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**Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County Offers Tax Credits for Jefferson St. Project Contributions**

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County (HFHWC) is pleased to announce the availability of \$50,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The allocations of State tax credits are used as incentives to attract contributions and leverage up to \$100,000 in donations from individuals and businesses which will go directly towards costs associated with HFHWC's upcoming Jefferson Street Project.

Located in downtown Berlin, MD, the Jefferson St. Project will be a compact, mixed-use development offering (2) 2-story, 3 Bedroom affordable housing apartments, and (2) retail/gallery units on the ground floor. The project's location within the town's vibrant Main Street and Arts and Entertainment Districts offers a unique opportunity for artists or other creative entrepreneurs with certain income thresholds, to be able to afford to live and work in the community they directly contribute to. HFHWC is currently fundraising for the project, and hopes to begin construction in the third quarter of 2018.

"Our CITC Program provides great opportunities for our donors to make the most out of their charitable donation. We are very excited to be able to offer the program benefits to our donors as an incentive to attract contributions. The tax credits program can effectively direct your tax dollars back home so it's an amazing way to help HFHWC while also qualifying to earn tax credits equal to 50% of the value of your donations. It's a win-win all around!" says Andrea Canon, Resource Development Coordinator of Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County.

Businesses and individuals that donate can qualify to earn tax credits equal to 50% of the value of the money, goods or real property contribution. These tax credits are in addition to the deductions on both Federal and State taxes as a result of the charitable contribution. The tax credits are deducted directly from the taxes you owe. This program allows you to leverage your contribution to Habitat for Humanity by using the dollars you would have spent on your Maryland taxes to increase your contribution. The minimum donation required is \$1,000. Donations in excess of \$2500 will have individual or business names engraved on a plaque to be located on the outside of the Jefferson Street building acknowledging contributions.

Individuals and businesses must use the tax credits against taxes owed for the year in which the contribution is made, for up to 5 years total, but may not be used retroactively for taxes from a prior year. Any individual or business contemplating making a donation is encouraged to consult with their accountant or tax professional for information about their specific tax benefits.

If you are interested in these tax credits or would like more information, please call Andrea Canon at 410-208-4440 ext. 2 or email [acanon@habitatworcester.org](mailto:acanon@habitatworcester.org).

**About Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc.**

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [www.habitatworcester.org](http://www.habitatworcester.org)