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**Habitat**  
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# THE BLUEPRINT NEWSLETTER

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every gift  
makes a difference.



## In this season of giving, please consider these opportunities to give to Habitat

**FLX Gives! - November 17 to 18**

<https://www.flxgives.org/organizations/chemung-county-habitat-for-humanity>

A 24-hour online celebration of the Finger Lakes region. It connects generous community members with the causes they care most about. It is a day to celebrate all that the Finger Lakes are and the critical role nonprofits play in making our community great.



**Giving Tuesday—November 29**

<https://chemungcountyhabitat.org/donate>

A global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Join the movement and give, whether it's some of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in your local community.

**Scan the QR Code** to donate via PayPal

**Or visit our Website:** [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/donate](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/donate)

## Every gift helps a family build a foundation

With your financial support, families can build strength, stability and independence with Habitat for Humanity by building a safe and secure place to call home.

Families who partner with Habitat build their own homes alongside volunteers, pay an affordable mortgage and are grateful for your help.

Please help us by making an online donation today at [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/donate](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org/donate). From there you can

even set up monthly contributions of any amount. Checks can be mailed payable to: Chemung County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 3110, Elmira, NY 14905.

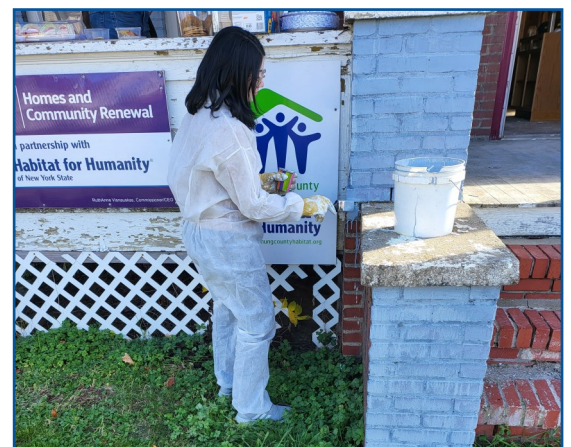
You can also contact us by phone to make a donation at (607) 734-1361. Ask us how you can give Honor Gifts or Memorial Gifts, set up Legacy and Planned Giving, donate a car, or even donate a home. Email us at [info@chemungcountyhabitat.org](mailto:info@chemungcountyhabitat.org).





We couldn't continue to build up our community without the support of local organizations that bring groups of employees to volunteer at our build sites. Volunteer help is one way we make Habitat homes affordable for local, under-resourced families. Our volunteers make all the difference.

Pictured at right is a team from Sam's Club; below right is an employee who came to work with a group from Corning, Inc.; and below is a team from Travelers Insurance. Thank you for volunteering with us!



## Cities RISE event spruces up neighborhood

On a cool, crisp morning in September, 50 volunteers showed up to participate in our fourth Cities RISE community clean-up event. The group focused on sprucing up an area in south Elmira near "His Haven," who provided parking. More than 10 property owners were eligible for minor repairs to their front porches and yards. Volunteers of all ages painted, raked, weeded and

picked up trash throughout the neighborhood.

This project was in partnership with the City of Elmira, one of several New York municipalities that received grant funding for community revitalization projects as part of the statewide Cities RISE program.





# Thank You FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our local business community supports Habitat for Humanity's Homeownership Program through donations and volunteers. We're excited to announce we received a \$2,500 grant from Walmart Gives through our local Sam's Club.

We'd like to also recognize Travelers Insurance for their generous donation of \$2,500.

Both companies organized a group of volunteers to work at a Habitat build site in recent weeks.

A corporate partnership with Habitat for Humanity can give your organization a way to enunciate your social responsibility strategy clearly and concisely – helping build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

To learn more about how your organization can partner with Habitat for Humanity, call us at (607) 734-1361 or visit our website at [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org).



## From the director's desk

By Emily Barrett, Executive Director

Happy Fall, ya'll! I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy! I invite you to stop for a moment as we enter this season of Thanksgiving and give praise for each of the blessings in your life. I am grateful for each of you reading this newsletter. THANK YOU for continuing to support the work that we get to do here at Chemung County Habitat for Humanity.

Every dollar, minute, and prayer that you give is greatly appreciated by staff and volunteers, but especially by our partner families. Many of the families that we work with aren't blessed with a strong, natural support system, but when they join our program, we build them up with all the support, cheerleading, and opportunity we possibly can—because of YOU... Because of your hours of sweat and laughter on our sites and at our events. Because of the donations that you give to build the homes, support the programs, and keep our hammers swinging! Because of the prayers of safety and security for our mission and vision. Because of YOU.

Thank you for being a blessing to our community!!!

Many Blessings,

Executive Director



We're taking applications for the full-time position of **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

Apply via our Facebook page or mail your application to:  
PO Box 3110, Elmira, NY 14905



## Outgoing Board member recognized for eight years of service to Habitat for Humanity

At left, Mark Fife is presented with a certificate of appreciation and gift from Habitat for serving on the Board of Directors for eight years. He most recently served as Treasurer until his term expired at the end of June. Mr. Fife is Vice President of Business Banking at Chemung Canal Trust Company. On behalf of Habitat for Humanity and the families we serve, we want to say thank you to Mark for his time and expertise.

## CCHFH welcomes Daniel Harvey to our Habitat team

We are pleased to welcome our new Construction Assistant, Daniel Harvey. He comes to us with a variety of carpentry skills and experience, as well as organizational and communication skills that will serve him well as he works at our build sites alongside partner families and community volunteers. Daniel lives in Elmira with his wife and three-month old son. His first day with Habitat was October 31st. Welcome!



### BEER PASSPORTS ARE BACK!

Purchase a Passport that gets you “buy one draft beer get one free” at 17 area breweries! Explore area craft beer while also supporting Habitat for Humanity’s efforts to build homes, community, and hope. All proceeds from the sale of passports support the mission of Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins/ Cortland, and Steuben County Habitat for Humanities.

To purchase, go to [Habitatcorn.org/hfh](http://Habitatcorn.org/hfh)  
Passports valid Jan—Dec of 2023.

## Habitat staff attended NYS’s annual Habitat conference



Sheila Russell (at left) is pictured here with NYS staff: Robbie Smolinsky, Director of Communications; Mary Robinson, CEO; Dave Morgan, CFO; and Allie Bernhard, Grants Administrator.

On October 25, our Family Services Coordinator, Sheila Russell, attended the NYS Affiliate Conference in Binghamton, NY. The conference offers an opportunity to connect with Habitat affiliates from across the state. Sheila attended workshops related to Family Services, Grant Funding, Diversity, and Advocacy.



Keep up with Habitat happenings!

Follow us on  
**facebook**

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Community Events
- Fundraisers

<https://www.facebook.com/ChemungCountyHabitatforHumanity>

## HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD HOMES & HOPE

### DONATE

No gift is too small. You can even sign up for recurring monthly gifts of \$5 or more. Donate online at:

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

or mail a check to:  
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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)



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