

Dear Valued Partners,

After years of discussions and deliberations, Habitat for Humanity of Union County and Delaware County Habitat for Humanity have formally merged together as one new Habitat affiliate.

The outcome of this decision means that we have renamed our organization and have expanded the scope of our mission to include Union County as well as Delaware County.

Our new name, effective today is: [Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties](#).

We are all very excited about the possibilities that this merger brings to our organization. Most notably, we are excited for the opportunity to better serve the housing needs of families in both counties.

The dedicated volunteers in Union County have successfully built two homes since the Habitat affiliate was founded there in 2007 and they have done so without any staff members to support them. By merging and utilizing the current staff we have here in Delaware, we all know that together we can make a larger impact. Additionally, five representatives from Union County have joined the new board of directors.

With increased fundraising and sponsorship activities in Union County we also strongly believe that we will be able to increase the number of families served in Union County without diminishing the increasing progress that we are making in Delaware County.

We are also excited about the possibility of opening up a second ReStore in Union County. We are currently working with the National ReStore Support Office to conduct a market study to determine the best location for a successful ReStore. A ReStore in Union County will not only bring in additional funds but will also provide a place to purchase low-cost materials in Union County and keep materials from going to the landfill there as well.

One thing that we want to make clear is that we will continue to honor any designations placed on contributions from our generous donors. If you would like for your future financial giving to be used to build homes in either Delaware or Union County exclusively we will honor that request, as we have always honored the wishes of our donors.

At the heart of this decision to merge is the knowledge that as a new two-county organization we will be in a better position to serve more families in need of decent, affordable housing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Habitat partnership,

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