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### Habitat for Humanity Choptank Awarded State Tax Credits

**(July 2011)** – The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded Community Investment Tax Credits to Habitat for Humanity Choptank in support of its affordable home building program. Tax credits serve as incentives for individuals and businesses to financially support costs of approved projects while decreasing their tax obligation. Habitat Choptank’s tax credit allocation is available to donors contributing \$500 or more to its multi-family project on Port Street in Easton. Designated contributions earn state tax credits equal to 50%. This is in addition to the standard deductions on Federal and State taxes for charitable gifts.

George DeSimone, a construction volunteer on Habitat Choptank’s Tuesday crew, and his wife Kathleen are among the first donors to utilize these tax credits.

“I’ve admired the many facets of Habitat, from the volunteers who are involved in the financial aspects to those who are mentoring the partner families,” explains DeSimone. “The more I’ve learned, the more I’ve come to appreciate Habitat’s program. As a result, my wife and I decided that we should support Habitat financially in addition to volunteering. The tax credits gave us added incentive to make a larger gift.”

For additional information about the tax credits, contact Debbie Gardner, development officer, at 410-476-3204 or [dgardner@habitatchoptank.org](mailto:dgardner@habitatchoptank.org).

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Habitat for Humanity Choptank has been awarded state tax credits for its project of five homes on Port Street in Easton. Habitat construction volunteer George DeSimone is one of the first supporters to take advantage of this incentive.