



Our Fall Fundraiser is ON! Please Donate Now!

Greetings!

Despite the pandemic, I am happy to report that Upper Valley Habitat families, volunteers, programs and projects are thriving and to share some significant updates with you since last month:

With your help, we have nearly finished the exterior work on the Chin's Lebanon home renovation project, which included replacing deteriorated outside trim; repairing the drip edge and replacing rotted fascia boards with PVC; and painting the exterior of the home.

As of November 17, we are suspending indoor work with volunteers due to increasing COVID concerns. We will continue outdoor projects with volunteers as long as the weather allows.



Adriana Lucas (board member); Sean Columbia (Hypertherm); Jim Masland (Site Supervisor) & Rick Rheume (Hypertherm) take a lunch break from interior renovations at the Chin Family home in Lebanon.

Our Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) will evaluate this directive on a monthly basis. In the meantime, those within the organization who are certified through Habitat International to be solo or supervising on site may continue interior work on the home individually on separate days.

The interior work will include adding additional cellulose insulation in the attic to achieve R-80; air sealing the main level and basement with AeroBarrier treatment to reduce energy use; installing a balanced ventilation system (including a Heat Recovery Ventilator, which will reduce moisture and distribute warm air throughout the home); repairing Sheetrock around the ductwork; replacing kitchen countertops; and upgrading light fixtures to LED.



Hypertherm associates Sean Columbia, Peter Vowles & Nate McCarthy-Wheeler volunteer alongside Jim

Preliminary site work for the new high-performance home we will break ground on in the spring begins this fall and last week, **our Board approved a family of three to purchase this home! We are delighted for the family and cannot wait to introduce them to you soon!**

We received several strong Claremont Lead Removal Grant applications from qualifying households with incomes under 80% AMI and are **reviewing those applications currently.**

The Dartmouth College student Habitat chapter received their official club recognition, after a reboot initiative led by board member Emily D’lorio. This designation gives students access to Dartmouth resources, funding and transportation, which has long been an obstacle to getting students to the build site. We welcome the Dartmouth Club to the Habitat family!



Ananya Alleyne & Susie Goodell from the Dartmouth College Habitat chapter lend a hand in Lebanon.

Most importantly, our homeowners are staying healthy and prosperous and maintaining 100% payment rates, which indicates that the pandemic has not affected them as negatively as we had anticipated more than half a year ago. **We are relieved and proud to see that our partner families appear to be resilient and adaptable in the face of extreme and unforeseeable challenges.**

As we transition into a cold and dark time of year where we won't be able to spend as much time outside comfortably (including with friends and family) and we seek more refuge and solace in our homes, I hope we can all keep in mind and heart those who, even here in the Upper Valley, are struggling to find security, comfort, safety, and peace of mind in their living situations.

Please consider a donation to Upper Valley Habitat to help build durable, affordable and energy-efficient homes for neighbors in our communities so they may also **experience the benefits of stable and safe housing** of their own and the hope, reduced stress, and economic relief and empowerment that it brings.

Thank you and best wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving,

Eva Loomis, Executive Director

P.S. — Your continued support is even more crucial during these times. Thank you!

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