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## Two families achieve homeownership

Habitat for Humanity exists because, at its very core, this organization believes EVERY one deserves a decent place to live. Over the past few years, despite the challenges of a pandemic, staff and volunteers came together to help two more deserving Chemung County families achieve homeownership. Congratulations to the Perry and Rudolph families for working to make their homeownership dreams a reality.

### Perry Family

The Perry family made it “home for the holidays” after closing on their five-bedroom Habitat house Nov, 4, 2021. Pressing on through a cancer diagnosis and the pandemic, Renee still managed to put in her sweat equity hours and work full time. She and her children now have a safe place to call home.

At their home dedication ceremony, Renee expressed her deep gratitude for all who worked to make owning a home possible for her and her family.



### Rudolph Family

The children of Chantel Rudolph saw their home for the first time at a surprise reveal after closing on Feb. 11, 2022. They went running through the house saying “WOW” and picking out their bedrooms. Chantel had the biggest smile on her face watching them and letting it sink in that her goal and hard work to purchase a home for them is now a reality.

Chantel shared her gratitude with Habitat by saying, “You all are genuinely great people with big, caring hearts, and I have to say once again, thank you so much.”



# Visions donates \$100,000 to regional Habitat affiliates



On December 9th, Visions Federal Credit Union launched its first-ever "Big Give" event, donating a total of \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity affiliates across Visions' service areas in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Each of the following affiliates, including Chemung County, received a \$10,000 donation as part of the event:

- Habitat for Humanity of New York State
- Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins/Cortland Counties
- Broome County Habitat for Humanity
- Chemung County Habitat For Humanity
- Flower City Habitat for Humanity

- Bergen County Habitat for Humanity (New Jersey)
- Warren County Habitat for Humanity (New Jersey)
- Paterson Habitat for Humanity (New Jersey)
- Habitat for Humanity of Berks County (Pennsylvania)
- Habitat Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania)

CCHFH's executive director, Emily Barret (*pictured above fourth from right*), was on hand for the check presentation in Endicott, NY. Thank you to Visions FCU for selecting Habitat for Humanity affiliates as their first partners in the Big Give and helping improve the communities you serve.

Purchase a passport that gets you one free draft beer with the purchase of another at each participating brewery. Proceeds from the sale of each Passport will go to support Steuben, Schuyler, and Chemung County Habitat for Humanities, and further our mission to build **strength, stability, and self-reliance** through shelter.

Participating breweries include Iron Flamingo Brewery, Carey's Brewhouse, Big Alice Brewing, Grist Iron Brewing Co, Two Goats Brewing, Horseheads Brewing, Solera Taphouse, Wagner Valley Brewing Co, Scale House Brewery, Upstate Brewing Co, Lucky Hare Brewery, Seneca Lake Brewing Co, and Brewery of Broken Dreams.

Each Passport is valid through Dec. 2022. To purchase your passport, go to: <https://secure.givelively.org/event/steuben-county-habitat-for-humanity/hops-for-habitat>

*Habitat for Humanity encourages you to please drink responsibly.*

## Parley Coburn Elementary School chooses CCHFH for Mini Grant

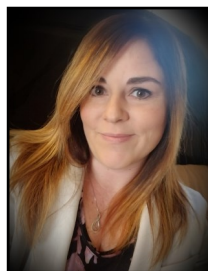
Mrs. Osbornes's 4th grade class at Parley Coburn selected CCHFH for a \$100 mini grant from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning as part of a class that teaches students about philanthropy, presented by The Community Foundation.

The students brainstormed on how to address the needs in their community and were given an opportunity to present a mini grant to an organization of their choice. The class chose to give it to CCHFH for paint and brushes.

Thank you to these students and the Community Foundation for this generous donation to help us paint a Habitat house.

## Auction raises funds for CCHFH

Thank you to all who participated in our first online auction. We raised \$991 on auction items donated from the following local businesses: Brian's Custom Flooring, Endless Mountains Maple, Sean Mathers Home Inspections, Vitality Salon, Millport Landing, The Christmas House, United Detailing, Katie Walburn with Finger Lakes Designs, Ashley Rouse with Color Street, Anita Lewis with Melaleuca, Deliah Erhard with Mary Kay, Banfield-Baker, Boujee Beauty Spa, Downtown Grind, Gene Carr Pottery, Chris Longwell Pottery, Gris Iron Brewing Co., and Bones & Stones Jewelry. THANK YOU!



## From the director's desk

By Emily Barrett, Executive Director

I am hoping that this newsletter finds everyone healthy, happy, and warm. Thanks to the overwhelming support of our community, we were able to have two of our partner families complete the purchase of their first homes. The Perry family closed on their Admiral Place home in Elmira just before the holidays. If you missed the Facebook live stream of the Home Dedication in December, check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/ChemungCountyHabitatforHumanity/videos/2229235057258946>

The overwhelming happiness and gratitude of the Perry family really made our drive to get them "Home for the Holidays" just that much more meaningful.

Our equally exciting news is the Rudolph family closed on their Habitat home on February 11, 2022. Witnessing the joy of these families becoming homeowners is very near and dear to my heart.

In other news, the staff and volunteers here at CCHFH have been busy with the demolition and clearing out of our next properties. We invite you to be a part of this community building process... if you, your family, church, organization, or work group would like to volunteer at our build site, contact our office to set up a date and time. They say it takes a village, but with our newest acquisitions, it just might take two! We look forward to working and building with you.

We also have volunteer opportunities in our office, on committees and at events or event planning, if you would prefer non-construction activities. Information on volunteering can be found on our website at [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer), or by emailing [info@chemungcountyhabitat.org](mailto:info@chemungcountyhabitat.org).

We have many exciting plans and opportunities coming up this year, and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you in 2022!

Many Blessings,

*Emily Barrett*

Executive Director



## Cheesecake fundraiser up and running online

We all could use some cheesecake deliciousness in our lives as we await Spring's arrival. Here's your chance! Heavenly Desserts has donated 10 French Vanilla Mouse cheesecakes as



a fundraiser for Chemung County Habitat for Humanity. One hundred percent of the proceeds goes toward helping Habitat build affordable housing for local low-income families. There are only 10 available, so buy one now at <https://app.galabid.com/habitatcheesecakes>.

Thank you HEAVENLY DESSERTS! Remember them for your next family gathering or event. Call to order at (607) 331-8907.



## Spreading Habitat love with Valentines for Volunteers

One of our Habitat partner families made valentines for volunteers and hung them up at our Pratt Street build site. Volunteers are the foundation of Habitat—their work helps us make housing affordable for families. We're grateful for each and every one of our volunteers who swings a hammer or a paintbrush. We can't build without you! To volunteer, sign up at [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/volunteer).



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- Community Events
- Fundraisers

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No gift is too small.

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### VOLUNTEER

Skilled and unskilled volunteers are invited to work at our build site. 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)