

# Two Habitat for Humanity Affiliates Become One!

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**NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY** - The two beloved Habitat for Humanity affiliates of Sussex and Warren Counties have recently decided to join forces! Conversations about a potential merger between the two organizations began early in 2024. After many meetings and discussions, the two affiliates brought their decision to merge to Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) and have officially become Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey (Habitat NWNJ) effective January 1, 2025.

The Sussex County Habitat for Humanity (Sussex County Habitat) affiliate has been serving Sussex County since 1993. Entirely volunteer run, the organization has succeeded in building homes in partnership with thirteen families, performing numerous repairs, and forming strong partnerships with organizations such as The Scouts of America, Rebecca's Homestead, Katie's House and the Sussex County Fairgrounds.

Since their founding in 1999, Warren County Habitat for Humanity (Warren County Habitat) has built 25 homes alongside 25 Partner Families and served several hundred families through their Home Repair program. They have successfully operated two ReStore locations, having opened their newest location in October of 2023, and a Community Center which has been in operation since April of 2022.

The merger will allow the two affiliates to combine resources and opportunities for land acquisition and construction, thus impacting even more families through their homeownership program across the two counties. As Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey, the merged organization also aims to perform over 100 Home Repair projects, begin construction on 8 more homes, and open a ReStore location in Sussex County, all in 2025.

As with any new endeavor, the work accomplished depends on the support received. Habitat NWNJ is seeking volunteers to perform repairs, to join their two regular construction crews in Warren County and Sussex County, to work with customers and pre-loved items at their ReStores (currently located in Washington, with plans to open a third ReStore in Sussex County soon), and to help further all efforts behind the scenes by joining a committee or assisting the office staff.

The beauty of merging two Habitat for Humanity affiliates is the passion for the mission shared among everyone involved. This merger will ultimately allow the combined affiliates to serve more families and build more homes, communities and hope in Northwestern New Jersey. To learn more about the work Habitat NWNJ is doing in your community or to join the mission, visit their website at [habitatnwnj.org](http://habitatnwnj.org).



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