A Safe Place for the Holidays

We filed into the apartment and looked around at heaps of plastic garbage bags filled with clothes and toys to be moved. Our job for the day would be to transport a family’s belongings to a new home, a Habitat home.

Habitat doesn’t normally help families move into their home. But, it was the week before Christmas and this was a special circumstance. Christina and her two boys, Kevon and Kordell, were living in transitional housing. Already, the organization that provided the transitional housing had extended their program guidelines so that Christina would have a place to stay until the home that she and Habitat for Humanity were building was finished. And now it was done and what better gesture could we make than to make sure Christina and her boys were in the home in time for the holiday? Moving them also meant another family, a homeless family, would be able to move into the apartment they had vacated.

So we loaded up the old Habitat construction truck and ferried all that the family owned across the County. Students from Forest Park High School met us at the house and helped us unload. And the family celebrated their first Christmas in their new home.

That was eleven years ago. Living in their Habitat home, the boys walked to school and made fast and sound friendships because they no longer moved and changed schools all the time. Christina benefited from the stability, too. She went to college and prospered in her work, getting promotions that helped her even more. Life has continued to be challenging. Christina faced cancer last year. But, their home still provides the stable base that helps them meet life’s obstacles.

We now have the opportunity to provide safe and stable housing for two more families. Habitat for Humanity Prince William County has purchased two homes, one in Manassas and one in Woodbridge.

We can’t do it without you! Your support — $20 a month or any amount you can afford — helps a mother like Christina build a decent place to call home. Give using the enclosed envelope or visit our secure donation page at www.habitatpwc.org/give. Volunteers will be welcome on the worksite as soon as we have a family partner and begin the rehab work.

Homes for Sale

14926 Hyatt Pl, Woodbridge, VA
A three-story townhome in Woodbridge with two master bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a deck. We can convert a room in the basement to a bedroom. We’ll replace the roof, HVAC system, windows and plumbing to make it a safe and affordable home.

9004 Old Hickory Ct, Manassas, VA
A three-level, three-bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome in the Cannon Ridge neighborhood of the City of Manassas. Includes a walk-out basement with rec room. Convenient to I-66, Rte 234 and Rte 28. A new HVAC unit will be installed and general repairs are needed.

Interested in Home Ownership?
Family Selection is application-based. We are accepting appointments with families who would like to learn more about becoming a partner. Call 703-369-6708 or e-mail programs@habitatpwc.org for more information.
Giving a Hand Up to Families

You are making a difference in a family’s lives. A safe and decent home gives families the strength, stability and independence they need to create a better life. Here are some of the families you have recently helped:

Plumbing Leaks Create Health Hazards for Manassas Family

Devastating water leaks were causing severe damage to Delores’ townhome in Manassas. Sinks and toilets were not draining properly, rugs were soaked and walls and floors damaged. Habitat pulled out the kitchen cabinets and discovered that the pipes were set up in such a way that food waste that had not been disposed of properly had accumulated at various turns until it had clogged the pipes entirely. Overflow was venting behind the wall causing an unhealthy and unpleasant situation. Habitat fixed the pipes, walls and floors. The family, who was already dealing with many of life’s challenges, is grateful that their home is dry and safe.

Sewer Line Fault Adds to Stress

Mary has lived for decades in the home she shared with her husband, who passed away fourteen years ago. It is the home where she raised her children. A few years ago, Mary lost the job she had for sixteen years when the company sold. Mary was out of work for a couple of years and had to use her retirement savings to pay her living costs. To add to the stress, the main sewer line from the street to the house had fallen into disrepair and she could no longer use her washing machine. The expense of the repair was far too significant for her to handle. With Habitat’s affordable home repair program, Mary continues to rebuild her life and feels confident in her ability to stay in her home.

When it Rains it Pours

Katherine finally realized a dream when she bought her first home ten years ago. A year after buying the home, she lost her job. Today, at 71, she works part time for Prince William County schools, and is able to pay her mortgage. However, the home’s roof was aging and the ceilings were showing damage. Habitat replaced the roof, fixed the ceilings and painted the exterior of the home, helping Katherine avoid citations from the homeowner’s association and giving Katherine renewed security.

Need home repairs? Habitat can help!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about or applying for our home repair programs, please contact us through our website at www.habitatpwc.org/home-interest-form, call us at 703-369-6708 or e-mail programs@habitatpwc.org.

Make homeownership a reality

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Volunteering Comes with Benefits

More than 800 people volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Prince William County each year, contributing more than 15,000 hours to help families build or improve a place they can call home. A number of the volunteers who work with us are elderly and retired. According to a report published through a partnership between the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau for Labor Statistics, 18.7 million older adults – more than a quarter of those 55 and older – contributed on average more than three billion hours of service in their communities per year between 2008 and 2010.

Older Americans Who Volunteer Frequently Live Longer and Report Less Disability

According to various studies, elderly Americans who volunteered felt better and reported less disability than those who did not volunteer. Volunteering can provide a sense of purpose for people who are recently unemployed, retired or bereaved. The health benefits of volunteering are due to increased physical, social, and mental activity that are a result of volunteering.

Volunteering Can be Part of a Healthy Lifestyle

Physical activity is an important part of our well-being and that holds true at any age. For older Americans, volunteering appears to improve the ability to sustain physical activity longer and increases brain activity, too. Reports suggest that volunteering can be useful to manage chronic pain conditions and lower depression. Stress relief, renewed sense of purpose, spiritual awakening, and improved outlook are all reported benefits.

Habitat for Humanity Prince William County has many ways for older volunteers to participate. There are opportunities at our home construction and home repair worksites and in our Habitat for Humanity ReStores. We welcome all levels of skill and there are many scheduling options. If you are interested, please visit our website at www.habitatpwc.org/volunteer, call 703-369-6708 and ask for our Programs Director, or e-mail volunteer@habitatpwc.org.

Information provided by
https://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/healthbenefits_factsheet.pdf and

Want to get involved?

We could not have served these families without your support. Thank you! Everyone deserves a decent place to live, and you make it possible. Give using the enclosed envelope or visit our secure donation page at www.habitatpwc.org/give. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the repair of a family’s home, please contact us at 703-369-6708 or e-mail donate@habitapw.org.

Sign up today – it’s easy to volunteer!

Visit habitatpwc.org/volunteer. For more information, please call 703-369-6708 or email volunteer@habitatpwc.org.

Habitat for Humanity Prince William County is a 501(3)c organization. A financial statement is available upon written request from the Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs.
New! Two Habitat ReStore Locations

The second Habitat for Humanity ReStore location is now open! The ReStore is the place to donate your unwanted building materials and furniture and find new treasures at discounted prices. Donations made to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We accept appliances, furniture, cabinets, countertops, windows, doors, hardware, paint, tools, lighting, housewares and home décor. Items are sold to the public at 40 – 90% off retail prices. Your purchases from the Habitat ReStore help build, rehab and repair homes in Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park.

10159 Hastings Drive
Manassas, VA 20110
habitatpwc.org/restore
At the corner of Dumfries Road and Hastings Drive.

14055 Noblewood Plaza
Woodbridge, VA 22191
habitatpwc.org/restore
At the corner of Minnieville Road and the Prince William Parkway.

Mon – Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm

Free Donation Pick-up!
Call 703-369-6145 or email restore@habitatpwc.org
Donations are tax deductible.