

# Blueprints Press

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## Apostles Build

# Building Faith While Building a Home in Frederica

On Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, one Kent County family realized their dream of homeownership while another took the next step in their journey to become homeowners.

Mike and Renay Walls, along with their four children, Anthony, Codi, Mikey, and Logan, joined with more than 50 friends, family, and Habitat volunteers, staff, and supporters to celebrate and dedicate their new home in Frederica.

parents now know that their children, and their children's children, are safe."

The Walls' home is the fifth home that Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity has built in the Town of Frederica. But this was the first **Apostles Build** home, a partnership of 12 area churches that provided significant financial support and volunteer labor for the home build.

An Apostles Build project calls people to leave the halls of the church and serve in the way the original Apostles served, providing church members with an opportunity to serve as Jesus' hands and feet.

Each participating church represented one of Jesus' apostles.

The 2013 Apostles Build churches were Freedom Baptist Church, Felton Viola United Methodist Church, Calvary Assembly of God from Dover, Grace Presbyterian, Wyoming United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church of Dover, First Southern Baptist Church, Wesley



Renay Walls wipes away her tears of joy as she and her family accept the key to their new home from Deacon Bob McMullen from Dover's Holy Cross Church. Holy Cross was one of 12 Apostles Build churches that helped make the home in Frederica become a reality.

Photo courtesy: Joseph Fulgham

***"While most houses are built for profit, Habitat houses are built for love."***

**Paul Bowman**  
 Calvary Assembly of God, Dover

Renay Walls wiped away tears with one hand while using the other to tightly clutch the keys to her family's new home. For her husband and four children, she said the two-story beige house with white trim represents a fresh start, an opportunity to plan for the future, and peace-of-mind.

"We're happy to have a home that we can finally call our own," Renay said. "My

United Methodist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, People's Church of Dover, and Hope United Methodist Church.

"Building a house gives people a concrete way to put faith into action," said Jocelyn McBride, Central Delaware Habitat's executive director.

"Whether hanging drywall, painting, or providing lunches, there was a task for every partner church and

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## GIVING WHILE HAVING FUN

### ***More than 250 run in the Builders Dash 5K***

Under beautiful early spring skies and on the site of the Fordham Brewery in Dover, more than 250 runners, walkers, family, and friends enjoyed a healthy run, delicious Fordham root beer and fantastic craft brews, and an opportunity to support Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity at the first-ever **Builders Dash 5K**.

The event raised nearly \$9,000 and all

proceeds from the race support Central Delaware Habitat's mission of ending poverty housing in Kent County.

In thanking the run participants and all the event sponsors, Habitat executive director Jocelyn McBride said, "By participating in the Builders Dash 5K, each and every one of you have helped another

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## Habitat ReStore celebrates six years of sales and support

Habitat doesn't just build and renovate homes. The Habitat ReStore sells a wide variety of home-related merchandise at very low prices.

The ReStore is open to the general public for both sales and donations. Funds raised help support Central Delaware Habitat's affordable home construction in Kent County.

In July, Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity's ReStore celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Located for several years in a small, cramped building, in March 2012 the Re-Store celebrated its grand re-opening (as shown in the photo above) in its new 11,000 square foot location at 544 Webbs Lane in Dover.

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm, the ReStore sells donated and gently used household and construction items at 50% or more off the retail price. Items are donated by manufacturers, stores, contractors, and individuals from throughout the community.

### *Always a Treasure to be Found*

The ReStore is a great place to start when doing those weekend home improvement projects. From remodeling and fix-it supplies to furniture, appliances, and household goods, you can find what you need for remodeling, decorating projects, or to replace appliances of many sorts.

"Every time you come into the ReStore, it's an adventure,"

says Shannon Sommeling, ReStore manager. "The inventory of donated items changes constantly and there's always a treasure that shoppers are surprised to find. Plus, we offer special advertised and unadvertised discounts to make the shopping experience even more fun and thrifty."

### *Donations Are Welcome and Pick-Up is Available*

Your donations of clean, stain-free items in good working condition are welcome throughout the year. Donations may be dropped off at the ReStore during regular business hours. To schedule a pick-up of large items, call 302-346-0220.

Donated items must be accessible on the ground floor and ready for pick-up when the ReStore truck arrives. All donations are tax-deductible.

### *Another Way Habitat Helps Our Local Community*

In addition to raising funds for home ownership, the ReStore helps the environment by putting useable materials into use instead of into landfills. For every \$1 of ReStore sales, 1.3 pounds is kept out of local landfills.

But perhaps most importantly, by supporting the ReStore, you're also supporting the construction and renovation of simple, decent, and affordable housing in Kent County.



A *Framing Frenzy* was held on Legislative Mall on June 6<sup>th</sup>, a collaborative effort with Habitat for Humanity's three Delaware affiliates and Delaware AmeriCorps.

Delaware AmeriCorps members hammered and nailed the wall frames for the two story home that Central Delaware Habitat is building with its newest homeowner, Danielle Harrison and her three children, Jaimere, Tyrone, and Brooklyn.

The Harrison's home will be located in Frederica, where the walls were transported that same day.

Of the four AmeriCorps programs in Delaware, 28 members serve with Habitat for Humanity. *Thank you, AmeriCorps!*

## Procter & Gamble grant supports Habitat



Habitat's Steve Twilley and Jocelyn McBride accept Procter & Gamble's generous gift from Teresa Dean and Eric Craft.

Procter & Gamble – Dover Wipes Plant recently donated \$10,000 to help Central Delaware Habitat fund the construction of four new homes in Frederica.

"Procter & Gamble Dover Wipes is thrilled to partner with Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity," said Eric Craft, P&G external relations manager.

"Habitat's mission to build our local communities is aligned with our mission of improving the lives of consumers. Together, we look forward to making a positive difference in the lives of our Kent County neighbors."

every volunteer on the Apostles Build.”

Apostles Build volunteers agreed that they enjoyed working alongside members from other churches and the Walls family, and they were pleased to see their hard work develop into a finished home.

Karen Speakman, a member of CDHFH Board and Christ Episcopal Church, said, “While all of the Apostles Build churches were able to make a significant commitment to Habitat and the Walls family, we also received so much in return. We were able to work as a community towards a common goal and respond to God’s call to help others.”

Mike and Renay each put in more than 250 hours of “sweat equity” and attended financial classes to help them learn to save for the future and to be prepared for the costs of homeownership. Central Delaware Habitat does not give homes away, but helps families become successful homeowners. The Walls family became homeowners with a zero percent interest mortgage held by Central Delaware Habitat.

“There are not words enough to express my gratitude to Habitat for Humanity and all of the Apostles Build churches,” Renay said. “The staff at Habitat and all of the volunteers who helped us build our home may never know the gift they have shared with me and my family. They never made us feel like they were ‘giving’ us anything but that they were helping us to help ourselves.”

If you are interested in helping families in Kent County, just like the Walls, in this life-changing homeownership program by volunteering on one of our builds or providing financial support for construction materials, call us at (302) 526-2366 and let us share some of the possibilities.

## Cars for Homes helps Central

Have an old car but aren’t sure what to do with it? Habitat’s Cars for Homes program can help turn your donated car, truck, boat, motorcycle, RV and other vehicles into proceeds that help build simple, decent homes.

Since 2009, Central Delaware Habitat has raised more than \$6,500 from the **Cars for Homes** program.

Donors can call Habitat for Humanity’s Cars for Homes toll-free number or process their car donation online. For more information on the Cars for Homes car donation program or to donate a car, truck, boat or RV to help us build homes for families in Kent County, call toll free 1-877-277-HFHI (4344)



CDHFH executive director Jocelyn McBride and future homeowner Danielle Harrison (both at left) hold shovels along with other Habitat supporters on June 15<sup>th</sup> to officially begin construction on Danielle’s new home in Frederica.

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deserving low-income family to build and purchase their own decent, affordable home in Kent County.”

The Builders Dash also featured a Fun Kids’ Run, entertainment, post-race food, and free root beer from Fordham Brewery, who also offered free tours of their brewery and free samples of their most popular brews.

Special thanks to all of the runners and sponsors of the Builders Dash 5K. We look forward to seeing you all again in April 2014!

## Make your gift to Habitat TODAY!

### Here’s what your donation can do:

- \$25 buys a box of nails to bring strength and stability.
- \$50 buys an interior door for a child to do homework in their own room.
- \$100 buys a window to let in the fresh air.
- \$150 buys a front door to welcome new neighbors... and new possibilities.
- \$250 buys cabinets for after-school snacks and dinner dishes.
- \$500 buys light fixtures throughout the house to brighten lives.

There’s no better time than right now to make your gift to Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity. Put your gift to immediate work giving a **hand up, not a hand out** to families in Kent County needing affordable housing.

**YES**, I want to help. Here’s my gift of

\$25  \$100  \$500  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity and mail to:

**Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity**  
544 Webbs Lane, Dover, DE 19904

Or donate online at [www.centraldelawarehabitat.org](http://www.centraldelawarehabitat.org)



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*From the Executive Director...*

Dear Friends,

Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to building simple, decent and affordable homes, to strengthen communities, and to provide hope for responsible, hard-working, low-income families living in substandard conditions.

Today, with the support of partners like you, we are continuing this important mission. We have some amazing groups and volunteers working hard to increase our builds for 2013.

These will be homes that many of our families have dreamed of and, with your support, their dreams are coming true.

This has been, and will continue to be, a challenging year as we have set a goal to build seven homes in 2013!

It's easy to keep up with all that we are doing through our Facebook page or you can sign up to get our newsletters by

email. It's also easy — and important — to volunteer on a build site, at a special event, in the ReStore, on a committee, or in our office.

As we continue to move forward in our mission, we encourage you to spread the word and get involved. Without our generous sponsors and donors it would not be possible.

I also want to encourage you to share your stories and pictures with us and feel free to call me anytime with questions, concerns or your personal story. I'm here to listen to the needs of our community and see how together we can make a difference.

In Partnership

Jocelyn McBride  
Executive Director

