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ON THE LEVEL

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM HABITAT-POWHATAN



On this, the evening of Father's Day, Habitat-Powhatan thanks its core critical repair team of Dave Maloney, Frank Castelvechi, Larry Knorr and Lee Chapman and YOU for your support of this crucial program. Lending assistance to elder residents in aging trailers and homes has been this team's reason for being this past month. A senior client (top photo) only had a front concrete slab and steps with no railings on her home. Safety issue resolved! Another elderly client in a 1970s trailer had large sections of skirting missing, causing animals to create havoc under his home. Issue resolved for the summer ahead! The rest of the month will be filled with porch rebuilds, siding repairs and key window replacements, which will spend down the FY26 critical repair funds by June 30. Much news to share with you, so please keep reading!

TEAM MEMBER MISSED!



John DiFiglio (left) was an integral part of our critical repair and build teams for years. John passed away on May 2 after a long battle with cancer. He was a skilled commercial construction project manager and shared his hands-on expertise and humor at all of Habitat's build sites. Habitat sends our condolences to his wife Holly, his son John, and his beloved grandchildren. A celebration of his life will take place in early August.



JUNETEENTH RECOGNITIONS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Yesterday's sixth annual Powhatan Juneteenth commemoration and celebration at the Pocahontas Landmark Center recognized "The Grandmother" of the holiday, [Opal Lee](#) from Fort Worth, Texas -- who just authored a book, "A Committee of One," and even got her own Barbie Inspiring Women doll! Lee's childhood home was destroyed June 19, 1939, by a mob of white residents only three days after her family moved in. As fate would have it, Habitat Trinity Texas purchased several abandoned lots from the city in 2023 and the Lee family lot turned out to be one of them. Habitat and the community then turned around and built a new home on that lot for Lee, who will turn 100 in October! Also in the vein of recognizing many Black firsts, Ballsville's Lillian Hopson Lambert (left) — the first Black woman to graduate from Harvard's MBA program — attended yesterday's event. Lambert is the co-chair of Habitat-Powhatan's new Raise the Roof Capital Campaign, which will include the building of a 13-home neighborhood called Koinonia Pines off Ballsville Road!



RESTORE RESET!

The ReStore team, managed by Erin Woods, is reimagining its spaces, including this one for books and reading lamps. And there is more to come in early July. Also because you all have supplied so many great donations, the store has suspended accepting items through July 9. Help finish out Habitat's fiscal year

on **Saturday, June 27**, with the Kona Ice truck on site! The ReStore will be closed for the holiday, July 2-4.



THE PIG IN THE HAT is BACK!

Habitat's Boots, BBQ & Bourbon will return this fall on **Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026**. We are planning more chefs, more games and more music at Powhatan's beautiful Fairview Farm. Tickets will go on sale Sept. 1. This event will be a beautiful way to cap off Habitat-Powhatan's 25th anniversary year.

MEET CARRIE AND HER FAMILY



Meet Carrie Sue English and her three boys. She is our newest homeowner-to-be! Raised in Powhatan, Carrie Sue has dreamed of finding a forever home she can afford in the county. An excellent student who graduated from Powhatan High School in tandem with receiving her associate's degree in early childhood education, English is a head tech for Set Cleaning, with the goal of returning to college to become a family counselor. She and her boys live in a two-bedroom apartment and can't wait to spend this Christmas in their new home with a huge live tree!

Help make that dream and affordable mortgage come true through the "[Building More than Home](#)" campaign by **June 30**. If you have given already, **THANK YOU** so much!

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