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## Boyertown Area Multi-Service Festival of Trees Event

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service will be hosting the 18th Annual Festival of Trees Open House on Friday, December 6th, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at The Boyertown Area Multi-Service, 200 West Spring Street in Boyertown.

Each year, trees are donated and decorated by the community — individuals, families, businesses, clubs, and organizations. Admission is FREE and the event is enjoyed by people of all ages. The Festival of Trees is also a stop on the Boyertown Holiday House Tour!

Event attendees can look forward to going through a wonderful array of gorgeous Christmas trees and enjoying delicious refreshments. Throughout Friday evening, visitors will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and to purchase raffle tickets for chances to win one of the many completely decorated trees. For 50 years, The Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Inc. has provided resources and services to meet human and community needs throughout our 211 square mile service area within Southeastern Berks and Northern Montgomery Counties. Multi-Service provides Case Management, food assistance through Preston's Food Pantry, energy assistance, resources, and referrals. Multi-Service also has a Meals on Wheels program and provides office space for partner agencies.

The Ricketts Center, a program of The Boyertown Area Multi-Service, strives to provide activities and programming that everyone within the community can benefit from. The Ricketts Center is dedicated to making advancements and moving in positive directions to best serve everyone within the Pottstown community and surrounding areas. The Center at Spring Street, a program of Boyertown Area Multi-Service, is a lively program for active adults 55 years of age



and older, providing social, recreational, educational, and health and wellness programs and activities as well as a hot, delicious lunch prepared on-site every weekday.

Please join Multi-Service for this beautiful fundraising event as a wonderful way to ring in the holiday season! Proceeds from this event support assistance to individuals and families in need through the many programs and services Multi-Service offers.

If you're interested in supporting The Boyertown Area Multi- Service through this event as an Event Sponsor or a Tree Sponsor, please call 610.367.6957, ext.#230 or email Frank Buttaro at fbuttaro@boyertownareamultiservice.org for more information.









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### Realizing The Vision of Affordable Housing with Habitat for Humanity

Affordable housing is more critical now than ever, and Habitat for Humanity is at the forefront of addressing this pressing need. As communities across Montgomery and Delaware Counties face increasing housing costs and economic challenges, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties (HFHMDC) stands as a beacon of hope. We partner with families to build safe, affordable homes with affordable mortgages. This collaboration results in stable shelter and a sense of investment in their community, providing a place for families to thrive, and transform their lives.

One homeowner, Kesha, bought a Habitat home in Glenside, PA. She recalls what life was like before her new home. "I was living in a small two-bedroom apartment with my four children. The apartment was overcrowded, and the rent was increasing every year. It caused a strain on my finances; most of my monthly income was spent on rent. I was desperate to find a larger affordable home for my family but realized that I wouldn't be able to purchase the traditional way as mortgages were not affordable. I felt hopeless." She decided to take a leap of faith and apply for a Habitat home.

Initially, she was skeptical about Habitat for Humanity's mission and its promise of affordable homeownership. "I was not convinced that Habitat for Humanity was a legitimate organization that partnered with families to build affordable homes. I thought it was too good to be true." However, after attending an orientation and a financial literacy program, her perspective began to shift. "The process was one of the best experiences in my life. It gave me hope. My life changed when I was selected to partner with HFHMDC. I learned how to budget and save money by attending the financial literacy course. I learned about home maintenance, and I have met wonderful people."

The journey was not without its challenges. "Habitat does not hand people homes; you must be willing to partner with them to help yourself buy a home," she explains. "I had to participate in 400 hours of sweat equity. I helped build affordable housing for other families. I was painting, hanging drywall, and even helped dig a ditch." Despite the hard work, the rewards were immense.

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In honor of Veterans Day this month, we pay tribute to those who have served our country. Veterans Build is dedicated to providing safe, affordable housing while expanding efforts to preserve and improve homes. Habitat MontDelco's Home Repair Program prioritizes critical repairs for veterans, with over 45% of completed repairs benefiting veteran homeowners.

Support our next Veterans Build! Together, we can ensure veterans have a safe and dignified place to call home.

Scan the QR code to get started!



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She shared her story at an annual fundraiser, volunteered at the Habitat West Norriton Restore, and found patience and perseverance throughout the year-long process.

Now, almost eight years into homeownership, she reflects on the best part: having a stable home for her family. "We are creating our own traditions and memories here. Two of my children are now adults and are on their own. This is our gathering place. We are a close-knit family, and I love that I have a big backyard for my grandchildren to play in. I earned my master's degree in 2020, and my daughter earned hers in 2022." Her experience with Habitat exemplifies the transformative power of secure and affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery & Delaware Counties continues to impact families and communities. As Kesha enjoys the stability and joy of her home, her story stands as a testament to what is possible when families and organizations work together to build a brighter future.

We continue to help families across both counties and garner support from the community because of our mission and advocacy for affordable housing in the areas we serve.

There are many ways to support Habitat's mission, either as an individual or corporation. We appreciate individual donations in the form of Habitat's "Hope Builder" program, which individuals can support via a small monthly donation. As an organization, corporate partners can donate to our mission and volunteer on a build site or at our donation-based retail outlet, ReStore - an independently owned thrift store that accepts donations and sells a constantly changing inventory of diverse, high-quality merchandise at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds from ReStore sales directly support Habitat's mission to build and renovate homes in our communities. Lastly, Habitat for Humanity offers a vehicle donation program, Cars for Homes, where individuals can donate old vehicles (cars, motorcycles, RVs, motorcycles, boats) if they have inflated wheels and can be towed. All vehicles are eligible for a tax deduction.

Together, we can create a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Visit our website to learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference today.

For more information about our program, or to get involved, visit habitatmontdelco.org.

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