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*Official Newsletter of the Greater
Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity*

31 YEARS
OF BUILDING HOPE



A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Supporters,

It is truly an honor to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity. I step into this role with a deep passion for affordable housing and a firm belief that safe, stable shelter is the foundation on which individuals, families, and communities thrive. I am committed to ensuring that our organization continues to be a trusted resource throughout our city and surrounding counties – one that people can turn to for support, opportunity, and hope.



Community is at the heart of who I am. I believe in showing up, listening, and walking alongside people as they work to fulfill their needs and dreams. I want you to know that I consider myself not just a leader here, but a friend and partner in this shared mission. Every day, I vow to serve with compassion, integrity, and dedication to strengthening the communities we all call home.

There has never been a more important time to support Habitat. As we prepare to begin an exciting new project this spring, we invite you to be part of the impact. [Volunteer](#). [Donate](#). [Build](#). Together, we can create more than houses—we can create opportunity, stability, and brighter futures.

[The future is UNDER CONSTRUCTION.](#)

Many thanks,
Mimi

Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity Announces Executive Leadership Transition



Mimi Mitchell has officially taken on the leadership role at Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity (GFHFH), serving as Executive Director since February 1, 2026. She succeeded Jayne Johnson, who announced her retirement effective that same date. Mitchell brings over a decade of nonprofit experience, including nearly 10 years within the Habitat network, with expertise in advocacy.

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and families. Johnson, during her tenure, made a significant impact by strengthening partnerships and advancing affordable housing initiatives, and she plans to remain involved as a volunteer. A welcoming reception for Mitchell was held on December 15, 2025. community partnerships, and program development. She is committed to continuing GFHFH's growth and fostering collaboration with community partners, volunteers,

Community Outreach Update

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Service Day

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all 138 participants and volunteers, as well as the 20 organizations that made this mission possible – from the early Stuff the Truck pickup last week to the final volunteer breaking down the kitchen tonight at Thurman Brisben. Your willingness to donate your time and generosity made it possible for us to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a meaningful way.

This event was brought to life by the GFHFH Community Committee, which includes Dee White, Charita Mariner, Dr. Elizabeth Freeman, and Patty McGee. The volunteers at the Love Thy Neighbor site in King George demonstrated incredible dedication and hard work. They approached the tasks with enthusiasm, eager to make a positive impact in their community. Their efforts focused on essential repairs and upgrades, addressing key areas that needed attention. Thanks to their hard work, the safety and functionality of the site have been greatly improved. It's truly inspiring to see so many people unite for a common cause.



Love Thy Neighbor volunteers shown above.



Upcoming Events

February 10-12, 2026

Habitat on the Hill
All Day

February 17, 2026

Fredericksburg Intern Expo
9 am - 3 pm

March 1st - 31st 2026

ReStore Furniture Drive
9 am to 5 pm

March 1st - March 9th, 2026

Women Build Week
9 am - 4 pm

April 20th -26th, 2026

Volunteer Appreciation Week
9 am - 3 pm



Stuff the Truck Volunteers shown above.
Thurman Brisben volunteers shown on the left.

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REGISTER FOR
ONE OF THESE
SESSIONS



Held on the 3rd
**WEDNESDAY of the
MONTH**

2 pm, 4 pm, and 6 pm

Homebuyer Information Session!



**your old
vehicle**
can help a
family to build
strength,
stability and
self-reliance



Homebuyer Services Update

Homebuyers Wanted

We are excited to announce that we are back to full capacity, and applications are now open! If you're interested in our program, please take a moment to review the information below. You can sign up for an interest meeting and apply once the applications are available on the portal.

To get started, sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/VLu03VUXk0>. For details about the program requirements and more information, visit: https://fredhab.org/.../Homeownership_Program...

When you're ready to apply, you can access the application portal at: <https://hbs.gfhfh.org/>.

We appreciate your interest in our homeownership program and look forward to supporting you on your journey. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions. We are here to help you take the next step toward homeownership. We can't wait to see your application!

Volunteer Update

AES ReStore Service Day

AES, one of our newest community group partners, spent some time in the ReStore this month, lending their skills for a day of service. The team vibe was awesome and made the day fun for everyone. Working with such passionate and caring folks is always a good experience. Their hard work helped make our communities stronger and better. You could really see the difference their efforts made in the lives of those we serve. They're excited to keep working together and making a positive impact. All in all, it was a day full of community spirit, kindness, and progress.



Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity

• **DONATE** • **SHOP** • **VOLUNTEER**

SCAN TO SCHEDULE YOUR
FREE DONATION PICKUP!



**STORE
HOURS:**
**TUESDAY-
SATURDAY**
11 am - 5 pm

2378 Plank Road
Fredericksburg,
VA 22401
(540) 891-5009
www.fredrestore.org

WANTED: HOMEBUYERS!

Applications Open

Are you dreaming of pursuing homeownership? The Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity has opened applications for our Homeownership program. Homeownership is within your reach! Our program offers guidance, resources, and support to help you navigate the process. Interested? Contact us now or visit our webpage to find out more about how we can assist you on your journey. #OwnYourHome #CommunitySupport #FutureHomeowner

Why Choose Our Program?

- Investing in Homeownership
Our program emphasizes a partnership approach—volunteering and completing financial education are key steps.
- Supporting Local Communities
Our program is dedicated to helping you achieve stable, affordable homeownership by using third-party loans through trusted partnerships.

How to Apply

Visit <https://hbs.gfhfh.org/> for application details and forms. Contact 540-891-4401 (Ext. Homebuyer Services) or Homeownership@fredhab.org for more information.

Find Out More About Our Program

Virtual interest meetings occur every third Wednesday of the month at 2 pm, 4 pm, and 6 pm. Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/VLu03VUXk0> to sign up.

Apply Now!

More Information
540-891-4401 (Ext. Homebuyer Services)
<https://fredhab.org/services/homeownership-program>



Habitat's Lucy Godwin & Nicky Hartford are shown with the Oberlin School representative.



FAB Foundation Community Engagement Service Day

The FAB Foundation's mission is to create a stronger, better community. GFHFH fully supports this important message. We sincerely thank our wonderful friends and volunteers at FAB Foundation Community Engagement for returning to GFHFH. They helped us build new shelves in our ReStore, which is greatly appreciated. As members of the Fredericksburg Area Builders Foundation, they believe that homeownership should be accessible to every American family. They also believe that homes in America should be well-designed, well-constructed, and located in attractive communities. These communities should offer educational, recreational, religious, and shopping facilities for all residents. They support the idea that American homes should be built within the framework of a free enterprise system. The FAB Foundation is composed of local building professionals dedicated to improving our community.

ReStore Happenings

2026 ReStore March Madness Donation Drive

Get ready, Fredericksburg! The Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity's March Madness Donation Drive is back. The urgent need for affordable housing is greater than ever, with over 37 million Americans living in poverty and struggling to find safe homes. Your donation—big or small—can make a meaningful difference in building homes and hope in the community. Ways to help include donating merchandise to the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity ReStore, volunteering your time, or spreading the word. During March, all donations receive a 15% discount coupon for future purchases, and donations are tax-deductible with the provided paperwork.



MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 31ST

The need for affordable housing has never been more urgent than today. During these uncertain times of increasing economic pressure many families are struggling to find safe and affordable housing. Your donation, no matter how large or small, can transform lives and leave a lasting impact on our community. There are over 37 million Americans living in poverty today affecting their ability to secure affordable housing. You can make a difference by joining us and our mission of building homes and hope in our community.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- Donate gently used or new merchandise to the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Donate your time by volunteering at the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity ReStore or other Habitat for Humanity projects
- Spread the word to family and friends of our mission

The month of March is our Donation Drive so any donation during this period of March 1-31 receives a 15% OFF coupon good for any single purchase throughout March 2025. Remember, donations are tax deductible, and we will gladly provide you with the appropriate paperwork.



Make a BIG impact with a monthly gift



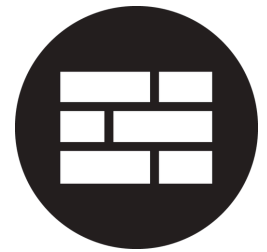
Tailored to you

With small payments spread out month to month, it fits any budget. Even small amounts can make a big impact!



Hassle-free

Your donation occurs automatically each month. You can change the amount or cancel at any time.



Immediate impact, all year long

Monthly donors make a difference every day with reliable, ongoing donations.

- 1 Visit our website at www.fredhab.org and click **DONATE ... OR SCAN HERE!**



- 2 Choose your amount
- 3 Follow the prompts

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