



# habitat insider

June 2023

## A Visit from Habitat Guatemala

Habitat Guatemala, one of our tithe partners visited us on June 8th! They gave a presentation about their work and presented Habitat Choptank with the Sam Mompongo Award from HFHI to commemorate our \$1 million tithe goal.

Located in Central America, Habitat Guatemala has over 44 years of experience in social housing construction. They create sustainable communities through new homes, hybrid homes, and home improvements. Habitat Guatemala also promotes sustainability and improves health through access to clean water and smokeless stoves.

During their visit, Habitat Guatemala shared about their affiliate and how our tithe partnership impacts their work. Habitat Choptank and Habitat Guatemala became partners in 2020. Since then, our general tithe has impacted over 46 families in Guatemala (276 individuals). Habitat Choptank's tithe has helped Habitat Guatemala build 6 more new homes and distribute 40 more healthy home kits, which provide access to water, sanitation, and hygiene.

When we reached our \$1 million tithe goal, Habitat for Humanity International sent us the Sam Mompongo Award to celebrate this milestone. Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity attended a home dedication in Zaire (now known as the Democratic Republic of the



*Habitat Choptank board members and staff take a group photo with Habitat Guatemala representatives.*

**Habitat Guatemala**

Congo) in 1979. At the home dedication, Sam Mompongo, the leader of the local Habitat affiliate took up a collection, gave the money to Fuller, and requested that the money would be used to start a Habitat affiliate in Guatemala. This gift was the catalyst of Habitat for Humanity's Tithe Program, which supports the organization's mission worldwide. Habitat Guatemala also presented us with a plaque in recognition of our support and partnership with them.

To learn more about Habitat Guatemala, click this button!

## National Homeownership Month

Did you know that June is National Homeownership Month? This celebration recognizes the sense of joy and accomplishment that comes from owning a home and how homeownership benefits individuals, families, and communities.

Since 1992, Habitat Choptank has made homeownership possible for over 100 families in Talbot and Dorchester Counties. Click this button to learn more about our homeownership program and to complete the inquiry form!



Homeownership

## Homebuyer Highlights

### Angela's Home Dedication

Angela and her daughter Zoe moved into their home on June 3rd!

Their house will provide stability and will allow Zoe to stay at her school. Angela's house is the last Habitat house on Brooks Lane in St. Michaels. Now the neighborhood is complete!

You can make homeownership possible for families like Angela's! When you join the Carpenter's Club, you can have a hand in every house we build without swinging a hammer! Click on this button to learn more about the Carpenter's Club.

### New Homebuyers

We're excited to introduce our new partner homebuyers with you!



Dorsey signed on as a new partner homebuyer in May!





Angela and her daughter Zoe smile for a photo on the porch of their new home.



Hannah signed on as a new partner homebuyer in June!

## Carpenter's Club



Tanisha signed on as a new partner in June!

## Call for Volunteers!

Lend a hand on our home repair crew!

As a repair program volunteer, you'll help us complete home repairs for homeowners in our service areas. Our repair program volunteers make critical health and safety repairs, revitalize neighborhoods, and strengthen communities.

If you're interested in helping us build homes, community, and hope, this volunteer opportunity is for you! No previous experience is necessary! Click this button to learn more and to become a volunteer!



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## ReStore Corner

Visit the ReStore to purchase a pair of handmade earrings!\*

These house earrings will remind you that your purchase at the ReStore helps families in your community have a safe and affordable home.



The chandelier earrings are made with repurposed materials available at the ReStore.

You can be the first to know about the ReStore's special promotions! Sign up for the ReStore's mailing list to learn more about sales, online auctions, and more!

\*Earrings are available for a limited time, while supplies lasts.



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## upcoming events

### **Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education**

Saturday, July 15 at 9:00

This 8-hour HUD-approved workshop takes place at the Habitat Choptank affiliate office. Topics include assessing homeownership readiness, budgeting and credit, financing a home, shopping for a home, and maintaining a home and finances.

[Register on our Events Calendar!](#)

### **Housing and Senior Resource Fair**

Save the date! Our Housing and Senior Resource Fair will take place on Thursday, September 21 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Luke's UMC in Cambridge!

More details to come!

### **Home Dedication 105**

Join us for Lynette's home dedication on Saturday, July 29 at 14 Prospect Avenue in Easton! The home dedication program begins at 9:00 am. Lynette's home is the 105th Habitat Choptank house!

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