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Homeowner Spotlight : Seretha Todd

Seretha Todd's journey to homeownership with Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County is one of resilience and hope. As a mother, Seretha longed to provide a stable and secure home for her daughter, Serenity. Living in an older rental home with structural issues, she faced ongoing challenges with cracks in the foundation and air leaks from the windows. Determined to create a better future, she discovered Habitat NCC on Facebook and saw it as the opportunity she had been searching for. Through hard work and perseverance, she was accepted into the program, marking the beginning of a new chapter for her and her daughter.

Now on the path to homeownership, Seretha feels a sense of relief and pride, knowing she can offer her daughter a place to truly call home. She looks forward to creating lasting memories with friends and family, from Sunday dinners to holiday gatherings. Serenity is excited to make the space her own, decorating it in ways that reflect her personality and dreams. Beyond the personal impact, Seretha is eager to continue learning about budgeting and savings, while also sharing her experience with others in need of affordable housing. Grateful for the opportunity, she embraces the process of building her home alongside volunteers, knowing that every nail and beam is a step toward a brighter future.



Press Conference Unveils the Eastside Thrive Neighborhood Revitalization Plan



BELONGING +
CIVIC MUSCLE



BASIC NEEDS FOR
HEALTH + SAFETY



HUMANE
HOUSING



THRIVING
NATURAL WORLD



MEANINGFUL
WORK + WEALTH



LIFELONG
LEARNING



RELIABLE
TRANSPORTATION

HHabitat NCC was proud to stand alongside Mend Collaborative, Central Baptist CDC, Healthy Communities Delaware, local officials, community leaders, and dedicated residents at the recent Eastside Thrive press conference. This event marked a major milestone in our shared vision for revitalizing the Eastside neighborhood of Wilmington—one built on strategic partnerships, sustainable development, and a commitment to safe, affordable housing.

The press conference highlighted the collective efforts driving the Eastside Thrive Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, a blueprint for community-led transformation. With key funding from Healthy Communities Delaware and critical collaboration from Central Baptist CDC, the plan focuses on improving housing infrastructure, enhancing green spaces, and expanding economic opportunities through education and workforce development. But the most powerful voices of the day came from longtime residents—some who have called Wilmington home for over 40 years—who shared their hopes for a stronger, more vibrant Eastside.

As a key partner, Habitat remains dedicated to building and renovating homes, fostering resident engagement, and working alongside the community to ensure a thriving future. We believe that strong neighborhoods are built by the people who live in them, and this initiative is a testament to what is possible when we come together with a shared purpose.

Be a Part of the Transformation

Real change happens when the community comes together. Whether you're a volunteer, donor, or advocate, you can play a role in shaping the future of the Eastside neighborhood. Visit HabitatNCC.org to learn more about how you can support our revitalization efforts.



Honoring the Legacy of President Jimmy & First Lady Rosalynn Carter

At Habitat NCC we proudly paid tribute to the incredible legacy of President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter—lifelong champions of affordable housing and dedicated Habitat supporters. Their unwavering commitment to service has inspired generations of volunteers, homeowners, and advocates for housing equity.

To celebrate their enduring impact, we constructed a commemorative door, inviting the community to share messages of gratitude and admiration. Placed at the Prices Corner ReStore, this interactive tribute is a powerful symbol of appreciation for the Carters' mission to build homes, communities, and hope.

Delaware Governor Matt Meyer also joined us in this special tribute, reflecting on President Carter's profound dedication to service. Alongside members of his team, he spent the morning volunteering on a Habitat build site, further reinforcing the spirit of volunteerism and unity that the Carters embodied throughout their lives.

As we continue their legacy, Habitat remains committed to providing safe, affordable housing for families in New Castle County, ensuring that the Carters' vision—a world where everyone has a decent place to live—lives on for generations to come.



See Habitat's Impact Up Close – Join a Site Tour!

Ever wondered how Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County is transforming lives in Wilmington? Now's your chance to see it firsthand! Join us for an exclusive site tour led by our CEO, Kevin Smith, and experience the impact of our work up close.

Over the course of an hour, Kevin will take you through current and completed Habitat projects, sharing the powerful stories of the families we serve, the dedicated volunteers who bring our mission to life, and the incredible partnerships that make it all possible. His passion for affordable housing and community revitalization shines as he offers a behind-the-scenes look at how we're building strength, stability, and self-reliance through homeownership.

But this tour is more than just a walk-through—it's a chance to engage directly with our CEO, ask questions, learn about our future projects, and discover how you can be part of this life-changing mission. Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to Habitat, you'll leave with a deeper connection to the work happening right here in Wilmington.

Space is limited, so don't miss this inspiring opportunity! To schedule your tour or learn more, contact Kathi Barber at development@habitatncc.org.

Volunteer With Us

Make a lasting impact across Wilmington and New Castle County by volunteering with us. Whether you're interested in building homes, assisting in our ReStores, or joining our neighborhood revitalization projects, we have opportunities for individuals and groups of all skill levels. Interested in event planning? We've got a spot for you too. Your time and talents help us provide affordable housing and build stronger, more sustainable communities.

Join us in transforming lives through service. For more information, contact Keilah Haney our Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@habitatncc.org or call 302-652-0365 x107.



Prices Corner ~Habitat ReStores~ Middletown

DONATE, SHOP, AND VOLUNTEER AT OUR RESTORES

It's Spring cleaning time! Contact the ReStore to donate your gently used furniture, tools, appliances, home goods, and so much more! You can view a list of what we accept at habitatncc.org/restore and **schedule a free or paid priority pickup online**, or drop off at the Prices Corner or Middletown locations during store hours. Call 302-652-5181 or email restoredonations@habitatncc.org to schedule a donation pickup and to get more information.

Shop with Us!

- **Prices Corner ReStore:** 3312 Seminole Ave, Wilmington, DE 19808
Hours: Tues–Sat, 10:00 am–5:00 pm
- **Middletown ReStore:** 600 N. Broad St, Middletown, DE 19709
Hours: Wed–Sat, 10:00 am–5:00 pm
- **Online**
Visit www.ebay.com/usr/habitatrestorencc to find items available exclusively online and shipped directly to your door.

Volunteer at the ReStore!

Help us keep our stores running smoothly. If you enjoy working inside, our ReStore is the perfect place for you. We welcome individuals and small groups. For more information, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Keilah Haney at volunteer@habitatncc.org or 302-652-0365 x107.

Advocating for a 1% State Budget Allocation to Address Delaware's Affordable Housing Crisis

Delaware faces a severe affordable housing shortage, with over 20,000 units needed to meet demand. Rising construction, land, and development costs have worsened the crisis, while state funding has not kept pace. Without substantial investment, stable housing remains out of reach for many families.

The **One Percent for Housing** initiative urges state leaders to allocate at least 1% of the state budget to affordable housing. This investment would fund development and maintenance, expanding access to safe and stable homes.

How You Can Help

- **Advocate:** Contact your legislators and Governor Meyer to support the 1% allocation.
- **Engage:** Discuss the importance of affordable housing with your community.
- **Stay Informed:** Follow updates from key organizations like the Delaware Affordable Housing Coalition and Housing Alliance Delaware.

At **Habitat NCC**, we are committed to building and advocating for affordable housing. With strategic investment and community support, we can ensure every Delawarean has a place to call home. Thank you for standing with us.

join us
JUNE 5, 2025
Habitat NCC's
Annual Breakfast

June 5, 2025 | 8 am - 9 am

DuPont Country Club

1001 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE

visit www.habitatncc.org/give/breakfast

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Where The
Mailing Label
Will Go

Habitat NCC's 2023 Biannual Homeowner Survey Results



87% have set
goals for the
future.



59% have
increased their
income



43% are saving
and/or investing
the extra money.



39% of children improved
grades by one or more
letter grades.



69% have never been
delinquent on their mortgage
in the past 3 years



86% no longer
receive
government
assistance



75% report seeing
improvements in
their neighborhood.



72% find home
maintenance
manageable.



98% report having positive
life changes since partnering
with Habitat NCC.



100% would recommend our
homeownership program.