



# THE BLUEPRINT NEWSLETTER

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## Women Build goes virtual

Work boots and gloves were definitely optional this time around. Unable to gather due to COVID-19 restrictions, a group of women came together, virtually, to build hope and advocate for affordable housing during our Virtual Women Build event on June 27, 2020.

From the comfort of their own homes, nearly 20 women registered for this online event to show their support of Chemung County Habitat for Humanity. In an open format that encouraged discussion and interaction, participants learned more about our homeownership program and how it works.

The group was treated to a virtual tour of a Habitat home in its final stages of construction. The highlight of the program was listening to one of our partner families tell her story of achieving homeownership through Habitat for Humanity.

"This experience is life-changing for me and my family," she told the group. "We are so thankful for Habitat and everything they have done to help us have our own home."

Adding to the uniqueness of this event, videos were created with the help of Habitat volunteers and local businesses to demonstrate several different home building projects. Links to the following videos were shared with event participants and are now available to others (below). Thank you to all who put in their time and talent to help us create these videos. Also, a special shout out to Bruce at Superior servicing for funding t-shirts printed by Rainbow Printing.

1. Installing laminate flooring by Lou and



*Staying Home.  
Building Hope.*

*Virtual*

**WOMEN BUILD**

Ashton with Parkway Paints and Flooring.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GUUXy8yoaxmoCpYHDfZDXU7NAgf1Xd4X/view?usp=sharing>

2. Drywall taping and mudding by Gary Chollet, Habitat Volunteer. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fucenamPoUrwKVUTRt6V01rYb0JsiM4E/view?usp=sharing>

3. Energy efficient heating system by Bruce Horton with Superior Supply.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O6lPmAxo\\_Nw1bSzHpXfa46g7G7lZTcsO/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O6lPmAxo_Nw1bSzHpXfa46g7G7lZTcsO/view?usp=sharing)

4. Interior painting by Cory Tremaine, instructor with BOCES Adult Education.  
**Part One:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lccM6oDE7Sz5lpEPdvB6J4FtLWglahE5/view?usp=sharing>

**Part Two:** <https://www.dropbox.com/s/61q5yyzugxy3gh4/Painting2.mp4?dl=0>  
**Part Three:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OqYEu2MRxzjQ9mN4QWI9BM\\_JUHb1p\\_m3/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OqYEu2MRxzjQ9mN4QWI9BM_JUHb1p_m3/view?usp=sharing)

5. The Zamora Family. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rd2lW4UrDw\\_BfuT9p-2BbwIJzqHhPnM0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rd2lW4UrDw_BfuT9p-2BbwIJzqHhPnM0/view?usp=sharing)

## CCHFH adjusts operations during pandemic

Chemung County Habitat for Humanity continues to adjust and transition operations to work safely with staff and clients through this health crisis. Here are a few updates:

- Volunteer groups scheduled to work at build sites this summer have been canceled until further notice.
- Build sites are up and running with a limited core group of skilled volunteers, one or two at each site.
- Office is closed to the public, but staff is accessible during regular work hours by phone or email. [info@chemungcountyhabitat.org](mailto:info@chemungcountyhabitat.org)
- Events planned for this summer have been postponed until the fall or spring.

## CCHFH and Wells Fargo team up in Elmira and across the country to help build affordable housing

Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded Chemung County Habitat for Humanity with a \$15,000 grant to help build an affordable home in Elmira, NY. The funding is part of an \$8.1 million donation to Habitat for Humanity International for capacity building and direct mission support to build, renovate and repair more than 350 affordable homes across the United States. The grant is provided through Wells Fargo Builds<sup>SM</sup> and is part of the Wells Fargo Foundation's \$1 billion philanthropic commitment to create more housing affordability solutions by 2025.

Wells Fargo Builds provides philanthropic financial assistance from the Wells Fargo Foundation to support the construction, renovation, painting or repairing of homes with low-to-moderate income households. In 2019 alone, Wells Fargo employees volunteered more than 1.9 million hours of service to strengthen their communities, including building, repairing, and improving homes across the U.S. with several organizations through Wells Fargo Builds.

"We're delighted to be awarded this grant from Wells Fargo Foundation," said Sylvie Farr, Executive Director of Chemung County Habitat. "Support such as this goes a long way toward helping a family secure affordable housing right here in Elmira."

The grant will support the renovation of a home on West Hudson Street for a local family who will complete 250 hours of sweat equity through Chemung County Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program. Because of support from Wells Fargo Foundation, they will soon move into a safe, affordable home.



Thank you,  
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### SKILLED VOLUNTEER

Lend a hand at one of our home build sites. Sign up by calling our office at: (607) 734-1361 or visit

[www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer)

### REFER A FAMILY

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

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