



## THE CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

The Cornerstone Society is a group of generous, committed donors who give \$500 or more each year to sustain Habitat Chesapeake's efforts to build decent, affordable homes for families in need. When you become a member of the Cornerstone Society, you join a very select group of friends whose extraordinary commitment offers hope to thousands of families in communities across Central Maryland.

### Cornerstone Society Giving Benefits

- Listing in the Habitat for Humanity Chesapeake Annual Report
- Listing on Habitat for Humanity Cornerstone Society webpage
- Invitation to annual reception for Cornerstone Society members
- Invitations to special project tours, program announcements and home dedications
- Insider's tour of neighborhoods in transformation
- A special memento of appreciation



# our impact



**740+**  
beautiful homes



**2,500+**  
lives transformed



**100,000**  
volunteers engaged



**35 years**  
of building homes, communities  
and hope



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**Building the Foundation for Homes,  
Communities & Hope**

For more information on becoming a member of The Cornerstone Society, contact Gregg Mitchell, Chief Advancement Officer, at 410-366-1250 or [greggmitchell@habitat Chesapeake.org](mailto:greggmitchell@habitat Chesapeake.org).



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## Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Over the past 35 years, we have built or renovated more than 740 homes – helping 2,500+ children and family members find safety, stability and a chance for a brighter future.

It's a daunting task: raising millions of capital dollars each year to build, while simultaneously supporting families on their journey to homeownership, engaging volunteers in the construction process, and forming partnerships with faith organizations, schools, and civic groups to ensure that our communities thrive.

**We could never do it alone.**

## how we work

We look for opportunities to build in neighborhoods that have strong anchor institutions and amenities, but need more investment



We recruit first-time homebuyers who need decent housing, are willing to partner and able to afford a mortgage

We bring homebuyers, current residents and volunteers from the public and private sectors together to build beautiful houses



We welcome new homeowners and see communities come alive with hope and opportunity

## where we work

### Baltimore City

Baltimore-Linwood	Orchard Ridge
Better Waverly	Patterson Park
Brooklyn	Sandtown-Winchester*
McElderry Park	Washington Village*
Middle East	Waverly
Mt. Winans*	Woodbourne-McCabe*

### Anne Arundel County

Brooklyn Park-Pumphrey  
Clay Street, Annapolis\*  
Edgewater  
Forrest Street, Annapolis  
Severn

*\*Indicates communities where we are currently building*



## A Community Transformed

Woodbourne-McCabe is a small neighborhood of single-family homes and rowhouses located just off the York Road Corridor in North Baltimore. For decades, the community struggled with gang violence, which led to disinvestment and decay. Over time, 60% of the homes on McCabe Avenue became abandoned and fell into various stages of disrepair.

In 2011, Habitat Chesapeake committed to rehabilitating 21 homes and working with community leaders, public agencies and private stakeholders to stabilize, repurpose or demolish properties unable to be saved. Today, thanks to generous donors and engaged partners, 14 new families have joined the Woodbourne-McCabe community and more are on the way. With an influx of engaged homeowners and a playground, library, schools, churches, a pharmacy and bus lines all within walking distance, the community is poised for a bright future. In the past year alone, home values in the still affordable neighborhood have quadrupled.

### The Benefits of Homeownership

- Improved physical and mental health
- Increased academic outcomes and graduation rates
- Stronger sense of community and civic pride
- Wealth building across generations