



Dear Jennifer,

I'm taking just a few minutes from holiday scurrying to reflect on the year we've had. And it's been a year.

We certainly didn't think we'd experience a year of uncertainty again like the one we had in 2020 with a global pandemic.

Indeed, this year has been atypical. We have been on a national rollercoaster ride, of sorts. And there's still more uncertainty going into January.

As you know, we provide services and opportunities for Powhatan residents who are asset restricted and income constrained, and they count on us to advocate for them.

So, how did we get through the year?

We did it because you stood with us, partnered with us, and were thought partners.

We did it because you wrote checks as donors, gave time as volunteers, and helped us with scenario planning.

In some cases, these challenging times made astounding things happen – some big, some small.

We thank board members Robin Cupka and Traci Tate for serving with 20 other community members to produce the county's first Housing Needs Survey and Report with [12 recommendations](#).

We thank volunteers such as Beabe Moore, Jodi Dalton and Franny Usher, for showing up every Thursday, Friday and Saturday to help us open the ReStore and keep it humming.

We thank local businesses including C&F Bank, Luck Stone, Envestnet MoneyGuide, RJ Wade Electric, Royall Pump and Well, Morris Steel, Ellinghausen Grading and Empowered PC for supporting our events and builds this year.

We thank those who donated items to the ReStore, such as the gentleman who gave us his like-new Cyclone Rake that sold for a wonderful \$1,600 this past Thursday.

We thank our other Powhatan nonprofits, churches and county social service professionals for banding together and planning for what-ifs!

We thank those who donated their services, such as the crew from Woodchuckers. Last week (photo above), they helped us hoist a lighted star high over the ReStore — a fitting beacon of hope on which to end the year!

You can't begin to imagine how inspiring these actions – large and small – were for our team.

So, this is simply a note of thanks. Thank you for choosing Habitat for Humanity-Powhatan and for not sitting on the sidelines. Thank you for fueling us with your passion and bringing us ideas, time and treasure.

As you gather with family and friends this holiday season, share the stories of 2025 through the lens of being a builder of hope. This could be just what others need to climb out of the bleachers and onto the field.

And we will need you all in 2026 – to advocate for Powhatan residents who wish to have safe, affordable housing options, and to help us think more creatively than ever.

Spend time with those you hold dear in the weeks ahead – and know that each of you made a meaningful contribution to

our organization when we needed you. Thank you again.

To a new year, working together to build hope,

Susan



From today through Dec. 31, a local couple who wishes to remain anonymous has offered a matching grant of up to \$5,000. If you have given this holiday season, thank you so much! If not, it's the perfect time to [double your impact!](#)

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