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*Official Newsletter of the Greater
Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity*

30 YEARS
OF BUILDING HOPE



A Message from our Executive Director

I hope this message finds you well! I wanted to take a moment to reach out and express my genuine thanks to all of you in the Greater Fredericksburg community. Your support, whether through donations or time spent volunteering, has truly made a difference for us and for those we serve.



Because of your generosity, we've been able to impact lives and create positive change right here in our community. Your contributions – big and small – are investments in hope and a better tomorrow. It's heartening to see how we come together to help one another, proving that together we really can make a lasting difference. I'm continually inspired by our volunteers. Your willingness to jump in, share your skills, and support our cause embodies the true spirit of our community. Your energy and enthusiasm are what drive our programs and initiatives, and they help us reach those who need it most.

As we look ahead, I encourage you to keep spreading the word about our mission. Let's invite others to join us in this wonderful journey of compassion and support!

Thank you once again for everything you do. We're truly grateful for each one of you, and I'm excited to see what we can achieve together in the months ahead.

It Takes a Village to Build a Home



The phrase "It takes a village" aptly describes the community behind Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity (GFHFH), where dedicated volunteers come together to provide safe and affordable housing. GFHFH began in 1995 when a passionate group of twenty individuals met

at Falmouth Baptist Church to start a local affiliate. Steven Scheibe, an integral figure in this initiative, warmly recalls the early days of connection and collaboration. He fondly highlights a blue T-shirt from his first involvement, symbolizing the many experiences he has gathered over the years.

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We celebrate 30 years of service beginning with folks like Steve Scheibe. For the full article, click on the title link. The picture above shows Steve Scheibe, Judy Scheibe, Linda & Millard Fuller.

Raising Awareness, Raising Money, and Raising Roofs! Celebrating Women Build Week & Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity

In March, Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity highlighted the work of the Women Build program, which helps provide homes and long-term housing stability for those in need. We spoke with board members Mary Beth Rich and Sherrie Shaw, who have been involved for over 12 years since the program's inception in 2013.

Mary Beth and Sherrie shared how Women Build started as a small gathering and grew into a supportive community of women dedicated to helping others. They've organized numerous events and fundraisers, like the memorable Little Black Dress event, and have sponsored three homes over the years.

For more details on their efforts, please click the link above.

Volunteer Update



Megan, Carlos, and Aaron, shown above.

Chaney Enterprises/ Chaney Cares Service Day

As we warmly embrace the arrival of another beautiful season, we at Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity find ourselves filled with gratitude for the growing number of volunteers who generously offer their time and dedication to our mission. Their love and faith in our work play a vital role in driving impactful projects that not only benefit

GFHFH but also enrich our wonderful community in countless ways.

Recently, we had the pleasure of partnering with Chaney Cares, an organization committed to uplifting our neighbors through collaborative efforts with community groups. Together, we focused on renovating a section of our ReStore, transforming it into a brighter and more inviting space for our valued customers. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Megan, Carlos, and Aaron for their hard work and commitment to this project. Their efforts have helped create an atmosphere that reflects the warmth and support of our community.



Chaney Cares Service day, shown above.

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Upcoming Events

April 12th, 2025

ReStore Easter Bunny Sale event
11 am - 2 pm

April 16th, 2025

Homebuyer Interest Meeting
2 pm - 6 pm

April 25th, 2025

Volunteer Appreciation Event
11 am - 1 pm

April 28th, 2025

Mason Dixon Give BackNight
Event
5 pm - 9 pm

May 31st, 2025

Virginia RIDE Poker Run Event
9 am - 3 pm

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SESSIONS



Held on the 3rd
**WEDNESDAY of the
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2 pm, 4 pm, and 6 pm

Homebuyer Information Session!



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stability and
self-reliance



Cars For Homes

Community Outreach Update

Women Build Week at Micah Industries

On March 8th, the Micah Welcome Center in downtown Fredericksburg buzzed with energy as volunteers participated in the Women Build Week 2025 event, organized by Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity. This initiative focuses on empowering women and giving back to the community. Volunteers from diverse backgrounds came together to prepare a client room at Micah for an important update, fostering a warm atmosphere filled with laughter and cooperation.

Throughout the morning, participants cleaned, organized, and transformed the space into a safe and welcoming environment for clients facing homelessness or housing issues. This effort not only enhanced the facility but also aimed to restore dignity and hope for those in need.

Women Build Service Day volunteer groups, shown below.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers, supporters, Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity Board members, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their participation. Special thanks to Jim Buist for coordinating the event. For more information about Micah, visit their website: <https://micahfredericksburg.org>.



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Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity

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MONDAY, APRIL 28TH 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

Mason & Dixon
Cafe

RIDE VIRGINIA Annual Poker Run May 31st, 2025

Join us for the 17th RIDE VIRGINIA Poker Run on May 31, 2025, benefiting the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity. The event starts at 9:00 am at the GFHFH ReStore and ends at Gourmeltz, where poker hands must be submitted by 1:30 pm to win prizes of \$250 for the best and worst hands.



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ON PARTICIPATING



A 50/50 raffle will also take place, with tickets priced at \$5. Participants will receive a poker hand, an event T-shirt (while supplies last), a Gourmeltz coupon, and a door prize ticket. To guarantee larger T-shirt sizes, pre-register by May 23. On the event day, registration closes at 10:00 am, but poker hands can be purchased until 1:30 pm. The fee is \$30 on the day or \$25 if pre-registered. This exciting event supports Habitat for Humanity's mission of building homes and communities for those in need. All funds raised will directly assist local families in achieving affordable homeownership.

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