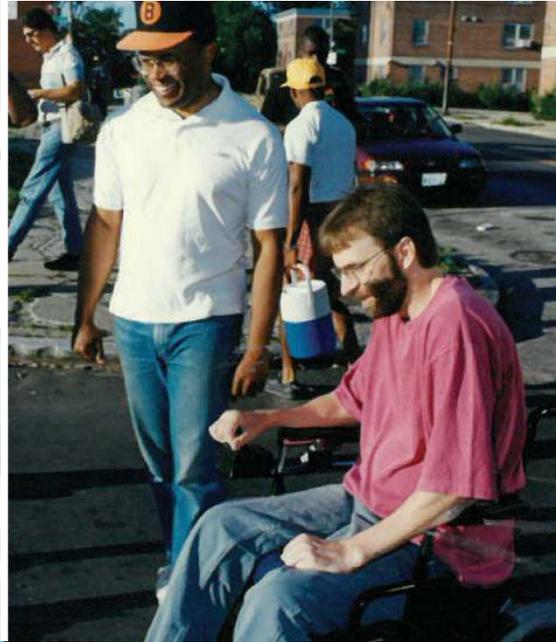




Hearts & Homes



35 Years of Hope & Counting!

Breaking Ground

Habitat for Humanity was founded by a husband and wife team, Millard and Linda Fuller, in Georgia in 1976. A self-made millionaire at age 29, Millard Fuller gave his fortune away and moved his family to a small Christian community where they built modest houses alongside needy families. Homes were then sold to the families at no profit and with zero interest mortgages. From these humble beginnings, sprang Habitat for Humanity.

As word of the Fuller's vision spread, localized versions of Habitat - called Habitat affiliates - popped up around the world. Habitat Chesapeake, founded in 1982 to

serve Central Maryland, was among the first 20 in the U.S. By 1989, three more Habitat affiliates had launched locally, serving Anne Arundel and Howard Counties and the Sandtown community in Baltimore City respectively.

Laying the Foundation

The rapid succession of new affiliates speaks to the economic climate of the time. Inflation, stagnant wages and the disappearance of middle-class manufacturing jobs that once offered good pay and benefits, had led to a decade-long recession. By the mid-80's, corporate profits and the stock market were on the rise again, but the gap between socioeconomic classes had

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Letter from the CEO

Five years ago, I was trekking through the foothills of Nepal, on my way to build homes for victims of a massive earthquake. It was my first Habitat for Humanity mission trip and one of the best experiences of my life. Just days after returning home, a friend mentioned that Habitat Chesapeake was looking for a CEO and having experienced the power of the work firsthand, I leapt at the chance.

Five years later, I'm still leaping at opportunities to experience and extend the powerful impact of Habitat. Whether it is hammering nails alongside staff and volunteers, handing the keys to a new homeowner, advocating for funding to stabilize and rehabilitate vacant homes, or launching a new workforce development program that trains young people for construction careers as they build Habitat homes, each day is better than the last.

And, so it seems, is each year. We are currently celebrating Habitat Chesapeake's 35th anniversary and as you'll see in this issue, each year brings higher highs. This one is special because it includes the opportunity to chart the path forward. Very soon we will have finished building all of the properties we currently own. Now is the time to think beyond those - looking for new opportunities to lift up struggling communities and families who deserve a brighter future. So, in addition to the daily work of coaching families and framing walls, our staff is busy poring over maps and walking streets with local residents to gauge our impact and what our next trek could and should be.

I hope you will keep climbing with us toward the next summit, building even more homes, communities and hope in Central Maryland.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim".

Cover, from left: Bank of America volunteers pose during a 2009 Team Build; Lauren Hughes of Homeowner Services presents keys and bible to Orchard Ridge homeowner Shamea Clowney; Sandtown Habitat founder Allan Tibbels tours the community with then-Baltimore City Mayor Kurt Schmoke.

🏠 Five Years Later: Tarron's Story

In five years' time, Tarron Smith has shown just how much a Habitat homeowner can accomplish beyond the ribbon-cutting. Since receiving her bible and key at a dedication ceremony in 2011, Tarron has graduated from Towson University with a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, become a kindergarten teacher for Baltimore City Public Schools, gotten engaged and most recently become a mother to 1-year-old daughter Dylan.



Tarron's daughter Dylan loves the home that "she came home to, and which will one day be hers."

For Tarron, the road to homeownership began while encouraging others to apply to Habitat. Listening to a presentation for parents at her school, Tarron thought this might be an opportunity that she could be a part of as well. "The worst thing that could be said was no. So I applied, and it was the best decision I've ever made!"

Now, Tarron and her daughter reside one block north of 300-acre Patterson Park, which has lots of family-friendly amenities like a pool, playground, sports fields and community festivals. Habitat Chesapeake rehabilitated 72 homes in the area from 2013 - 2015 thanks to a Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant from the Department of Housing & Urban Development. With a concentrated influx of homeowners and nearby investments from Johns Hopkins, the neighborhood is thriving and so is Tarron. "My home means the world to me and especially my daughter. This is the house that she came home to, the house that she will grow up in, and the house that will one day be hers. It's a house that will be in our family forever."



*Patterson Park North
Baltimore City*

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Patterson Park North



\$10+
MILLION INVESTED



72
NEW HOMEOWNERS



2X
HOME VALUES DOUBLED



Habitat Chesapeake homeowners gather for 30th year homeowner reunion.

widened significantly. Housing costs skyrocketed in Maryland and low-to-moderate income families were pushed to the geographic fringes, paying more for smaller, lower-quality homes and apartments.

Framing the Future

Nowhere was Habitat's mission more vital than in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of West Baltimore where unemployment, disinvestment and the drug trade had left many families struggling to get by in substandard housing. Allan Tibbels, a Howard County resident who had suddenly become quadriplegic in a basketball accident, found himself called to move there with his wife and two young daughters

in 1986. By 1989, he and his friend, Reverend Mark Gornik, had founded New Song Community Church and, seeing the need for decent, affordable housing amidst blight and slums, Sandtown Habitat for Humanity. In 1993, Sandtown Habitat embarked on its most ambitious project - the demolition and rebuilding of an entire block of vacant, blighted homes on Leslie Street. Habitat's most famous volunteers, Jimmy and Roslyn Carter, worked alongside Sandtown residents, future homeowners and faith partners like Church of the Good Shepherd to create 27 beautiful new homes in the heart of the community.

Other Central Maryland affiliates pursued similarly large-scale projects



Top Right: Volunteers pose during 1993 Sandtown Team Build; Bottom right; Arundel Habitat for Humanity volunteers together raise framing of home.

around the same time. Habitat Chesapeake rehabilitated 72 homes in the Waverly community of north Baltimore, where the demolition of Memorial Stadium threatened a previously stable neighborhood. Finding concentrations of available, affordable property was more difficult in Anne Arundel and Howard counties, but Arundel Habitat nevertheless, revitalized 23 homes in the Clay Street Community - a

Our History At-A-Glance

1982
Habitat Chesapeake founded

1986
Arundel Habitat founded
1989
Sandtown Habitat founded

1992
Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter build in Sandtown



1998
Sandtown Habitat completes Leslie Street (27 homes)

2002
First ReStore opens

Habitat Chesapeake completes work in Waverly (72 homes)



Above: Sandtown Habitat for Humanity founder Allan Tibbels stands with local residents and supporters on a demolished Leslie Street in 1997. Top Right: Leslie Street after reconstruction; Bottom Right: Homeowner Mbeona Mwaliwa who received Habitat Chesapeake's 300th constructed home.

once-thriving African-American neighborhood in downtown Annapolis that had fallen on hard times. Later, the Anne Arundel and Chesapeake affiliates collaborated on the renovation of 40 homes in Brooklyn, along the city-county line.

Coming Home

Ultimately, the affiliates found that they could accomplish more together, and over the course of just 5 years, all merged together under the Habitat Chesapeake roof. In those five short years, there were many challenges -

merging staffs, cultures and decades of history is tough business! Fortunately a common mission united us. Today, Habitat Chesapeake is greater than the sum of its parts. We have touched 740 families across Central Maryland, offering safety, stability and a chance for a brighter future to 2,500 children and family members. We have transformed 18 communities, strengthening the entire region with long-term homeowners who bring investment and infrastructure to struggling

communities. Our ReStores save more than 3.6 million pounds of building materials from landfills each year and are a critical resource for low-income families in Central Maryland.

We are grateful for all the partners who made this homecoming - and all of the accomplishments that came before - possible. From Anne Arundel to Baltimore to Howard County and beyond, you have walked alongside us as we built homes, communities and hope. Together.

2009

Chesapeake & Arundel Habitat merge

2010

Habitat Chesapeake awarded \$10+ million to rehab 75 homes north of Patterson Park

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter visit to build in Baltimore and Annapolis

2011

Habitat becomes a key partner in Baltimore's Vacants to Value program

Chesapeake and Howard County Habitats merge

11 Homes dedicated on Clay St. in Annapolis

2014

Chesapeake & Sandtown Habitats merge

2016

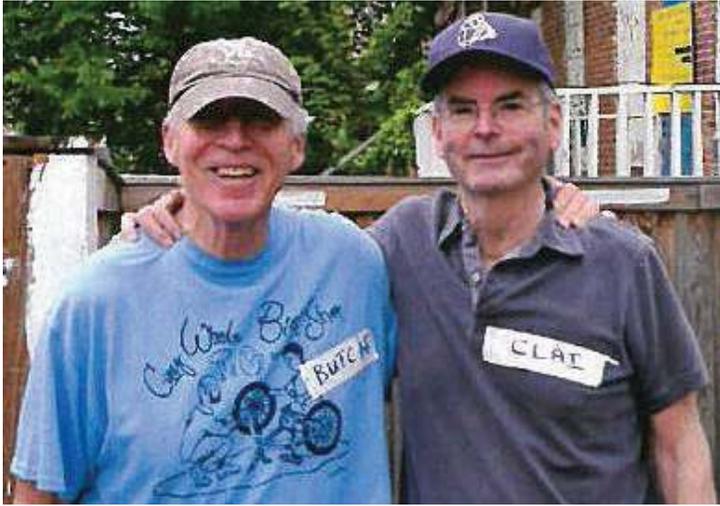
HabiCorps launches

2017

Celebrate 35th Anniversary

Begin evaluating future opportunities

Building on Faith



“Faith must become more than a verbal proclamation. True faith must be acted out.” So said Habitat for Humanity’s founder, Millard Fuller. It’s a principle we at Habitat Chesapeake see realized every day, as our faith partners work together to lift up families and communities.



Among our most active faith supporters are members of the Episcopal Coalition - Church of the Good Shepherd, Church of the Holy Nativity, Church of the Redeemer and St. Thomas Episcopal Church among others - that give generously and supply dozens of volunteers every month. In addition to sponsoring 15 houses in Sandtown, the coalition recently supported a home in the Woodbourne-McCabe neighborhood. There, they work side-by-side with clergy and parishioners from the Uptown Metro Ministry - a group of Presbyterian churches that likewise provides generous financial support, dozens of volunteers and support for community-led initiatives.

Finally, there is the Anne Arundel Interfaith Coalition, which counts Unitarian, Catholic, Presbyterian and Episcopal congregants among its members. One of the Anne Arundel Coalition’s greatest triumphs has been work in the Clay Street Community in Annapolis - a once-thriving middle-class African-American neighborhood that had fallen into disrepair. With the Anne Arundel Interfaith Coalition’s help, 22 homes have been revitalized on Clay Street and one more will be completed by 2018!

We are incredibly grateful for all of our faith partners’ support and awed by their ability to put faith in action!

Clockwise from top: Episcopal Coalition members Butch Darrell and Clai Carr of Church of the Good Shepherd ;740 McCabe is the latest faith-sponsored house; beautiful new homes on Clay St.

“Progress starts within the community itself and works out. The heroes are the homeowners who make a commitment to live in and improve their neighborhood.”
– Butch Darrell, Episcopal Coalition



Act Out!

There are many ways that faith organizations can help Habitat!
Contact Diana Kean, Community Partnerships & Events Manager,
at dkean@habitchesapeake.org or 410-366-1250 to get involved!

♥ Next Generation Builders



From left to right: Broadneck students take the lead on site; Advisors Scott Rundle and Ashley Goldberg pose with the club's tool trailer emblazoned with the names of all past and present club members.

For some high schoolers, senior year is a time for parties and pep rallies. For sixteen seniors at Broadneck High School, though, it's a year of intense drive and determination toward one goal: building homes. The secret to their singular focus is Broadneck Habitat Club's highly competitive application process, which takes place during junior year and results in a small, select group of students who are firmly committed to Habitat's mission.

Once they're accepted, students spend the year coordinating a variety of fundraising activities – from yard work, to cookie dough sales, to hosting a gala dinner. “We let the students take the lead and try to provide guidance and support as they make their way,” says longtime club advisor and math teacher Scott Rundle. In between

fundraisers, the students volunteer on build sites, always arriving early and ready to work. The year culminates in a week-long trip to build out of state – usually in a community devastated by natural disaster – with recent Broadneck Habitat alumni joining the group to provide mentorship. The model seems to be working. Since its launch, the Broadneck Habitat Club has given thousands of hours of time and raised more than \$14,000 for Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake and other affiliates.

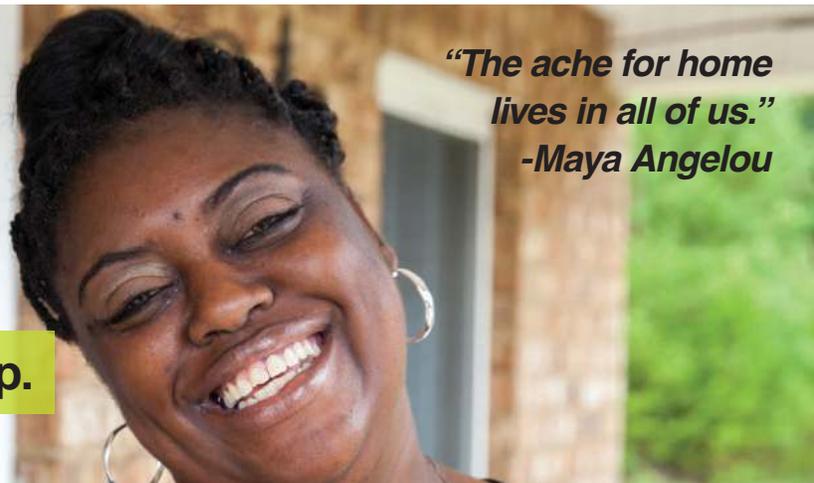
We are incredibly inspired by this next generation who are building a better and brighter future for families here at home and across the country!



Share the Dream.

Leave a Legacy of Homeownership.

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*“The ache for home lives in all of us.”
-Maya Angelou*

HabiCorps Graduates!

A year ago, Habitat Chesapeake was kicking off an innovative new workforce development program, HabiCorps, which aimed to train low-income individuals for careers in the construction industry. We were excited and anxious as we welcomed eight trainees to work on Habitat homes for 10.5 months and gain carpentry skills, construction management experience, AmeriCorps stipends and post-program educational awards.

Fast forward twelve months and all eight of our trainees have graduated to full-time work in the construction industry! Two were hired into carpentry apprenticeship positions by Regional Contracting Service, another to a plumbing apprenticeship by Ariosa &

Company, a third to a position with hauling company Got Junk, and the last four to apprenticeships with Structural Restoration. Their quick job placement was thanks to funder Aerotek, which provided interview coaching, and program partner Project JumpStart, which connected trainees to Associated Builders & Contractors members. Trainees were also aided by their educational awards, which can be used to cover apprenticeship costs that might otherwise be incurred by the employer and make hiring apprentices less likely.

With a successful pilot year under our toolbelt, renewed AmeriCorps funding via the Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, and new partners like the Center for Urban



HabiCorps trainees proudly pose with graduation certificates.



Families providing additional support services, we are thrilled to welcome our second class!

WE NEED YOU!

Donate to the ReStore



Redecorating? Renovating? Donate furniture, appliances, building materials and flooring to Habitat for Humanity ReStore for a year-end tax deduction! We'll even pick it up! Call ReStore today at 410.633.0506 or visit chesapeakestore.org/donate-now.

Honor & Memorial Gifts for the Holidays



Making a donation in memory, in honor or in celebration of a friend, family member or special occasion can be a wonderful holiday gift. We'll send your honoree notice of the gift and how it will help transform lives and revitalize communities. To give in honor of someone please visit habitatchesapeake.org/tribute

Gifts of Stock



Stocks and securities that have increased in value can help build houses! Allow your gift to make a double impact - further Habitat Chesapeake's mission and receive financial and tax benefits. To learn more visit habitatchesapeake.org/stocks-and-securities

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