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Homeowner Spotlight: Grace Point II - Middletown



The air buzzed with excitement as family, friends, volunteers, and community members gathered in Middletown for a special occasion--the completion of a dream: four deserving new homeowners were ready to start a new chapter. The ceremony began with a warm welcome from Kevin Smith, our CEO, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, skills, and resources to make these new homes a reality. Our four new homeowners—Sekea, Tyesha, Brittini, and Desiree—each shared their journey towards homeownership, expressing gratitude and receiving their keys and a Bible. This home dedication was particularly meaningful as these women, having worked side by side in the sweat equity process, had formed a close-knit bond. Sekea mentioned, “We have a group text going where we encourage each other,” Brittini added that they are ready to be “not only neighbors but sisters.” After receiving their keys, we had a ribbon cutting and blessed the new homes. The celebration continued with food and fellowship, as volunteers, donors, and community members mingled with the new homeowners, sharing stories, laughter, and well-wishes. It was a joyful occasion that united people across differences, all committed to a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

National Homeownership Month



Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS

PORCH ROOF/POST REMODEL
Concord Ave, Wilmington, DE



Before



After

BACK DOOR, WINDOW AND RAIL
REPLACEMENT
WILMINGTON, DE



Before



After



Habitat NCC, the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA), and Governor John Carney's office held a press conference to celebrate National Homeownership Month and highlight their efforts. Kevin Smith, our CEO, shared the work Habitat is doing across Wilmington. Habitat's Critical Repairs Program addresses essential home repairs, ensuring families live in safe and stable homes, which are crucial for their health and well-being. Its Aging-in-Place Program provides home modifications to help older residents live independently and maintain their quality of life. Kevin said, "We are excited to collaborate with partners to extend our impact in Wilmington and beyond. Our critical repairs and aging-in-place programs are vital in sustaining homeownership and ensuring safe, functional homes." Wilmington resident Joyce Tabb shared her gratitude for the repair work Habitat provided to her. City of Wilmington Mayor Michael Purzycki provided remarks on the City's commitment to homeownership. The partnership with DSHA, support from Governor Carney's office, the City of Wilmington, ChristianaCare, and other donors and stakeholders is crucial for expanding these efforts, making a significant difference in the lives of Delaware residents.



Annual Breakfast Recap

On June 6th, Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County hosted its Annual Fundraising Breakfast at the DuPont Country Club. The event gathered dedicated supporters and stakeholders committed to our mission of building homes and hope. CEO Kevin Smith opened the morning, highlighting Habitat's impactful work in providing affordable housing. Vernita Dorsey followed with a heartfelt invocation, and former Board President Chip Rossi shared reflections on the past year and future goals, emphasizing the importance of community partnerships. A speaker's panel, moderated by Kevin Smith, featured Miketia Edmond, Regina Watson, and Steve Peby, who shared personal stories of Habitat's transformative impact. The fundraising appeal, led by Weston Dinsel, inspired generous contributions, raising nearly \$40,000.

**We are deeply grateful to all who attended and supported us,
helping to build a brighter future for our community.**

Welcome to our new Board President & Vice President



Jason Patton is the new President of our Board of Directors. He is the Head of Community & Business Development for Chase Bank's Northeast Division, driving local engagement as part of the firm's \$30 billion investment in inclusive economic growth. He leads a team dedicated to strengthening community connections through financial health and partnerships. Previously, Jason led Cross-Line of Business Partnerships & Customer Experience for Chase Branded Cards, focusing on delivering exceptional customer experiences.

He is a champion of diversity, equity, and inclusion, currently serving as the Mid-Atlantic Senior Sponsor for BOLD (Black Organization for Leadership Development). With nearly 20 years at Chase, Jason has held roles in marketing, product management, and digital strategy. He holds a business degree from Drexel University and lives in New Castle, DE, with his family. He enjoys traveling, volunteering, and running half-marathons.



Dionna Sargent is the new Vice President of our Board of Directors. She holds a B.B.A. in Real Estate and Finance from Temple University and an M.P.A. from the University of Delaware. With over fifteen years in real estate and finance, she focuses on affordable housing and community development. As Vice President of Community Connection for Cinnaire Corporation, she advances community development in Wilmington by collaborating with local organizations to support revitalization efforts.

A dedicated community servant, Dionna serves on boards for Habitat, REACH Riverside, and Theatrical Delights. She is also a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Delaware Chapter, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Omega Chapter. Her work is driven by a commitment to ensuring all communities have access to hope, opportunities, and resources.

Summer Cleaning Home Maintenance Tips

Summer cleaning is more than just tidying up; it refreshes your home and mind. Decluttering and deep cleaning remove dust and create a productive, relaxing environment, enhancing indoor air quality and reducing stress. It's a time for renewal and positivity. For utility maintenance during summer cleaning:

- HVAC: Change air filters and schedule a professional inspection.
 - Plumbing: Check for leaks and replace worn-out seals.
 - Electrical: Test outlets and switches, replace faulty ones, and consider surge protectors.
 - Detectors: Test and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
 - Outdoor Equipment: Service lawnmowers and trimmers, checking oil and sharpening blades.
 - Safety Checks: Test safety equipment and review emergency plans.
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Thank You to Our Valued Donors.

We sincerely thank our foundation, corporate, government, individual donors, and sponsors for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions are the backbone of our mission to build homes, communities, and hope. With your help, we continue to make a lasting impact in Wilmington and New Castle County, providing safe and affordable homes for families who might not otherwise be able to attain financing through traditional mortgage lenders. Thank you for partnering with us to create a brighter future for all. Together, we are building stronger, more resilient communities.

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EDGEMOOR GARDENS COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



Come be a part of your community clean up!

When: Friday & Saturday July 26-27th, 2024

Meeting Location: Edgemoor Community Center
41 S. Cannon Street Wilmington, DE 19805

Time: 8am - 2pm



Interested in Participating? Scan
the QR code to sign up.

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Annual Golf Outing

September 12, 2024

12:30 pm shotgun start

Hartefeld National

1 Hartefeld Drive | Avondale, PA



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