



**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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