Repairs are Back!

This year, we welcomed Hank Hosmer back to our staff—but this time as our Director of Repairs. Hank is now able to focus entirely on something he excels at: repairing homes and improving safety for families in our community. And it couldn't have come at a better time. Our Minor Exterior Repair Program needed exactly the kind of skill, dedication, and heart that Hank brings.

With years of construction experience, including designing and building his own house, Hank understands the value of preserving older homes and ensuring seniors can safely enter and exit their houses. Since April, he and a small team of committed volunteers have already completed eight repair projects across our six-county service area, along with warranty work on some of our most recent home builds. Their projects have ranged from replacing doors, fixing windows, and repairing decks to tackling minor roof issues, removing chimneys, and more.

These repairs don't just make homes safer — they extend the life of each house and help families save on monthly energy costs. It's the kind of practical support that brings both comfort and stability.

Habitat's mission is clear: "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope." Our repair program is a powerful expression of that mission — meeting families where they are, preserving the homes they already love, and restoring dignity through safe, affordable housing.



Before and after, thanks to Hank's expertise and hard work



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Exciting New Builds Coming to Buckingham and Prince Edward Counties!

We're thrilled to share that **three new homes** are on the horizon in the
Arvonia area of Buckingham County!
It's always a joy to build throughout
this community, and soon these three
lots will be transformed into **beautiful**, **welcoming homes** for three new
partner families.

Our recent application cycle closed in mid-October, and the process is well underway — applications have been reviewed, and home visits are being scheduled. Before long, we'll get to make one of our favorite phone calls: telling families that they've been approved for our homeownership program and will soon begin their journey toward a new home!

Looking ahead, we're already planning our **next application cycle in early 2026**, which will include **two new homes in Prince Edward**

County. In addition to these builds, we're committed to completing repair projects throughout our whole service area, continuing our mission to help families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through

affordable housing.



Piedmont Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help!

Piedmont Habitat proudly serves six counties – Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Nelson, Nottoway, and Prince Edward – and we are currently in *urgent need* of buildable land in five of these six counties.

If you have land, or know of any available property in one of our service counties that might be suitable

for future Habitat homes, we would love to hear from you.

Your lead could help us provide safe, affordable housing for local families in need

Please contact us if you have information or potential opportunities. Together, we can build homes, communities, and hope.

Tithe: Making a Global Impact

A small portion of your financial donation goes toward building safe, decent, affordable housing internationally. On top of serving local families throughout the years, our affiliate has also served just over 71 international families. U.S. affiliated organizations tithed more than \$14.74 million to Habitat's international work in fiscal year 2025.

Here is a quick story from one of the individuals who has been impacted by the tithe from U.S. Affiliates:

Hawa lived in a small, rundown shelter in the Kisarawe district of Tanzania. She lived by herself and experienced high levels of stress and hopelessness. She recently benefited from Habitat for Humanity Tanzania's housing program and moved into her new house within the past year. For her, the new house wasn't just decent shelter, but a catalyst for transformation.

"After I got the house, I felt alive again," Hawa recounted. "It was like



someone had entered my dreams and woke them up."

She now enjoys cultivating a small vegetable garden by the new house and dreams of ways to make the house her own, with hopes of building a chicken

coop someday. Hawa also has helped other women in her community realize their potential and achieve the dream of a decent home and more.

Because of your support, people like Hawa can make their dreams a reality.

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Keysville Home Dedications

EARLIER THIS YEAR we celebrated a joyful and unforgettable day for Piedmont Habitat for Humanity as we celebrated ribbon cutting ceremonies for FOUR new homes in Charlotte County, Virginia!

Surrounded by family, friends, volunteers, and community supporters, we cut the ribbons on four new homes. These homes are a testament to what's possible when our community comes together with compassion, generosity, and hard work.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and partners who made this milestone possible. You are changing lives — one home at a time.

Here's to new beginnings, stronger neighborhoods, and the power of hope through shelter!

Left, Shannon. At bottom is everyone.



Rachel



Shana



Kasay



Leslie's Journey Home: A Story of Strength, Family, and Hope

LESLIE IS A DEVOTED single mom raising three boys. Her oldest has already left the nest but often comes back to lend a hand with Jaxon, Leslie's youngest, who is non-verbal and uses a wheelchair.

Years ago, Leslie dreamed of becoming a cosmetologist. But when life led her down the path of single motherhood — especially as the parent of a child with special needs — she put those dreams aside to focus on her family.

Today, Leslie works for the same school system she once attended, proudly watching her sons travel through those same hallways. Her job allows her to be home in the afternoons and on school breaks, giving her the precious time she needs to care for Jaxon.

Leslie first heard about Habitat for Humanity through her former coworker Rachel, who had just completed the Homeownership Program. Inspired by Rachel's story, Leslie spent an entire week carefully completing her own application. When Dan, our Director of Family Services, called to let her know her paperwork was received, he couldn't help but tell her — it was one of the most detailed and thorough applications he'd ever seen!

Because Leslie joined the program after her home's construction was nearly finished, she's had to get creative in completing her sweat equity hours. Every month since Leslie was approved for the program, she has attended the local Charlotte Committee meetings. She volunteered at this year's Pig Roast, attended all of the required homeownership classes, and meets weekly — virtually — with

Raven, a Housing Counselor from Piedmont Housing Alliance. She's also given back by volunteering at FACES alongside her family, finding joy in serving others while preparing for her own new beginning.

What Leslie looks forward to most is having a home that truly works for her family — especially for Jaxon. In their current house, narrow doorways make it impossible for Jaxon's wheelchair to fit through, forcing Leslie to carry him from room to room. In their new Habitat home, she'll finally have the freedom and peace of mind of an accessible space where Jaxon can move comfortably and safely.

For Leslie, this home represents more than just a fresh start — it's a dream realized, a foundation for her family's future, and a daily reminder of the power of perseverance and community.



her family.



Building Hope in Nelson County

In Nelson County, another dream became a reality this year; a brandnew home completed thanks to the incredible team at Bridgeport Construction. Their hard work and dedication made it possible to finish this house before year's end. This is our second home completed and the 26th Habitat home in Nelson County!

We are deeply grateful for partners like Bridgeport and for the generous supporters who share our vision: a world where everyone has a decent, affordable place to call home. One such supporter, Mr. Goodstein, shared why he continues to give: "I contribute because the late President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn personally volunteered for Habitat. It's so important for people to own a home, it's becoming more and more out of reach."

His words remind us why this work matters. Every home we build strengthens not just a family, but the entire community. Together, we're building more than houses; we're building hope, stability, and a brighter future for all.



Recycling

This Year, we increased our recycling efforts compared to last year. We have been partnering with Novelis Inc. to raise awareness about recycling. Novelis is a world leader in aluminum recycling, and they have provided recycling bins and monetary grants to help Habitat for Humanity improve neighborhood sustainability across the U.S. and Canada.

With the support of our local community, we were able to more than double our aluminum recycling this year! Many thanks to Hampden-Sydney College and Piedmont Real Estate for their important roles in raising awareness and collecting aluminum!



Above, Mary Shepherd with Andrew Payne of Piedmont Real Estate. Right, Mary with Dwayne Bowyer, HSC



2025 Pig Roast

What an incredible day! Our seventh annual Pig Roast was a huge success — and it's all thanks to the amazing community that came together, united by one shared vision: to see a world where everyone has a safe, decent place to call home.

We are beyond grateful for everyone who attended, sponsored, volunteered, and supported the event. Your enthusiasm and generosity turned a potential rainy day into a celebration filled with joy, laughter, and purpose.

This year our county committees worked on acquiring items and donations of experiences for our first annual silent auction and raffle





during the event. This beloved annual event does more than bring people together — it helps drive our mission forward. Thanks to your support, we're continuing to make safe, affordable housing a reality across our region and are ready to launch our **next exciting** phase of home builds!

Together, we're not just "roasting pigs" — we're building hope, one home at a time.







Pig Röast

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Justin Joined our Team

We were thrilled to welcome Justin Buschman to our team midway through the year as our new Director of Development. Justin brings with him an impressive background — decades of experience in fundraising, budget management, and nonprofit leadership — all of which he put to work immediately.

With support from Sam, Justin hit the ground running. He quickly applied for a major grant to support our Repair Program, and we're excited to share that we were awarded more than \$50,000, enough to fund eight much-needed repairs!

We're incredibly grateful to have Justin on board — not only for his dedication and strategic vision, but also for the lighthearted energy he brings to the office. His dad jokes and well-timed



sarcasm have already become part of our daily rhythm, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Coffee Crawl

Attention Coffee Lovers: We are doing a Coffee Crawl throughout our service area!

Join us in supporting our local partner coffee shops! Stop by and enjoy one of their delicious coffees. Each shop will have a flier where you can scan a QR code that will take you directly to our donation page. With every donation made, you're helping us create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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- **1. Trager Brothers Coffee 2.0** 190 Rockfish School Lane Afton, VA, 22920
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Did you know ...

- ... that all Habitat Partner Families have:
- A demonstrated need for an improved housing solution.
- 2) The ability to pay an affordable mortgage or affordable repair loan, and
- 3) Are willing to partner with Habitat in a variety of ways, including future homeowners investing hundreds of hours in volunteering?

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Thank you.

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