

**Executive Director Report
February 2020 Board Meeting
2-27-20**

Here is a look at the top items from February 2020:

House Pipeline Update

Broad Way, Lovettsville: The renovations on this house are 95% complete. The Hilliard family (from the October Open Application group) has selected this house to be their home. Tentative dedication date is for late July.

Bickel Court, Sterling: This rehab was added to our pipeline in December. It is a three-bedroom, two-bath house in Sterling. Construction work is in full force for this home. To date there have been 4 Open Build days and two Team Build Days. Tentative completion is mid-March. The Jallu family has selected this house. Home dedication is set for Saturday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

21 Haxall Court, Sterling: Habitat purchased this house on 2.25.20 for the Gull Robin family of 6. This is a turn-key property with minimum rehab work. We will be using CDBG funding to buy this house. Because the family is financial ready to purchase this house and their current living situation is very overcrowded, we will be moving quickly to complete work. The dedication is set for Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Homeowner Support Update:

From the May 2019 Open Application: There were 8 families remaining from this group. The Jallu family has selected Bickel Court and the Gull Robin family has selected Haxall. This leaves 6 families from this group. We will be looking for a home for the Mayunga Mbelu family next. The remaining five future homeowners will not be ready for homeownership until early 2021.

October 2019 Open Application: Four new future homeowners were selected at the December meeting. One family has selected to drop out of the program leaving three families from the October 2019 group. The Hilliard family has selected Broad Way. Two of the families will need 10-12 months in the program before we begin a home search.

ReStore

The ReStore has two positions open for Drivers/Warehouse staff. Dylan Short, long-time employee of the ReStore has left to pursue opportunities in Colorado. On February 8 the ReStore celebrated its 6th Birthday in the Leesburg location. The celebration included a special sale, refreshments and more.

Home Repairs Program:

Howardsville: This project is being pushed out for 18-months due to permitting and other county related issues. We will be working with the county to evaluate a Home Repair project for one of the houses in the community. (Unrelated to Mr. Reid's home). Currently, we are reviewing 2 applications for other home repair projects.

Learning Center

There were two workshops held in February and three are scheduled for March. Please see your board handouts for the schedule of workshops on the calendar for February. Four workshops will be held at local libraries as part of our partnership with LCPL. One of the workshops will be held at the Learning Center.

Grants

Grant request in the works: a request for \$20,000 to the INOVA Community Health Fund and Dominion Energy grant. We are also working on revisions to the Loudoun Habitat for Humanity Case for Support that will be used for the Capital Campaign. Work is also being completed on development of prospecting list to be used for the campaign.

Gala

Just a week from now! At the board meeting, Kari will provide an update and we will talk about 'tasks' for each board members the night of the event.

LCPS Business Partnership Award

In addition to the ReStore receiving an award, LHFH was nominated for our work with Tuscarora HS Capstone seniors. We will be recognized at the breakfast on March 13.

Mention in Loudoun Now article: In case you missed it, Loudoun Habitat was included in an article about affordable housing here in Loudoun County. Check out the article.

<https://loudounnow.com/2020/02/20/loudoun-leaders-target-lower-housing-costs-as-top-priority/>

Welcome Back to Jessica Ellis: We have a new staff member, Jessica Ellis. Several of you may remember Jessica as she worked for Habitat several years back. She has come on as a part-time Operations Manager handling accounting topics, human resources, Habitat insurance, mortgage origination and construction project plan development. Jessica has been in Miami for the past 4 years working for a construction company. We are excited to have her back on staff.

Meetings/Events of Interest to Board Members

Raise the Roof Gala: Saturday, March 7, 2020

LCPS Business Partnership Breakfast: Friday, March 13, 2020

Housing Expo: Saturday, April 4 at Dominion High School (Habitat is participating and welcomes board members to work at our booth)

April Board Meeting: Thursday, April 23 (Board Elections)