



Habitat for Humanity of Salem County NJ

Seeking to put God's love into action, HFH will...



▪Affiliate History

▪The Habitat story in Salem County begins in the early 1960's when Vic and Diane Scott traveled to Georgia to visit Bible scholar/farmer Clarence Jordan, founder of Koinonia partners, a Christian community. He died suddenly in 1969, and the Scotts donated 100 flowering crabapple trees to Koinonia in his memory. A letter of thanks came immediately from a young lawyer named Millard Fuller. A former millionaire who had given his wealth away, Millard and his family had just begun building homes for poor sharecroppers with Clarence Jordan.

▪Correspondence between Fullers and Scotts continued. By 1976 Diane was assisting Millard (via airmail between NJ and Africa) with *Bokotola*, the book describing Fullers' three years of home building in Zaire. In the summer of 1976 the Scotts met the Fuller family face-to-face for the first time, on their arrival home at JFK airport. A new program to provide simple, decent homes for families was being launched. It's now known worldwide as Habitat for Humanity International.

▪Vic and Diane thought this would be a good program for Salem County, and began interesting other county residents in this vision. On April 27, 1982, a group met at the First Baptist Church of Woodstown to explore the feasibility of forming a Habitat for Humanity organization for Salem County. Enough people were willing to commit to this venture and on June 30, 1982 the first Salem County Habitat volunteers met at the Scott's home in Mannington. Fred Coffin of Canton, NJ chaired this historic event. Our Affiliate Logo was created by Doris Bryant and Kenneth Slifer (Diane's father). The group met throughout the summer of 1982 outlining their mission and goals.

On October 14, 1982 six volunteers from Salem County, following a meeting with Millard Fuller and the International Habitat Board of Directors, were granted status making Salem County Habitat the oldest Habitat affiliate in New Jersey!

▪ History of Salem County Habitat

- Habitat International started in 1976
- Our affiliate began October 1982, President James Carter Dedicated the first home in Penns Grove
- First affiliate in New Jersey
- The 22nd affiliate of International (Now over 3000 in existence)
- Annual tithe to Habitat Romania \$37,000 (to date we have helped 62 families with our tithe)

- Homes Salem County Habitat has built
- 41 Completed homes
- 3 homes in Carneys Point
- 1 home in Woodstown
- 1 home in Pedricktown
- 3 homes in Pittsgrove
- 21 homes in Salem
- 12 homes in Penns Grove

- 2017 Build Schedule, Pedricktown and Lower Alloway's Creek

▪ Structure of Affiliate

- Executive Director, full time
- Volunteer Coordinator/Grant Writer/Executive Assistant part time
- Project Manager/Construction Manager
- 2 Part time ReStore Managers, Driver and Cashier
- Board of Directors: meets monthly to review affiliate goals - three year term.
- Committees: Building & Site Development, Church Relations & Youth Programs, Family Services, Fundraising & Marketing

▪ Financing

- Sources of Income: church donations, individual donations, corporate and business and private foundations
- Donations, civic groups, collegiate challenge and summer mission groups
- Homeowner mortgage monies that are recycled back to the program
- Habitat ReStore

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▪ Expenses

- Salaries, building materials, general operating expenses.

▪ Tithe

- Designated to Habitat for Humanity in Romania, \$37k annually, over 80 families served.

▪ Criteria for Homeownership: How We Select Homeowners

- 1. Ability to Pay - The 2016 Median Income for Salem County, NJ, is \$78,300. Therefore, the following are the income guidelines for Family Selection: at 40 percent the minimum income is \$31,321 at 60 percent the maximum income is \$46,980.
- 2. Need – A home visitation is conducted by the Family Selection Committee to determine current home situation and who from the pool of applicants is deemed to have the strongest need.
- 3. Willingness to Partner – Each adult in the family commits to completing 225 sweat equity hours while the house is being constructed. Fifty of these hours can be donated for each adult in the family. Settlement cannot be held until sweat equity hours are completed.
- 4. Partner family receives a zero percent interest mortgage for 20 years or 38 year zero equivalent mortgage from the USDA.

Habitat Handyman Program

- Ramps and Accessibility is our focus for senior citizens and less able homeowners. Projects are ranked by need and based on finding funding for the project. The average ramp costs \$3k in materials. Homeowners pay as they can, provide lunches for volunteers, pay for permits or pay for materials depending on ability to repay. In the past we had access to short term loans of up to \$2500 per household. We have built or refurbished more than 20 ramps in the past 6 years. We have completed critical home repairs for two disabled veterans in Salem County via the Home Depot Foundation grant and we continue to seek ways to help find grants or low interest loans for repairs throughout Salem County. Currently we are using the USDA for grants for seniors 62 and over, up to \$7500.
- Habitat Handyman Program – made possible by a \$100k 2016/17 grant from Salem Health and Wellness. We are seeking \$50k grant for the 2018 grant cycle to purchase metal ramps for our “Recyclable Ramp” initiative. Currently we have two ramps out in the community and would like to purchase more for temporary use/rental. One ramp has already served 4 families so the cost vs. time and materials to build a wooden ramp would be much better for the recipient.

▪How you can help!

- Donate to ReStore- call and we will pick up and then send a thank you tax donation receipt or become a Volunteer!
- Join Carpenters Club - way to donate each time a house is begun.
- Matching Gift Program – Double your dollars with a check made payable to Salem Health and Wellness June 1 through December 1, 2018.
91-A South Virginia Avenue (Rte 130), Carneys Point, NJ 08069 (Memo line benefit Salem County Habitat for Humanity)
- Come out and build - as an individual or as a group - great way to learn carpentry skills.
- Call the Habitat Office at 856-299-7995 to donate, volunteer, or more information.
- Pray for us.