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Women Build events set for 2020

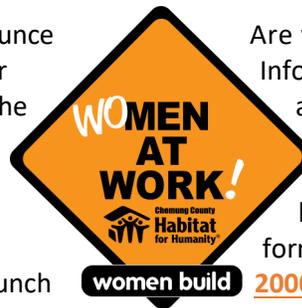
We are pleased to announce Chemung County Habitat for Humanity's application for the 2020 International Women Build Week grant has been accepted!

This year, Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity will launch events during the week of March 1-8, 2020, leading up to International Women's Day on March 8th. This global event will focus on

building and improving homes and will raise awareness for the challenges women face in accessing decent, affordable housing for themselves and their families.

Due to overwhelming response last year, CCHFH is planning two Women Build events in 2020 to accommodate all who want to participate. One event is set for March 7th to coincide with the global celebration of International Women's Day; and the other is set for May 9th to celebrate Mother's Day weekend.

Women Build is a terrific way to involve your friends and family of all ages in crucial work with a lasting impact. Women helping women sends a positive and powerful message. You can also come alone, and make new friends. The atmosphere is collaborative and friendly.



Are you ready to build with us?

Information about registration is available on our website:

www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/events or link directly to the registration form at <https://form.jotform.com/200023834066142>.

Are men allowed? Yes, men are welcome. In fact, the next homeowner or part of the training staff may be men.

Women Build provides a place for women to learn the skills needed to build a home, but that does not exclude men from participating.

Our goal with Women Build is to empower women to help families build strength, stability and independence. We at Habitat have the ability to provide opportunities for hands-on learning, and given these tools, women can succeed in changing their communities.



Pictured above is one of the teams that participated in last year's Women Build event in Elmira.

Volunteers help Habitat finish strong in 2019

Volunteers are the backbone (and muscle) of our organization, and they came out in full force over the past several months. We're grateful for the individuals and groups who give their time and talents to help make Habitat homes affordable for local families.

A group from JABIL rolled up their sleeves and worked at our Bridgman Street property, helping us put up a wall in order to open up the front porch that had been closed in somewhere along the line.

Another group from First Presbyterian Church of Elmira also

worked at Bridgman, uncovering beautiful hardwood floors and lending a hand with various construction projects. They worked hard!

Students from Mansfield University made great strides with demolition work at our West Hudson Street property. Their efforts moved the timeline of remodeling this home ahead significantly.

Thank you to all our volunteers! For more information on how you can volunteer, visit us online at <https://chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer/>



Shown in the photo above and below are volunteers from First Presbyterian Church of Elmira.



A crew from JABIL (above) put in some hard work on a Saturday at our Bridgman Street property.



Mansfield University students (below and right) really made a dent (literally) on demolition work at our West Hudson Street property.



BOCES Painting Class puts their mark on local Habitat Homes



Corey Tremaine, instructor, and one of his student from the BOCES Adult Education Painting Class, are shown here painting at a Habitat home in Elmira. Tremaine's class helped put the finishing touches on a home for a family that moved in just in time for the holidays.

The painting class plans to help with projects at the next house when school starts back up in January.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Thank you to Bob Dear and his team at Cyberlink Computing for keeping our computer systems running smoothly and for a very generous donation of their time and talents in recent months. We sincerely appreciate all that you do for Chemung County Habitat.

Scio Street property transformed



These before and after photos show the dramatic transformation accomplished at the Scio Street Habitat house, thanks to many volunteers who worked under the guidance of our Construction Manager, Sean Mathers.

The family selected for ownership of this Habitat house is expecting to close by March 2020. They put in more than 200 hours of "sweat equity" and are excited to call this house their home.



A special thank you to Board Member, John Bowman, who put in countless hours working on this house and teaching other volunteers. His carpentry skills and good humor made light work for all involved. Thanks John!





The E.D.'s Corner

By Sylvie E. Farr, Executive Director

As I start my sixth year at CCHF, I have taken some time to reflect on how far we've come in the past five years and how much we've accomplished:

- We grew from an all-volunteer run organization to one with 3 ½ staff.
- Our Board of Directors evolved from focusing on day-to-day operations to focusing on policies, procedures, and governance.
- We grew from building/renovating one home a year to renovating two to three homes a year.
- We became more involved in the community through our home repair programs and community build events.

I can't wait to see where we will go in the next five years.
Happy New Year!

Sylvie

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DONATE

No gift is too small.

Ask us how you can sign up for recurring monthly gifts of \$5 or more.

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or mail a check to:

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VOLUNTEER

Lend a hand at one of our home build sites. All skill levels welcome. Individuals or groups can sign up by calling our office at: (607) 734-1361 or visit www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer

REFER A FAMILY

If you know a family that might benefit from our homeownership program, send them our way... www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/homeownership



Carpenter joins CCHF construction staff



Michael Quackenbush, our newest staff member, started working as a carpenter for CCHF in November. His job duties include assisting our Construction Manager, Sean Mathers, with a variety of tasks related to rehabbing Habitat homes.

Michael will also work with people who sign up to volunteer at our build sites throughout the year.

BOWL To BUILD!

Sat. Feb 22 • 7-9 pm



Support Habitat for Humanity at **Rossi Lanes' Rock 'n Bowl** Fundraiser. Open to the public!
410 W. Washington Avenue • Elmira, NY
\$10/person for 2 hours (shoes included)