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Homeowner Spotlight : **Shereba Waters**



Shereba Waters (left) and Maritza Martinez (right)

Shereba is a mother of three daughters whom she lovingly calls the “H2Os.” She thought homeownership was a long shot until family members and her caregiver suggested that she give Habitat NCC a call. She contacted Maritza Martinez, Habitat NCC’s Homeownership Program Manager, to learn more about the application process. Shereba applied for the Affordable Homeownership Program and was overjoyed to be selected as a program participant.

She is excited about living in a home that will be completely handicap-accessible and ADA-compliant. Her twin girls currently share a bedroom, and she is grateful she can have a home where they will have their own rooms. Shereba is excited to learn more about the homeownership process and share with others that homeownership is possible. Though she cannot help with the physical construction of her home, Shereba vows to pray for every volunteer who will. She constantly expresses gratitude for Habitat's dedication and commitment to creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income families and individuals like herself. She stands on her belief that “God is so good!”



A home shouldn't cost anywhere near half your paycheck.

Making the #CostOfHome affordable enables communities to thrive.

Habitat on the Hill 2024: Reaching New Heights, Together

Habitat NCC staff will meet with other home affordability advocates in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 6-8 for Habitat on the Hill 2024: Reaching new heights, together. Habitat on the Hill is an opportunity for Habitat affiliate staff members, board members, homeowners, resident leaders, volunteers, emerging leaders, and supporters to engage with each other and with experts in the housing field to plan and advocate for local, state, and federal policy solutions that advance home affordability. The conference culminates with impactful in-person meetings with members of Congress and their staff on Capitol Hill, where participants will advocate for federal policy solutions that advance home affordability. The theme of “Reaching new heights together” is a testament to Habitat’s achievements and a call for the future as the network prepares for the Cost of Home campaign’s final stretch. The conference will serve as an inflection point for attendees to further understand Habitat’s unique role in finding and creating policy solutions to our nation’s most pressing issues — leaving with essential tools for enacting state and local policy change to maximize our impact and sustain our advocacy momentum, drawing on insights from experts and innovation from the Habitat network’s significant contributions.

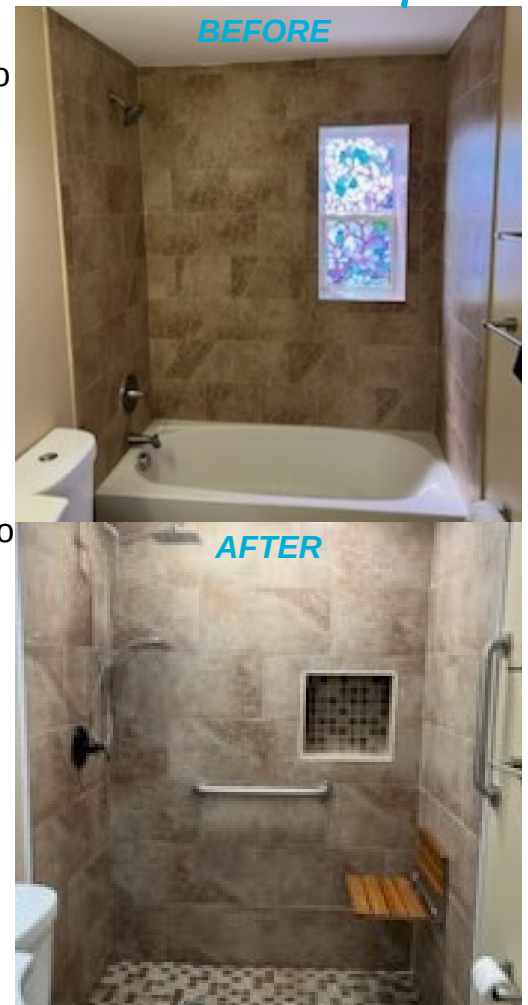


Annual Appeal 2023 Recap

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each donor and volunteer who contributed to our work in 2023. The annual appeal season holds significant importance as we encourage our donors to generously support our mission of providing opportunities in Affordable Housing. December, a bustling month, involves reaching out to dedicated donors like yourself. In the 2023 Annual Appeal season, we achieved a remarkable **\$162,099.79**, surpassing the 2022 annual appeal. These funds enable us to make substantial strides in addressing the housing crisis by constructing homes and educating individuals on attainable homeownership. This year, we plan to build more homes, complete more critical repairs, and enhance more neighborhoods in Wilmington and New Castle County. Your support propels our commitment to positive community impact.

FHLB Grants Habitat NCC \$450K For Critical Home Repairs

With support from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLB), we will provide Aging-in-Place (AIP) home modifications and repairs to 30 older adult (62+) homeowners. Through our AIP Program, we offer services such as home and health assessments, roof repairs and replacements, HVAC repairs, window and door replacements, sidewalk repairs, railing and structural safety modifications, handicap accessibility modifications, and other home maintenance repairs to improve the quality, safety, and health of the home. It's well known that aging-in-place home repairs and modifications improve mental and physical health and help to reduce health care costs for older adults. AIP programs also empower older adults to remain and age in the communities of their choice. Research shows that older adults who have had their homes modified so they can age in place improve their performance in activities of daily living by 50%. In addition, falls are reduced by 15% and depressive symptoms are reduced by 30%. To qualify for our program, clients must be 62 years of age or older, own and live in their home, and have an annual income between 30-80% or less of the Area Median Income. Once clients are qualified for the program, we will assess their homes and how their home conditions relate to their health. We will then make recommendations for home repairs and modifications that will improve the safety and livability of their home. For more information, contact repairs@habitatncc.org.



Before of bathroom with bathtub, after with handicap accessible walk-in shower for AIP client



A moment to remember and thank Miss Rosalynn Carter, 1927-2023

We want to acknowledge the extraordinary life of Rosalynn Carter and her contribution to Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat family is fortunate to have worked with Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter, two people who spent decades volunteering, advocating for affordable housing, and putting in physical work through their compassion for others. As we joined the world in mourning the death of an extraordinary First Lady and leader, we reflect on the life of a woman who used her platform to touch lives through her faithful support of Habitat's mission. Rosalynn Carter donated her time and voice to help Habitat build alongside families across the globe, traveling close to 200,000 miles worldwide and building with future homeowners, all while raising awareness for Habitat's mission. Rosalynn Carter gave Habitat the gift of service that lasted a lifetime, and we are strengthened by her example and blessed by the memory of a life dedicated to helping others.

Thank You, 2023 Donors!

We are truly grateful for each investment supporting Habitat NCC's endeavors throughout Wilmington and New Castle County. Your commitment to affordable homeownership, critical home repairs, Aging in Place interventions, and neighborhood revitalization resonates deeply with our mission. Your dedication to giving has made a significant impact and played a pivotal role in making our mission a reality. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your contributions in 2023, which are instrumental in driving positive change and fostering sustainable communities. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of individuals and families in need. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

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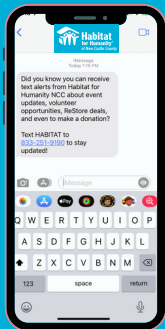
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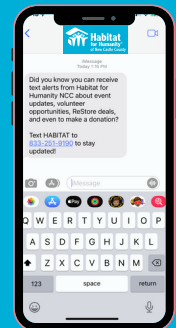


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