

First Habitat for Humanity Home Breaks Ground in Montgomery Township!

On a picture-perfect day of September 12th, Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity blessed and dedicated the site of the future home of Cicely Caldwell and family. It marks the first Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity home to be built in Montgomery Township, and the affiliate’s 54th home in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties.

Cicely Caldwell and her children were joined by Mayor Jaffer, Administrator Donato Neiman and Planning Director, Lori Savron, the extended Caldwell family, and representatives from Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity to celebrate a day that marks new beginnings for the Caldwells. At the ceremony, Ms. Caldwell recalled learning about Habitat for Humanity was building a home in Montgomery Township, and how she sat in her car signing up for classes. Receiving the news of her selection a few days before Christmas, Caldwell said “God used Habitat for Humanity to be a beacon for me. To be a way to realize my dreams as a homeowner.”

Due to Covid-19 safety precautions, RV Habitat was limited in the number of in-person attendees that could safely be on site, but a live video stream was broadcast from the site for all to see. The video can be watched here: <https://www.facebook.com/RVHFH/videos/858510468390783/>

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Join Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity on **Saturday, October 17, 2020** for **Women Build Fundraiser** in Montgomery Township.

Women Build is a day of empowerment. A community of dedicated women come together to build a home that will provide financial stability and a better quality of life for Cicely Caldwell and her family. Previous Women Build participants have shared their appreciation for working alongside future Habitat families while learning new skills and developing friendships and bonds with the other women on the build site. As a special thank you to our highest fundraiser, RV Habitat will offer a special prize.

Women Build is limited this year to 10 women. Strict safety protocols will be in place.

Participants are asked to donate \$100 to help cover the cost of site supervision and materials that day, and to work towards a goal to fund raise an additional \$500 each through the support and donations of family, friends, and coworkers. All proceeds will be used to support the construction of the Caldwell home in Montgomery Township. Participants must be age 18 years or older to participate.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for area businesses. Links to register, fund raise, and sponsor are at: <https://rvhabitat.org/womenbuild2020/>

Women Build Fundraiser
Saturday October 17, 2020
9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Belle Mead
(address provided to registrants)
Rain date: November 7, 2020

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Join Your Montgomery Township Friends and Neighbors for **Montgomery Township Community Day**

on **Saturday, November 14, 2020**

Swing a hammer and warm your heart alongside your Montgomery friends and neighbors and new partner homeowner Cicely Caldwell. Have a hand in helping the Caldwell Family build a bright, stable self-reliant future.

Saturday, November 14, 2020
9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Belle Mead
Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity build site in Belle Mead

To register, email info@rvhabitat.org

Rain date: Saturday, November 21, 2020

Rewarding Volunteer Opportunities with Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity

RV Habitat offers a broad range of opportunities for individuals and groups to share their talents and expertise, meet new people and, most importantly, help motivated, aspiring individuals and family achieve their dream of homeownership.

There are immediate openings for regular Wednesday and Thursday build volunteer opportunities in Montgomery Township for the Caldwell home. There will also be 1-time Saturday build opportunities this fall.

The ReStore in Manville is also looking for volunteers in store, with opportunities for youth and adults alike.

Volunteers can fill out an interest form here for opportunities on build sites, at the ReStore, and virtually:

<https://rvhabitat.org/volunteer/>

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Join Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity for **“Voices of Gratitude – A Virtual Community Celebration”** on **Wednesday, October 28th from 7pm to 8pm.**

RV Habitat families and volunteers will share their stories of how building their RV Habitat home and giving back to their community transformed their lives. The evening will include a live auction of treasures from our Habitat ReStore that will make great holiday gifts, raffle prizes, videos of homeowners and their families (including a performance from some very talented family members), and a special award to honor long time Homeowner Services Committee volunteer Mary Ellen Koscs-Fleming!

You won't want to miss this special event that is free for all to attend and enjoy.

Register here: <https://rvhabitat.org/voicesofgratitude2020/>
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