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of South Central New Jersey

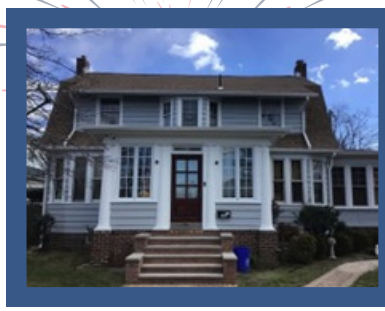
Veteran and Military

housing stories: celebrating 10 years! & & America's 250th Birthday

Habitat SCNJ had the honor of welcoming volunteers celebrating the Navy and Marine Corps 250th Anniversary "Fleet Week" to our repair site in Camden City!
The team spent the day making meaningful repairs at the home of Mr. Watson, a proud Marine veteran who served from 1955 to 1961.
Together, the volunteers rescreened Mr. Watson's porch and built a new fence for his neighbor, creating safer and more comfortable spaces for both families.
A heartfelt thank-you to our service men and women for their dedication — both to our country and to our communities.

Check out these before and after photos from a repair project for a disabled veteran, Kurt, that we completed in Hainesport! Inside, Habitat SCNJ fixed the washer and dryer, installed grab bars in the bathroom, replaced all interior door knobs, and tightened stair rails. Outside, we replaced screens in the doors and windows and replaced railings.

Check out these before and after photos from a repair project we did in Pleasantville for a disabled veteran who served in the Army from 1996-2000.Habitat SCNJ repaired the siding, painted all exterior walls, trim, soffits and fascia, replaced their BILCO door, and installed new railings in the back. Contractors installed a new roof, did service on their boiler, and removed existing gas lamps and piping. She stated, "I never thought that the house could get so much TLC. Laura and the Habitat guys made it happen. I could never have accomplished anywhere near what they did on my own. This has made a huge difference for my family. We are so appreciative, and we can't say thank you enough."



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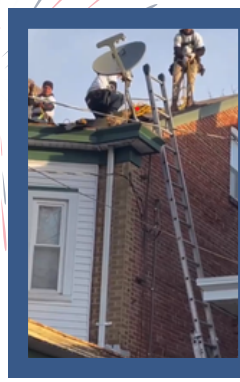
With help of Habitat SCNJ, Owens Corning Roofing, and ECC Roofing & Siding, provided local Willingboro veteran and Purple Heart recipient receives a new roof. Mr. Ron Dash has been a longtime active member of his community, giving back to those in need and putting others before himself. When Habitat SCNJ found out about the issues with his roof, we knew we had to step in and partner with our friends at Owens Corning and ECC Roofing & Siding to get him the help he needed, He received a new roof at no cost.

Our friend Ron Dash, a Willingboro veteran who received a new roof in the previous story, presented Habitat for Humanity SCNJ with a Military Order of the Purple Heart Distinguished Service Award. We feel so honored to be able to assist those who have so bravely served our country.

Habitat SCNJ teamed up with Trenton Roofing and GAF to install a new Timberline HDZ roofing system for local veteran Brian Green in Trenton, NJ! He'd lived in his home for 27 years. He served in the Marine Corps and retired from the Department of Corrections after 25 years of service. Habitat is proud to serve Veterans with safe housing.



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In 2024, Habitat for Humanity of South Central New Jersey partnered with AARP to provide critical home repairs and modifications for aging residents in our community. Mrs. Linda Nelson, a 70-year-old widow of a Veteran residing in Willingboro, NJ. Linda, who was battling cancer and undergoing treatment, reached out to our Neighborhood Revitalization program for assistance with much-needed repairs to her home. We replaced Linda's roof to ensure her home is safe and secure. Then, Habitat installed new gutters and downspouts to provide proper drainage and further protect her home for years to come. We are proud to provide support to our aging, veteran family residents.

McDonald Martin, an aging resident of Palmyra and veteran, was in need of a new roof, heater, and garage door. Habitat was able to replace these for him at no cost.

Beth Hastings is a U.S.A.F. Disabled Veteran and a recipient of Habitat for Humanity's Veteran Home Improvement Program. She is an active volunteer with her church, OLQP, as well as a singer in the Church Music Ministry/Choir as a Soprano. Beth received a critical home repair on Habitat, and has been a loyal attendee of Take a Veteran to Lunch.

In the fall of 2025, Wesley and Barbara Savage, a veteran and his wife, received critical repairs, steps were replaced, a vital railing was replenished and the shower and tub were made ADA accessible.

Walter, a Veteran in Burlington County, received a critical home repair at no cost.

Betty Towler served in the U.S. Army Reserve as a 57E, later went on Active Duty and served as an 92S, then later she went to the National Guard and served as a 92Y. What she most loved was to serve in volunteer opportunities by doing fundraisers for Unit Fun and Family Day, helping in Special Olympics Day at the schools, and swapping out CQ (Desk Duty), so single Soldiers could enjoy their weekends off. Betty received a needed home repair from Habitat, and is a loyal attendee of Take a Veteran to Lunch.

Hazel Wilson, a Veteran in Burlington county, received a needed home repair at no cost.

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Justin Schnegelsbegrer, Veteran in Burlington county recieved a needed home repair.

Greg Gregas, a Veteran in Burlington county received a needed home repair.

Anthony (Tony) House and his wife Abby closed on their new 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in Palmyra in 2021– on the site of the former Tri-Boro Veterans building, which served veterans from Palmyra, Riverton and Cinnaminson. Palmyra Borough donated land for the homes. Tony was a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and was trained as a combat medic. He retired from the service just prior to the Gulf Wars. After retiring from the military, Tony switched gears and enjoyed a successful career in the mortgage industry for 25 years. However, he became a victim of the 2008 financial crisis, creating a financial circumstance from which he could not recover.

Financially, Tony hit rock bottom and experienced foreclosure. For several years, Tony and Abby scaled back and lived paycheck to paycheck, and moved into a small apartment in Marlton. Soon after, Tony suffered another setback – he was rear ended in a car accident. "The next two years were a whirlwind," says Tony. During the course of testing for neck and back pain – where Tony received epidurals and PT for several months – he had yet another setback. Tony was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Fortunately, the surgery was successful and he was on the road to recovery. During this time he started volunteering with TOUCH New Jersey, a nonprofit food distribution alliance in the City of Camden.

This is where Tony's fate changed. Through his volunteerism, Tony met representatives from Habitat for Humanity of Burlington and Mercer Counties and learned that he qualified for housing through Habitat's Veterans Build program.

"It was a very challenging and stressful time for 10 years and I never thought I would get back on my feet let alone own a home again," says Tony. "Habitat was fantastic and worked diligently to help us through the process – it only took 7 months from completing the application to moving into our new home."

Through Habitat's Veterans program, the Houses are utilizing an income based, zero-interest 30-year mortgage and are committed to providing 400 hours of sweat equity – many of Tony's volunteer hours at TOUCH New Jersey were applied to the hours. He and Abby are participating in 9 weeks of financial literacy courses to help ensure their success as homeowners.

"Veterans like Tony have made an immense contribution to our nation and we're so pleased to help them secure affordable housing through our Veterans Build program," said Lori Leonard, CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Burlington and Mercer Counties.

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Dear Partner,

At Habitat for Humanity of South Central NJ, we believe everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home—especially the veterans who have served our country. To honor their service and address their unique housing needs, we are proud to celebrate a major milestone: our 10th Annual Take a Veteran to Lunch event, hosted in partnership with Burlington Masonic Lodge #32. More than just a meal, this gathering brings our community together to raise vital awareness and funding to ensure local military heroes gain access to stable, permanent shelter.

We invite you to join us as a sponsor for this heartfelt, memorable afternoon, bringing civilians, active military members, and veterans together under one roof.

Your Sponsorship Matters
For a decade, this event has served as a bridge between our community and the service members who shaped our history. From hearing firsthand stories of veterans who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East, to honoring their sacrifices with a full Color Guard opening ceremony, this luncheon ensures these vital stories are honored and remembered.

Veterans and active military personnel are invited to attend completely free of charge.
Your sponsorship directly offsets event costs and powers Habitat SCNJ's Veterans Build Initiative, which focuses on:

- **Affordable Housing & Home Repairs:** Building new homes and repairing existing homes for local veterans through our Neighborhood Revitalization program—at no cost to the homeowner.
- **Employment & Leadership:** Recruiting veterans as employees and volunteers, honoring the unique skill sets gained through their service.
- **Community & Support:** Hosting engagement events that ease the transition to civilian life, alongside financial literacy education tailored to support long-term, successful homeownership.

Over the past 10 years, this event has raised **$180,000,** directly improving the lives of countless local veterans and military families. With your partnership, we can expand our reach even further in our 10th anniversary year.

We offer several sponsorship levels that provide prominent recognition for your organization before, during, and after the event, demonstrating your commitment to honoring our heroes and building stronger communities. We will have close to 200 attendees at the event, and our reach is 70,000+ on our website and social media combines.

Together, we can build homes, community, and hope for those who served.

Please see the attached page for sponsorship details and stories of some of the Veterans we have served. Contact us at josborne@habitatscnj.org or 856-292-7752 to secure your sponsorship today.

Thank you for standing with us and our Veteran community.

Best regards,

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10 Year Anniversary - Take A Veteran to Lunch

sponsorship opportunities

Saturday, November 14 , 2026

diamond $10,000

15 tickets - Reserved table with logo on sign
American Flag Hard Hat
Name on front of program
Inclusion in press release
Featured post on social media
2 minute speech
Participation in Veteran Build Home Dedication
Team build on Habitat construction site
Tabling at event

platinum $5,000

10 tickets - Reserved table with logo on sign
American Flag Hard Hat
Name on back of program (Large)
Inclusion in press release
Featured post on social media
Invitation to Veteran Build Home Dedication
Tabling at event

gold $2,500

5 tickets to lunch
American Flag Hard Hat
Name on back of program (medium)
Inclusion in press release
Tabling at event

silver $1,000

3 tickets to lunch
American Flag Hard Hat
Name on back of the program (small)

bronze $500

2 tickets to lunch
American Flag Hard Hat
Name on back of the program (small)

our reach

We are dedicated to creating mutually beneficial experiences. Because of our current global health and economic climate, Habitat can be flexible in creating the best sponsorship opportunities for your organization. Here is a snapshot of our reach on each platform:

Facebook @HabitatSCNJ
40,000 page followers

Website: www.habitatscnj.org
21,000 monthly sessions

Monthly eNewsletter
12,000 subscribers

Instagram @HabitatSCNJ
2,500 followers