HAMMER FOR CHANGE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Morris Habitat for Humanity®

Morris Habitat for Humanity

CEO's Letter

> We cannot build the housing crisis away.

▲ *Blair and Randolph Councilman Jim Loveys*

◀ ***On the Cover:*** *Alisha Salazar and her three sons celebrate the dedication of their new home* - Byram Township, August 2019

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are all under stay-at-home orders and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Home has never had more meaning—particularly for low-income families and the most vulnerable in our society. The public health crisis will become an economic crisis, and housing challenges will only escalate. Now, more than ever, we are committed to battling the affordable housing emergency for the families and communities we serve.

Every day at Morris Habitat for Humanity, we hammer for change, building homes that transform the lives of our hardworking partner families. We hammer for change throughout the Morris County area, bringing people together to create strong, vibrant neighborhoods. And we hammer for change across New Jersey and around the country, advocating for housing policies that ensure the cost of home is affordable for everyone.

The need is urgent: One in five NJ families spends half or more of their income on their rent or mortgage, often forced to choose between paying for housing or nutritious food, reliable transportation or health care needs. Morris Habitat believes no one should have to make those choices.

Affordable homeownership gives families a stable foundation and allows them to get on with the business of living. In 2019, we empowered 69 families with our housing solutions and international home building programs. Thank you for joining us in this important work – it would not be possible without you. We look forward to hammering for change together to realize Habitat for Humanity's vision: a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

With gratitude,

Blair Schleicher Wilson, CEO of Morris Habitat

Stacy Goods

Affordable Housing Advocate

Stacey Goods said that partnering with Morris Habitat changed her life. She learned how to save money and stick to a budget. She gained financial security and peace of mind. And in July 2019 she moved into the home she and her sons built alongside volunteers.

She loves living on Monmouth Avenue in Dover. "The beauty of your own space and having a back yard... The house is big enough that we won't have to be on top of each other," Stacey said. "Now I'm the grandma's house that the children love to come to."
To help other families, Stacey traveled with Morris Habitat leadership to Washington, D.C., to tell members of Congress about the need for affordable housing in New Jersey and how becoming a homeowner empowered her.

"I'm a mom who just needed her own safe space," Stacey said. "And Habitat was able to provide this."

Our Impact In 2019

12 HOMES

48 REPAIR PROJECTS

9 INTERNATIONAL HOMES

69 FAMILIES

2,058 SWEAT EQUITY HOURS

13,133 VOLUNTEERS

The Pope Family

Heather Seelinger

Adriana Obregon & Daughters

119 MAIN STREET

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

119 Main Street • 2019 Signature Project

Morris Habitat completed 12 homes in 2019, including the first six of 12 homes at 119-121 Main St. in Succasunna — our largest project to date.

This year's new homeowner families include Julio Damelines, Adriana Obregon and their three daughters. Even with two jobs, the couple struggled to pay $1,800 a month for an apartment in Randolph.

"Purchasing a home will be like having their American dream come true. They always wanted a better future for our family. It will be an important milestone in their life." – Daughter Vanessa Damelines

To learn more about the home projects Morris Habitat completed in 2019, please visit our website at **www.MorrisHabitat.org.**

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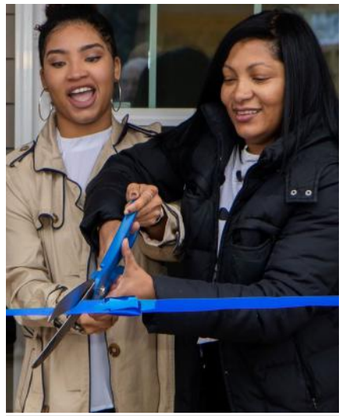


Mariell Guridy Baez & Daughter, Amy

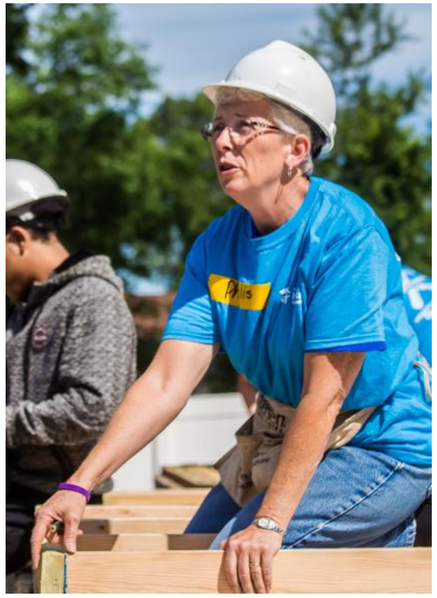
Jonathan & Norguia De La Torre

MORRIS HABITAT VOLUNTEERS

You have seen our volunteers swinging hammers and helping ReStore customers. Look closer, and you will see even more behind the scenes. Our volunteers donate professional services, assist with property acquisition, plan fundraising events, and advocate for policy change. Others help streamline processes, update our website, and manage email communications. There is a role for anyone willing to help.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Phyllis Chanda is an outstanding member of The Faithful, a group of loyal construction volunteers. No job is too big or too small for Phyllis. She will repair a roof or clean a window, and not leave until the job is finished. We were thrilled when she won the Morris County Women's Advisory Committee's 2019 Seeds of Change award – no one was more deserving.



▲ *Volunteers at the Park Avenue at Morris County Panel Build Event*

The Travelers Team at 119 Main Street ▼

> You come to an event having no idea how this is going to happen. Two, three days later… Wow! We did that. You can learn. You can get things done for people who can't.
>
> *– Phyllis Chanda*

78,287 HOURS

543 VOLUNTEER TEAMS

334 CORPORATE

66 CIVIC

120 SCHOOL

23 FAITH

HOME REPAIR AGING IN PLACE

Everyone needs a home that is warm, safe and dry. Morris Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization Program completed 48 Home Repair and Aging in Place projects, assisting lower-income homeowners and seniors with critical repairs, safety improvements, and accessibility modifications.

We were honored when our Neighborhood Revitalization program received the 2019 Bank of America NeighborhoodBuilders® award. Along with funding from Morris County and The Provident Bank Foundation, our home repair programs can now double the number of families served over the next two years.

Our largest home repair project began when a man decided something had to be done about the Morristown house he passed everyday on his way to work. Because of his generosity, we significantly improved the health and safety of the four generations who live inside.

Many of our Aging in Place projects have been built with help volunteers from Bonnie Brae, a residential school for young men. In the picture above, the Brae Builders proudly pose with a couple in Pompton Plains on their newly constructed wheelchair ramp.

GLOBAL VILLAGE TRIP

Dominican Republic - December 2019

Six volunteers spent a week installing floors, painting walls (and getting a little beach time.) "I knew how good it was going to be to go and help these three families, but it was even better than I could have imagined."
- Finance Assistant Kathy Hunt

Homeowner in progress, Laris and her mother putting in some sweat equity hours at the Restore.

ReStore®

Morris Habitat's ReStore sells donated new and gently used furniture, appliances, building materials, lighting and more. Since 2007, the ReStore has funded construction of 28 homes and kept more than 11,800 tons of usable materials from landfills.

The ReStore had $2.55 million in gross sales – a 14% increase over 2018.

If you were one of the 115,000 shoppers, you know the ReStore sells everything from wine glasses to replacement windows. We are continually amazed by the number and variety of our donations.

The ReStore Collection, an online boutique of antiques, jewelry and collectibles, is building a great reputation in the community. Donors know their fine items will be handled with respect, and buyers know we sell interesting and unique items at fair prices. The online store never closes – our customers have bought at midnight, from hospital beds and on airplanes.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR

Wayfair is one of the ReStore's most generous and consistent partners. Each truckload of donated furniture is sure to arrive weekly and sell quickly.

PREMIUM TREASURES

ReStore Collection

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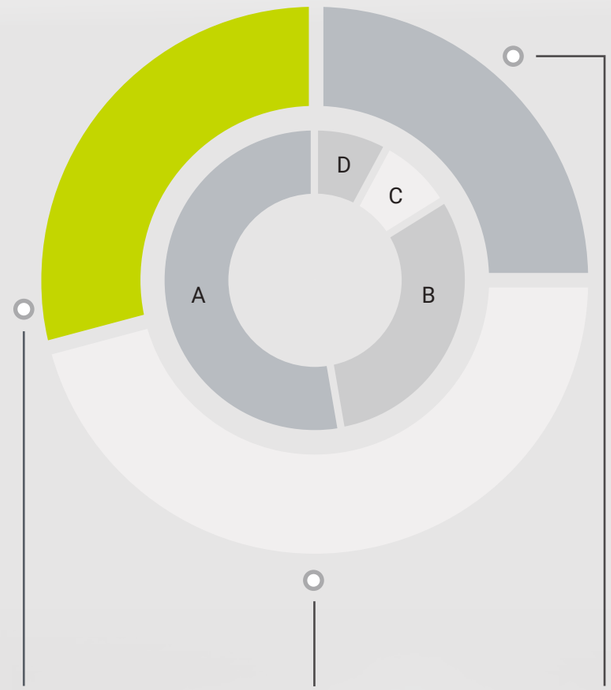
**Full 2019 financial Audit can be found on our website*



SALE OF HOMES 29%

RESTORE REVENUE 46%

CONTRIBUTIONS 25%

A. HOMEBUILDING 53%

B. RESTORE 31%

C. FUNDRAISING 8%

D. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE 8%

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Architect $100,000 +

BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Morris County Office of Community Development
- *HOME Investment Partnership Program*

City of Passaic
- *HOME Investment Partnership Program*

SHOP Funds

Home Builder $50,000 - $99,999

Township of Byram

LAKELAND BANK

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- *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*

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