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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Give Local York is May 6th!

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helps a family  
build a decent  
and affordable  
home.

**every  
purchase**

creates the  
opportunity  
for a better life.

**every  
volunteer**

can help  
families build  
strength,  
stability, and  
independence.

**Every donation and purchase helps  
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## Committee volunteering: another way to get involved.



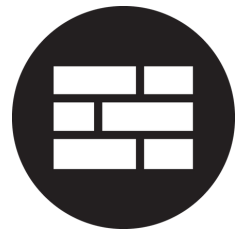
**Off the construction site, York Habitat has other ways to get involved with the mission. Contact Natasha today to figure out what might be best for you.**

Habitat volunteers do more than build houses! Committee members are essential to behind-the-scenes work and ensuring the mission grows. There are a variety of committees with different skill needs and interests that may align with your personal values. Look through our offerings to see what peaks your interest!

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**Board of Directors: By invitation only. Please contact Natasha for more information.**

The Board is ultimately responsible for the governance and executive oversight of the York Habitat for Humanity Affiliate. The volunteer Board oversees the Executive Director who manages the day-to-day operations of the Affiliate.

**Faith Relations: Typically meets once a month, in person and/or on zoom.**

Building long-lasting relationships with churches in York County, the Faith Relations Committee seeks religious organizations that will faithfully partner with York Habitat in fulfilling its mission. It accomplishes this through the Church Ambassadors, home dedications, congregational support and ongoing efforts towards our Faith Build projects.

**Volunteer Services: Typically meets once a month, in person and/or on zoom.**

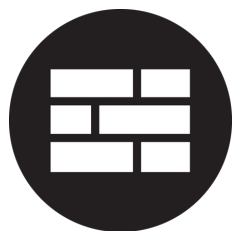
This committee is responsible for the recruitment and retention of volunteers across the affiliate. It also provides oversight to ongoing engagement throughout the York County community.

**Women Build: Typically meets once a month, in person and/or on zoom.**

This committee is responsible for the planning and execution of weekly Women Build events, including: funding, hospitality, and recruitment. This committee is an extension of the Volunteer Services committee.

**Finance: By invitation only. Please contact Natasha for more information.**

Responsible for overseeing the monthly financial reporting, annual audit, investments, cash flow projects, and budget process.



### **Family Services: Typically meets once a month, in person and/or on zoom.**

The committee ultimately recruits, screens, and selects homeowner candidates to enter into the program. Afterwards, a member may be selected to act as a family partner to educate and assist the homebuyers throughout the program and ensure timely completion. Members actively engage existing homeowners to continue the sense of community, prevent mortgage delinquencies, and to enable those helped by the program to "pay it forward."

### **Marketing & Special Events: Typically meets once a month, in person and/or on zoom.**

Executes the calendar-based marketing strategy clearly communicating and promoting York Habitat for Humanity's mission in the community.

Oversee/designs the content of promotional materials, advertising, and the newsletter. Members also assist with planning, promo, and coordination of special events and fundraisers.

### **ReStore: Typically meets once a quarter, in person and/or on zoom.**

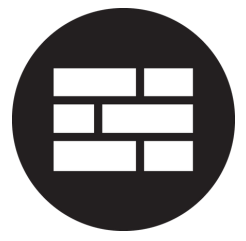
The ReStore Committee is responsible for oversight on the operations of our retail operation, including: budget, expenditures, donation procurement, and marketing. The committee exists to ensure the success of the store.

## **there are still other options!**

Check out our Virtual Volunteer options under the Volunteer tab on our website. There are more options and ideas for you to get inspired. The possibilities are endless!

**[yorkhabitat.org/volunteer](https://yorkhabitat.org/volunteer)**





## Construction Volunteering

Our construction site is open to volunteers most Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays: 7:45 AM - 2:30 PM. As we welcome individuals to help through the whole build process, our volunteers can get a wide variety of experiences. Within a week of your chosen volunteer date, we can usually provide a closer assumption of what your task may be.

As of early April 2022, we have two units on Chestnut Street that are in the midst of drywalling. The other four will follow soon with insulation and drywalling.



## ReStore Volunteering

Volunteering for our ReStore helps prepare product for sale, in which raises funds for our construction efforts. Opportunities are available both in the warehouse and riding along with the truck driver picking up donations.



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Habitat news to your inbox?**

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Log in to your Habitat account today and  
confirm your information.



## Break the Bias: national women build week, spring 2022.



**From March 7th - 11th, York Habitat hosted a successful Women Build Week. We're excited to continue hosting events throughout the year.**

After taking a break in 2021, York Habitat brought back the annual Women Build week in full force. Following the same theme as International Women's Day, York Habitat re-committed themselves to Breaking the Bias of what women can achieve and do - every day.



Since 1991, Habitat for Humanity has encouraged affiliates across the globe to participate in the Women Build program. Never requiring experience, we encourage our community to take action. Lead by example and build something tangible not only for the benefit of others in our community, but for the women in your life. You can show others what stepping out of your comfort zone is and how rewarding it can be.



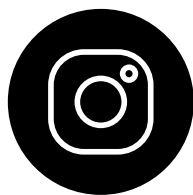
Women build solidifies a safe space on Habitat's construction sites for women to join together and build a home for a family in need. As construction can be a male-dominated field, women build connects these volunteers with hands on skills and training that they then can take elsewhere and feel comfortable doing so.

York Habitat is a proud participant in Women Build, supporting events over the last several years right here in our community. These women have completed whole house framing, drywalling, painting, and more to make these buildings homes. As we continue to plan events in the future, we invite all women from the York County community to join us.



**"This just gives women the chance to feel comfortable working alongside other women - empowering them to learn construction skills that they normally wouldn't have and then keep coming out throughout the year, since we do build year-round."**

We plan on holding two additional Women Build weeks through the rest of 2022. To stay in-the-know of the next week and all future York Habitat events, make sure you follow our various social media pages!





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## Give Local York: home is the key



**Mark your calendars! Give Local York is Friday, May 6th.**

York Habitat is excited to participate in Give Local York for the fourth year. It's a great day where individuals all over York County are invited to donate to their favorite charity or two. Local business join in the fun too, matching gifts throughout the day to give even more back to local non-profits.



This year, York Habitat is focusing our campaign on how Home is the Key. Home is the Key to opening so many new doors and opportunities for families currently struggling. Now more than ever, families need the security and stability of a decent home they can afford.



The uncertainty so many of us feel today, far too many families have felt for a lifetime - if not generations. When any disaster hits - storm, disease, a financial crisis - it is always those who struggle most who suddenly find themselves struggling even more. Habitat for Humanity knows that home is the key to freeing these families from financial instability, from stress, and from impossible choices between essential needs. And we know that you will be the key to helping our neighbors and our communities build back.

Our Home is the Key campaign reminds us all of the importance of home and draws on the strength and support of you - our gracious community - to anticipate the time when, together, we can help even more families know the strong foundation that a Habitat home can provide.



Please join us on Friday, May 6th for a day of celebrating giving back to the York Community and affordable homeownership. Join us on social media throughout the day and downtown during First Friday! Donations can be made online or sent to the main office.

**your old car,  
their new home.**

[habitat.org/carsforhomes](https://habitat.org/carsforhomes)





## Evidence brief: how does housing affect children's education?

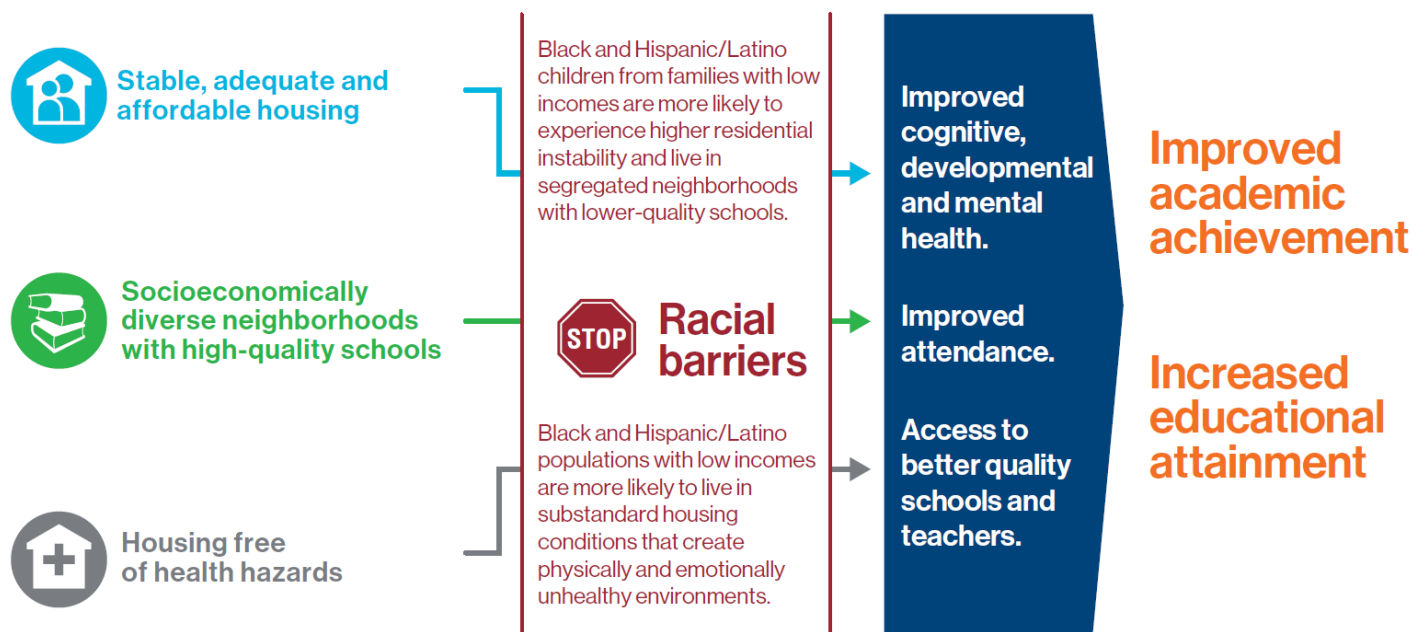


**Making direct connections between housing and its impact on children's education is challenging. However, studies have drawn a pathway between owning a decent, affordable, and stable home and experiencing positive educational outcomes.**

When considering the role of educational attainment in generational economic mobility, children from families with at least two generations of low incomes are about 36% less likely to attend college than children from families with higher incomes, ultimately stunting their ability to make higher salaries as adults.



Children from families with low incomes who live in substandard housing are more susceptible to adverse health conditions. These negative outcomes impact children's physical, behavioral, and cognitive development, contributing to increased school absences and poor academic performances.



Households with low incomes move twice more often than their wealthier counterparts. Stable home environments raise young children's math and reading test scores, making affordable homeownership a conduit for greater residential stability. For adolescents, frequent and involuntary residential mobility is associated with negative behaviors, including social problems, delinquency, substance abuse and teen pregnancy, which research has shown to be correlated with poor academic achievement.

Socioeconomic status plays a dominant role in negatively impacting students' educational outcomes. As race and ethnicity are often predictive of income, Black and Hispanic/Latino families are more likely to experience socioeconomic disadvantages, such as: lack of wealth, inability to own homes, and lower educational attainment. They are also more likely to live in cost-burdened and inadequate housing and in high-poverty and racially segregated neighborhoods, stemming from historical discriminatory housing practices (i.e. redlining, mortgage denials, etc.)

The stability provided by Habitat homes allows homeowners to minimize disruptions to their children's education, which can help counteract the negative impact of lower-quality schools and limited community resources.

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Donation  
Center



## The York Habitat ReStore: We're now online!



**While our retail store is still searching for the perfect place to call home, you can shop our products online 24/7!**

While we don't have a physical storefront right now, our online store is being updated daily with new products and sales for you to shop. You can still find everything you would have in our store online!

**[shop.yorkrestore.org](https://shop.yorkrestore.org)**

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# Spring cleaning with the ReStore in mind



So many of us are looking forward to the snow melting and the hop into warmer weather. Spring is also usually a time people start a yearly activity: spring cleaning. Whether you plan to start it now or hold out just a bit longer, be sure to partner with the ReStore to donate your unwanted items.

Make sure you check out the "Donation Guidelines" on our website to see what items we do and don't accept. If you think you're ready, you can either drop off your donation during our warehouse business hours or fill out the convenient pickup request form to have our guys come to you. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of your donated items gets returned directly into Habitat's mission to build safe, modest, affordable homes for local families in need.

## ReStore Warehouse

105 N Church Lane Red Lion (Door M)  
Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 3:30 PM

## Request a pickup

[bit.ly/yorkhabitatpickup](https://bit.ly/yorkhabitatpickup)

## Earth Day 2022

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



## April 22nd is Earth Day!

The ReStore is the perfect place to find that project piece to upcycle something for your home. We've seen customers make new things out of bookcases, headboards, chairs, old light fixtures, and more!



**your donation**  
will help build homes.



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