CHALLENGE

# Spring 2025 Kickoff

**Our bi-annual Corporate Challenge offers companies** a unique opportunity to play a pivotal role in building homes for hardworking families in need. Last year's Corporate Challenge centered on providing critical repairs for veterans and seniors living on fixed incomes. Thanks to the dedication and effort of our incredible volunteers, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark successfully completed 17 critical repair projects, enabling families to continue living safely in their homes.

# Looking to make a difference through volunteering?

Connect with Vanessa Bazydlo, our Deputy Director of Fund Development and Corporate Engagement, at vbazydlo@ habitatnewark.org to learn how your team can get involved!

Stay up to date on our latest builds and all the news from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark by following us on social media!



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### SPRING 2025 CORPORATE CHALLENGE Sponsorship Levels

#### PLATINUM

\$50,000 • 100 volunteers • 6 Build Days • Press release to the media and on website • Receive recognition at the dedication ceremony • Receive prominent space on the Habitat of Greater Newark website this year • Meet Partner Families • Up to 5 posts on social media, including one video post • Bi-annual newsletter half-page feature article and feature article in one monthly e-newsletter.

#### GOLD

\$25,000 • 50 volunteers • 4 Build Days • Logo on website • Meet Partner Families • Up to 4 posts on social media • Feature article in one monthly e-newsletter.

#### SILVER

\$15,000 • 20 volunteers • 2 Build Day • Logo on website • Up to 3 posts on social media • Team photo included in monthly e-newsletter.

#### BRONZE

\$7,500 • 15 volunteers • 1 Build Day • Logo on website • Up to 2 posts on social media • Team photo included in monthly e-newsletter.

#### COPPER

\$2,500 • 10 volunteers • 1 Build Day • Logo on website • One post on social media • Company name listed in monthly e-newsletter.

For sponsorship opportunities or to sign up your team please contact Vanessa, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark's Deputy Director of Fund Development & Corporate Engagement at **vbazydlo@habitatnewark.org** or call **(973) 624-3330 ext. 100**.

## Through shelter, we empower.



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWARK HAPPENINGS 3rd Annual Golf Invitational Announcement

HFHGN's Annual Golf Invitational is a vibrant and enjoyable event that fuels the vital work we do yearround. It's a day of friendly competition, connections, and camaraderie, bringing people together to support a meaningful cause.

No golf experience? No problem! Players of all skill levels are welcome to join in the fun. This event offers a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, contribute to transformative work, and witness the tangible impact of your support firsthand.

It's a win-win for everyone involved, and we can't wait to see you on the course this season!

For sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to Vanessa Bazydlo, Deputy Director of Fund Development and Corporate Engagement at vbazydlo@habitatnewark.org



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#### PARTNER FAMILY SUCCESS STORY

## **Critical Repair Success Stories**

Meet the Critchlow Family





Ms. Critchlow, a single mother of four, became a homeowner in 2018 in Essex County. While balancing her job as a secretary and studying for her social work degree, she noticed roof water damage. At a local event, she connected with Habitat of Greater Newark's Outreach Coordinator, Cassandra Dock who referred her to our Critical Repair Program. HFHGN was able to repair Ms. Critchlow's roof, making it possible for her to remain safe in the place she calls home.



Robyn Webb, a dedicated US Postal Service employee of 18 years was forced into early retirement due to an injury that caused a permanent disability. After retirement, living on a fixed income, Robyn struggled to support her family and disabled son. When her roof fell into disrepair causing leakage, creating mold issues, and damaging sheetrock throughout her home, she felt as though she had nowhere to turn, until she found Habitat for Humanity for Humanity of Greater Newark. Habitat Greater Newark is proud to say that we were able to repair Robyn's home and provide her with the security and comfort she is so deserving of.

For more information about our Critical Repair Program, please reach out to Gabriela Bernal, Family Services Program Manager at gbernal@habitatnewark.org

or visit our website at https://www.habitatnewark.org/programs/critical-repairs/

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### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWARK HAPPENINGS West & Central Village Community Resource Hub

Over the past year, HFHGN's West and Central Village Community Resource Hub has become a beacon of hope for residents in the Greater Newark area, evolving into a comprehensive center focused on health, nutrition, and overall well-being. With generous funding from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey (HFNJ), we have expanded our outreach to address the critical needs of the community. A key initiative has been the addition of fresh produce to our pantry, made possible through a partnership with the Greater Newark Conservancy. Weekly donations of seasonal fruits and vegetables have boosted morale and promoted healthier eating habits among our patrons. This year, we aim to double last year's impact of serving 49,000 meals to 700 families. In partnership with food agencies and mental health organizations, we will address food insecurity, expand available resources, and enhance our programming, which includes health and wellness, financial literacy, and mental health services.

Additionally, our West and Central Village Community Resource Hub houses a computer lab for resume building, virtual meetings, and schoolwork, benefiting over 180 individuals in 2024. Our ID Restoration Program, in partnership with Franciscan Charities, has issued over 3,000 IDs since inception, helping residents access documentation for seeking employment or the chance to change their lives by entering rehab.

For more information about HFHGN's West and Central Village Community Resource Hub, please contact Faith Layer, Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator, at flayer@habitatnewark.org.



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### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWARK HAPPENINGS

# **Health and Wellness**

HFHGN's health and wellness drives community impact by fostering changes in behavior, environments, and practices, empowering individuals to live fulfilling lives and contribute to broader economic and social growth.

### Victim & Trauma Awareness

HFHGN's Victim and Trauma Awareness Events aim to educate individuals about trauma, stabilize trauma-related symptoms like PTSD, and address how trauma impacts daily life. Trauma can result from natural disasters, accidents, and violence, affecting people of all ages. Our goal is to promote healing and recovery through trauma-informed support.







### 2025 HFHGN Health and Wellness Events

This year, Habitat Greater Newark will host Health and Wellness Events focused on women's and men's health, community trauma, and youth engagement, along with two community distribution days. In May, the Spring Women's Wellness Fair will welcome back the University Hospital Mammogram Van, and wellness classes with

Yaquanna Williams and ImSoYoga. In July, we will host the 2nd Annual Victim & Trauma Awareness Event, connecting resources and screening vehicles with University Hospital and referrals to rehabilitation programs. August will bring the Youth Wellness Block Party, in partnership with Brothers Building a Better Nation, offering healthy meals, free haircuts, school supplies, boxing, and wellness vendors. Through our West and Central Village Community Resource Hub's food pantry, we will expand nutrition education and wellness workshops, increase food donations, and continue monthly blood and glucose screenings with University Hospital. Additionally, we will resume Community Conditions Panel meetings, host a tax informational session with the IRS, and provide ongoing support through resource vendors at HFHGN's West and Central Village Community Resource Hub.

If you are interested in partnering with us for our Health and Wellness Events, or to donate to our food pantry, please reach out to Faith Layer, Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator at flayer@habitatnewark.org.

*Together, we will strengthen partnerships and enhance community wellness throughout 2025 and beyond.* 



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