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# THE BLUEPRINT NEWSLETTER

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## Habitat welcomes new Exec. Director

The Chemung County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Emily Barrett as Executive Director. She comes to us with a variety of leadership skills and experience with working in the non-profit sector.

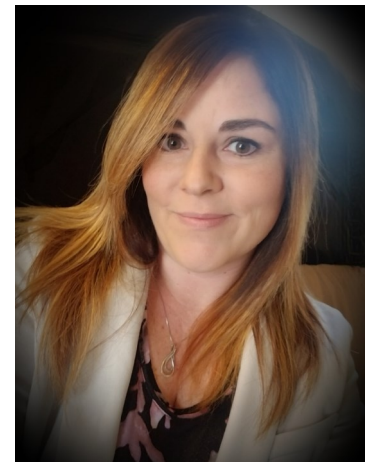
Emily has dual bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Criminal Justice Administration from Mansfield University and has spent her career working in various non-profit human services positions.

She has worked as a Program Manager for several local organizations working with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities populations, as well as youth and families, to build community engagement and permanency. She also served as a Director of Development working with women who were involved in sex trafficking.

"I am excited to join Chemung County Habitat for Humanity as the Executive Director," Emily said.

"My mission in life is to always be helping others to better their situations through support, advocacy, and education." She added, "I am so pleased to be a part of an organization that so closely resonates with my personal mission, and I can't wait to see what the future holds as we move forward."

Emily and her husband have four children. The recently re-located back to the Elmira area to be part of the growth and revitalization of Chemung County. Welcome to Habitat Emily!



Emily Barrett

## Home completed for Habitat family

Soon a family will move into the recently completed Habitat home on West Hudson Street in Elmira. Here is a sneak peek of the kitchen while it was in progress (at right) compared to when we started. Stay tuned for more photos of the completed home on Facebook and in our next newsletter.



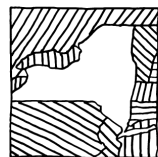
# Bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope,

More than 100 volunteers answered our call for help to spruce up the neighborhood surrounding Parley-Coburn Elementary School in Elmira. Thanks to a grant from the City of Elmira and Cities RISE, along with generous support from Thrivent Financial, our collective efforts resulted in nine homes receiving repairs to their front porches and yards, and an entire block benefited from trash pick up and curbside cleaning.

We recruited most of our volunteers from several faith organizations to participate in this Thrivent “Faith Build Venture” project, in an effort to follow Thrivent’s request

to engage the faith community in a neighborhood improvement project. Our hope is to continue the relationships we’ve developed with these churches and work together on future projects.

Partnering with the City of Elmira has allowed us to make a difference in neighborhoods that need our help. This is the second Community clean-up we’ve organized with their support through Cities RISE, which is a neighborhood revitalization program launched by the NYS Attorney General’s Office in 2017 to help rebuild communities throughout New York.



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# Habitat for Humanity hits the streets of Elmira with 100 volunteers



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# Sean Mathers returns to Habitat as Construction Manager

Chemung County Habitat welcomes back Sean Mathers to the position of Construction Manager. Sean worked with CCHFH for several years and decided to take some time away to pursue other interests. He returned in June, and we're glad to have him back on the job here.

Sean oversees our build sites and works side by side with our volunteers.



Sean Mathers

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or mail a check to:

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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](http://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](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/homeownership)



*Congratulations!*

Elena Russell won the drawing for a porch swing built by our volunteers!

**Keep up with Habitat happenings!**



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