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# THE BLUEPRINT NEWSLETTER

## Celebrating National Volunteer Week

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**Rick Powell**



**John Bowman**



**Werner Zurcher**

We celebrate every single person who shares the powerful vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. In honor of [National Volunteer Week](#) (April 18 through 24), we're recognizing just a few of your fellow builders who represent the heart, soul and muscle behind our work.

**Rick Powell** puts in a lot of volunteer time and serves as our interim construction manager at our build sites.

**John Bowman**, serves on our Board and brings years of construction and leadership experience to our team of volunteers.

**Werner Zurcher** not only shows up most every week to swing a hammer, he's also a wiz on the computer. He helped our staff develop a much-needed volunteer tracking system at the office.

**Gary Chollet**, a retired teacher, has been building houses with Habitat for years, and we're fortunate to have his skills on board.

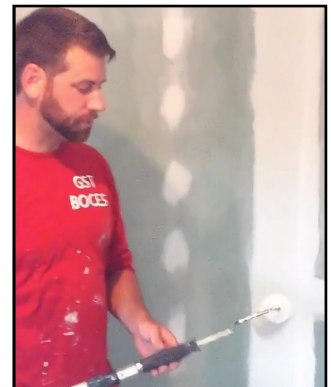
**Cory Tremaine**, an instructor for the BOCES Adult Education Program, volunteers on his own and also brings his students to the build site to teach them construction skills.

Volunteers, including our board and committee members, are the backbone of Habitat, and we can't thank them enough for their efforts to help Habitat continue building during the pandemic while volunteer activity is restricted to a few skilled workers at a time.

We look forward to the time when we can welcome back more volunteers to help us continue building homes, communities and hope in Chemung County.



**Gary Chollet**



**Cory Tremaine**

# Habitat awarded grant from Alternatives Federal Credit Union

We are thrilled to announce Chemung County Habitat for Humanity has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$6,000 through the Alternatives Federal Credit Union, in partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.

“We are pleased to be able to support your organization through this tumultuous time and hope this grant provides a bit of financial relief,” said

Kathleen Clark, Senior Director of Community and Economic Development.

The COVID Relief Grant offered by Alternative FCU will help CCHFH continue serving families throughout Chemung County in need of affordable housing during the pandemic and beyond.

Alternatives Federal Credit union is located at 125 N. Fulton Street in Ithaca.



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## An update on Habitat operations during the pandemic from Habitat International

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of the communities we serve has been a top priority of our U.S. Habitat network. Thank you for everything you have done over the last year to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19, while continuing to advance Habitat’s mission in your community.

With spring has come blossoms of hope amid increased vaccination rates. That is wonderful to see, but we remain in a global pandemic and must remain vigilant. We must continue to keep our focus on the health of Habitat staff members, existing and future homeowners, volunteers, supporters and members of the community.

Habitat for Humanity International is actively monitoring vaccination rates across the country, as well as recommendations published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As the situation develops, HFHI will announce changes to our volunteer recommendations based on federal guidelines.

For now, HFHI maintains our recommendations from last year, including the recommendation that local Habitat organizations limit “on-site” and other in-person volunteers to regular skilled volunteers who work with the affiliate eight or more hours a month.

We know this is an urgent issue for our U.S. network, and that affiliates are regularly being asked when volunteers can return to Habitat ReStores and work sites. HFHI will provide an update to the network when significant changes are made to federal guidance, whichever comes first.

Thank you for all you do to serve your communities during this pandemic.

In partnership,

Adrienne Goolsby

Senior Vice President, U.S. and Canada

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### VOLUNTEER

During the pandemic, skilled volunteers are invited to work at our build site, following strict social distancing and mask wearing. Give us a call at (607) 734-1361 or visit [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer](https://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer)

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If you know a family that might benefit from our homeownership program, send them our way... [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/homeownership](https://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/homeownership)