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Habitat Receives Grant for \$25K

Frederick---Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County has been awarded a \$25,000 Capacity Building Grant from the Ausherman Family Foundation.

The grant will allow Habitat to retain Fundraising Consultant Catalan DeMatties to work with staff and volunteers to develop and implement strategies to increase donations.

During these difficult economic times, having an adequate supply of decent, affordable housing is more critical than ever. The majority of Habitat partner families are single mothers who want to provide safer environments in which to raise their children. The amount of affordable housing opportunities in Frederick County simply does not meet the demand at this time. The Ausherman Family Foundation Capacity Building Grant will provide Habitat for Humanity of Frederick with the tools to plan and implement an effective fundraising process to help the organization grow and increase the number of Frederick County families served.

The mission of the Ausherman Family Foundation is to empower the passion for change by providing support for institutional initiatives and transformational ideas. Habitat's key transformational idea is supplying a "hand up, not a hand out" as the organization engages those who will live in the home in the building process. These new residents, along with other supporting volunteers, have built 27 homes for 104 people (including 74 children and 30 adults) to date. As an ecumenical Christian organization, Habitat's mission is to build simple, affordable homes, a better quality of life, stronger families, and safer communities in partnership with hardworking people in need in our community.

Habitat looks forward to increasing these efforts with the support of partners such as the Ausherman Family Foundation.

More information about both of these organizations is available at <http://www.aushermanfamilyfoundation.org/> and <http://www.frederickhabitat.org/>.