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VOLUNTEERS IN DEMAND FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE HABITAT

Chambersburg, PA (September 30, 2022) The shortage of help in the workforce can be debilitating to any business, but it can be even harder for non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. During a recent Burkentine team volunteer day on a house in Chambersburg, Franklin County Habitat Community Engagement Director, Mark Story spoke to some of the challenges they've faced since the pandemic saying, *"The first and most notable thing for us was the reduction in our volunteer engagement, and people didn't come back as quickly as before. We pivoted to more of a 'team build' style, which is what Burkentine is doing here today, bringing a whole crew in for a day. So that's been helpful."*

Often, Habitat builds new homes for qualifying families, but this project on Hollywell Ave in Chambersburg is a reno, which according to Story can sometimes be better. *"It fixes two problems at once. It takes a property that needed to be repaired and matches it with a family in a home ownership situation."*

The Chambersburg house is anticipated for completion by December. Franklin County Habitat's Construction Manager, Eric Strait hopes that with the help of some larger skilled crews like Burkentine, the family could potentially be in by November, in time for the holidays. That of course relies on having enough volunteers to donate their time.



"The best part of volunteering as a group is knowing a family is going to be walking through here that we are helping out. Habitat embodies a great sense of community and core values that we really share, so when we come into this house and we're hanging drywall and painting, it feels good to know that people are going to enjoy this that need it, and it's important to us to help give back." – Mike Burkentine, Owner of Burkentine Real Estate Group

Interested volunteer groups may reach out to Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County online, or by calling (717) 267-1899