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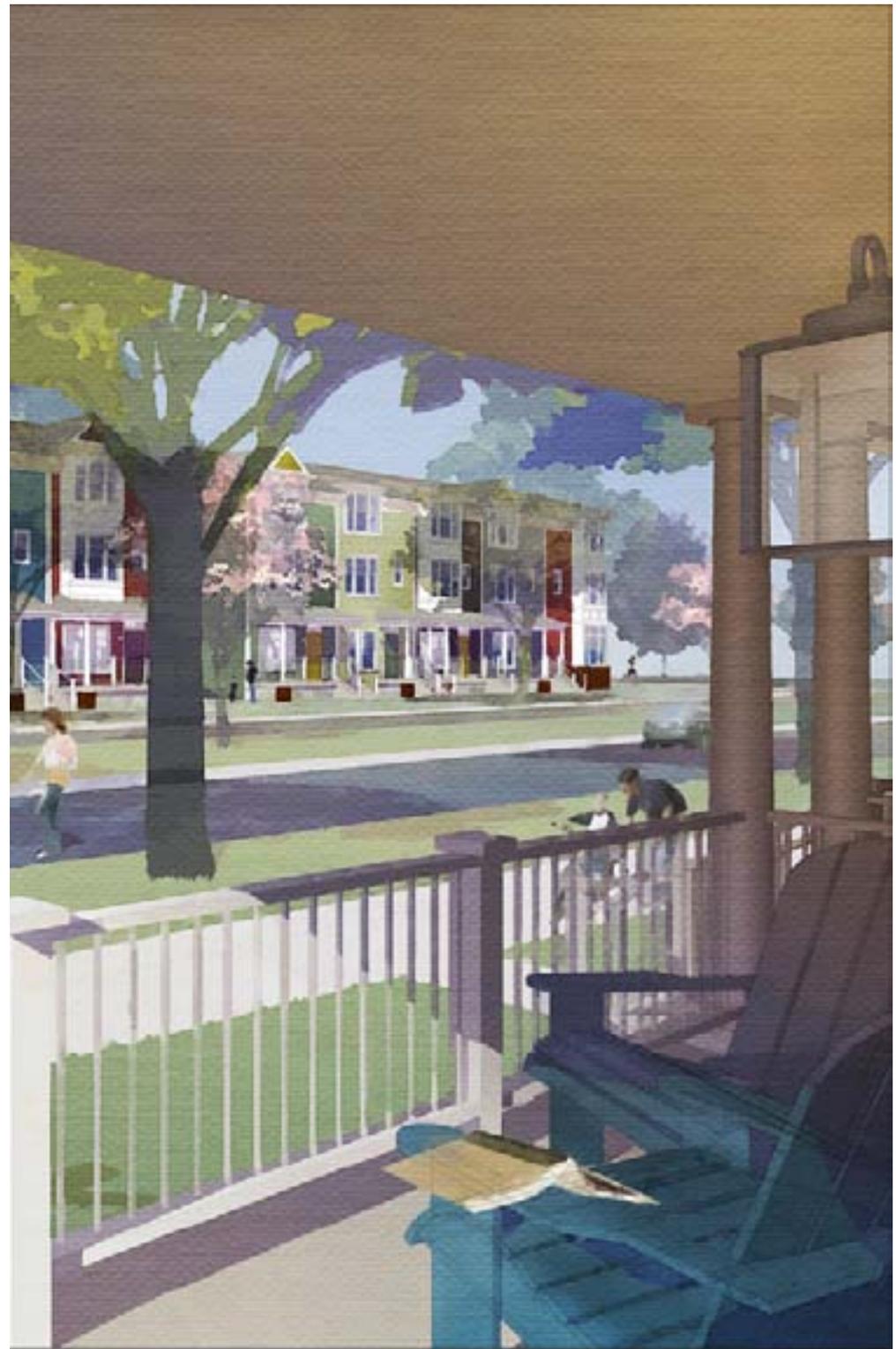


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Orchard Ridge: History and Habitat

The Orchard Ridge master-planned community is being built on the site of several of Baltimore's oldest public housing communities: Claremont Homes, Claremont Extension High-Rise, and Freedom Village.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City determined that the communities were "unlivable" and in serious need of redevelopment, and acquired these bankrupt communities.

Once the Housing Authority temporarily relocated its current residents, Pennrose Properties, LLC was commissioned to demolish the crumbling structures on-site and redevelop the 60-acre location as a mixed-use, mixed-income community that includes rental properties and homeownership units. Residents of the pre-existing public housing units will return to the community, as well as other new homeowners, as homes are completed. The Orchard Ridge site is adjacent to the Belair-Edison community, one of the City's Healthy Neighborhoods.

Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake was given the opportunity to purchase property to build 30 homes in the Orchard Ridge community. Habitat's Family Services program has secured eligible families through their highly successful homebuyer program to become Orchard Ridge homeowners. The Orchard Ridge development will increase the City's tax base, broaden homeownership in the community, and provide an anchor for attracting additional homeowners to the neighborhood.

Habitat is following the design model of the existing community homes, ensuring a consistent architectural style.

Brenda Bowen - On Sunday mornings, you can find Brenda Bowen and her family attending church services and participating in the church community. "Church is a great part of our lives," she said, noting that she's been attending the same church for almost six years.

"We all stick together," Brenda said of her all-female family. She is the mother of two adult daughters Anastasia Lee and Adrian Avery and grandmother of Arianna Lee, who is seven, and Ziare Avery, who is eight.

Brenda was raised in South Carolina and currently resides in Baltimore. "A friend told me she had just gone to her son's home dedication ceremony," Brenda said. "That inspired me to check out Habitat for Humanity for myself."

The Orchard Ridge community is the ideal spot for Brenda. "The location—I love the location," she said. "There are so many good things about the area." Brenda is also excited that her new home will be energy efficient and that there will be plenty of space for her family full of women. "We inspire and encourage one another," she said of her family.

Chianti Wilson - Having a home of their own is a gift that Chianti Wilson can't wait to give her children since the mother of five spent her own childhood growing up in group homes and foster homes in and around Baltimore. "I wanted something stable for my children so they won't have to go home-to-home whether I am here on this Earth or not," said Chianti.

The new house boasts four bedrooms, which will soon be filled by Chianti, her five-year-old son Kezonta, eight-year-old daughter Keonna and older brothers Keonta, 9, and Nardell, 13.

Chianti has driven her car full of kids by the new house and says her children are more excited than she is. "They can't wait to get inside," she said. Her daughter is looking forward to having her very own room with a "Hello Kitty" theme while her five and nine-year-old boys have their hearts set on a "Batman" bedroom. Chianti's teenage son plans to move into the basement bedroom. "He's excited to have his privacy," says his mom.

Chianti has big plans for the remaining basement space and hopes to set it up like a movie theatre so the family can enjoy watching films together. The fun-loving family also enjoys board games, skating and going out to eat on occasion. The three playgrounds in the Orchard Ridge community will also be sure to please Chianti's kids.

When the single mother carves out a few free minutes for herself, she likes to exercise, read novels and spiritual books and listen to R&B and gospel music.

The family hopes to move into the community by the end of January. "I look forward to owning this house," said Chianti. "I'm going to learn to maintain my own home and I will keep it up and cherish it because there are people older than I am who have never had this opportunity."

Pamela Owens - Clearly at home in the kitchen, Pamela works as an assistant cook in the nutrition department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Salads are her specialty as she regularly prepares potato, macaroni and chicken salad for the hospital's patients.

Pamela is a native Baltimore resident and presently lives on the west side of town. She learned about the homeownership opportunity with Habitat from a friend and was inspired to apply because she was ready to buy.

She will share the new three-bedroom home with her young adult sons Jerome and Jerrod. "We are a very close family," said Pamela. "We really love doing things together." The trio especially enjoy shopping and going to the movies.

Pamela has carefully studied the blueprints for her new home and looks forward to becoming an owner in the Orchard Ridge community, which also features a fitness center and a clubhouse. "It looks like a nice place to live and I am most excited that my home will be my own."

Melitta Fulton - A life-long resident of Baltimore City, Melitta Fulton focuses her life on helping others. For the past three years, she has worked as a case manager for the Department of Social Services assisting those in need with obtaining temporary cash assistance, food stamps, medical assistance and childcare. Melitta says she is committed to helping people because at one point in time, she was on the other side of the desk seeking assistance.

As a single mother of three boys, and up until recently also caregiver to her niece, Melitta has faced many challenges but she has met each one head on with perseverance and determination. In 2006, Melitta was hit by a car and severely injured while she was crossing the street. She underwent multiple surgeries to repair her fractured leg and collapsed ankle. Five months into medical leave and still unable to work, Melitta lost her job. With no income, Melitta, her three sons and her niece went to the House of Ruth for help as they had nowhere to live. The family was admitted into the non-profit organization's extended-stay program.

Melitta is looking forward to living in her new house with her boys and to finally having something to call her own. She can't wait to put up pictures of her family, paint her own walls and express herself in her own home. She already warned the neighbor next door that her house can get noisy since her son Arnay plays the snare drum and Antrell plays the clarinet.

Melitta visited their home when it was under construction and saw that a volunteer had written a message on a board going up the steps. She took a picture of the message, which she plans to frame and hang in her new house. It reads, "This house was built with love."



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Orchard Ridge Celebration

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Meet the Families

Quentin Gaylord - Making the move from West Baltimore, where he has lived all his life, Quentin Gaylord looks forward to living on the east side in his own home in Orchard Ridge. His new residence will also reward him with a more convenient commute to his job at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, where he has worked for the last six years.

“Habitat for Humanity gave me hope,” said Quentin, who heard about the homeownership opportunity from a friend when he was having problems with the lease where he was renting. “I definitely wanted to own my own home and Habitat helped me to figure out how I could make it happen.”

Quentin will share his new home with his niece Tawanda, who is 17, and with his 10-year-old nephew DeMarcus.

Quentin describes the homes in Orchard Ridge as attractive and said he has often popped over to the community to see the construction in progress. He said, “I smile so hard when I look at the home, knowing it will be mine. I am just so overjoyed. This is big—a big life achievement.”

Jawanda Thomas - Little did Jawanda Thomas know that the day she walked into Subway for a sandwich, her life would be changed forever. It was here that she met a Habitat for Humanity homeowner who told her about the program and opened her eyes to the possibilities. “It sounded like a good program,” Jawanda said. “So I decided I was interested in obtaining a home.”

Jawanda is from Baltimore and grew up on the east side. She currently works for an organization called Baltimore City Healthy Start, where she is committed to helping reduce infant mortality. She describes herself as a neighborhood health advocate and she devotes her time to helping pregnant women improve their health and well-being so that their families can flourish.

“I like everything about my future home,” Jawanda said, noting that she looks forward to decorating, painting and just living there. “I have a girlfriend who lives in Orchard Ridge. I really like the little community—it’s family-oriented and there are nice people around.”

Soon Jawanda will be more than just a visitor to Orchard Ridge—she will be a homeowner. And she will be fulfilling a dream that she has always had. “I’m just so excited to become a homeowner,” she said. “I’m truly blessed. I just can’t wait! I thank God and I thank Habitat for the opportunity to be in the program.”

Lillian V. Shaw - Lillian was born in Camden, New Jersey and then moved to Washington D.C. for a few years as a young child. Lillian’s family then moved to Baltimore, which has been her hometown ever since.

A dedicated employee, Lillian serves as cafeteria manager for Baltimore’s Vanguard Collegiate Middle School and Maritime Industries Academy High School. She enjoys the challenges on the job and likes to interact with the students at lunch time as well.

Lillian learned about the housing opportunity through Habitat quite a few years back before she applied. She was at her local bank branch and saw a promotion for the program hanging in the window. “I was looking for a place to live but it didn’t click with me that I could get a house,” she said. “Four years later, I decided to call. I was shocked and happy to hear they would take applications for homeownership.”

A mother to four children who all live in the area, Lillian looks forward to family get togethers in her new home. She also has twelve grandchildren so her spacious house will certainly be filled with love and laughter.

Nikea Taylor - "I am most definitely a comedian. All day I laugh, laugh, laugh," said Nikea Taylor. "After you've been through my trials, my motto is live, laugh and love. I just laugh all day long."

Nikea has much to smile about after overcoming the obstacles that she has faced. On December 26, 2006, the day after Christmas, Nikea was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system. She went through treatment, including radiation and chemotherapy. Blessed with a strong support system, she bounced back, completing treatment in 2007. By 2008, Nikea was blessed with a baby—she had made it successfully through what she calls her "trying time."

Mother to her now four-year-old and a 12-year-old, Nikea loves her special family. "They are my everything—my strength, my encouragement, my motivation," she said. "My family is my backbone."

Nikea will move into her new home with her two children and her fiancé and she is excited for a better quality of life for her family. Nikea's youngest child suffers from asthma and it has been a struggle to find an affordable apartment free from mold. She has always wanted to buy a healthy home in a neighborhood where she feels comfortable raising her children.

The family will soon have a home to call their own and Nikea excitedly anticipates moving in. "It's going to be mine. I'm going to own it," Nikea said. "I'm ready!"

Marcia Lott-Jeffers - Born and raised in downtown Baltimore City, Marcia is a nursing assistant for the Green House Residences at Stadium Place, a Catholic Charities program that provides housing for the elderly. Marcia enjoys her job, especially since it enables her to help others.

Marcia learned about the housing opportunity with Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake when she saw a sign promoting the program while she was out shopping. "It was my dream," she said. "I always wanted to own a home." She had investigated homeownership several times but said that the amount needed for a down payment was always out of reach. She was conflicted because the rising cost of rent was ridiculously high as well.

Marcia decided to pursue the opportunity through Habitat and was very persistent, ensuring that nothing fell through the cracks. She said she has worked very hard to make sure that she could secure her dream.

She is excited that her new home will be affordable and that she will have enough room for her family. Marcia, her son Douglas, who is 21, her daughter Jasmine, 16, and her five-year-old grandson Jeremiah will call Orchard Ridge home. Marcia described the newly constructed community as clean and quiet.

She looks forward to having lots of together time in the new house with her family. "I have wonderful kids and we work together in everything we do," said Marcia. "Knowing that at the end of this journey we will have something positive and a home to call our own is a dream come true."

Thank you...

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**Congratulations
and welcome home
Quentin Gaylord,
Habitat family partner**



Rosslind Harrell - With pencils, erasers and determination, Rosslind braved the high school halls with her middle child as she went back to school at the same time to earn her high school diploma. There was no stopping her then and she went on to earn her college degree in early childhood education.

Rosslind is presently childcare director and teacher to children ages four to six at a charter school that is supported by a nonprofit organization called Fitness Fun & Games. She dedicates her time at work to the healthy development of children through quality programming and care.

This is not just a 9 to 5 passion for Rosslind. She goes home every night to three children of her own. She has a 14-year-old daughter and sons, ages 11 and 6.

A life-long Baltimore resident, Rosslind learned about the Habitat for Humanity program through an orientation that was offered at Patterson Park Public Charter School. As a provider and a mother, she was doing all she could to make ends meet. She was hopeful to qualify for the program after years of struggling to cover utilities on top of rent payments.

Rosslind and her children may be moving into a new area, but they will still have each other to lean on for support. "This is my home," she said. "I am actually becoming a homeowner."

Darryl Fegans - "I'm like a little kid at Christmas time," Darryl Fegans said, describing the excitement he feels about moving into his new home.

Darryl grew up in northeast Baltimore with his mother and six brothers and sisters. It was often a challenge for this large family of children raised by a single parent but they endured any hardship that came their way. "I did the right thing," he said. "And I'm doing the best I can."

Darryl heard of Habitat for Humanity through a friend who bought a house a few years ago. He was intrigued by the opportunity they offered for first-time homebuyers and he decided to go through the process to see if he qualified. Now that the process is complete, he is excited to have his own home.

Well acclimated to living with a large family, Darryl will share his new home with his niece and nephew, his girlfriend and her son.

"I love my family very, very much," Darryl said. "They are very supportive. They've been there through my ups and downs and we love being there for one another."

Darryl will finally be able to call this new home his own and he plans to do everything to keep it. He is hopeful about living in Orchard Ridge and his future moving forward. "It will be my house," he said. "I love that the most. It will be mine."

Thank you...

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**Congratulations
and welcome home
Michelle Montgomery,
Habitat family partner**



Toni Bullock - The self-proclaimed “life of the party,” Toni Bullock is excited to entertain in her new home. “Holidays, birthdays, cookouts—as the oldest of three, I am the go-to person and I like to have fun,” said Toni. She looks forward to serving up seafood dinners and hosting corn parties on the porch. “My father and his wife live in Cecil County so they bring fresh corn-on-the-cob. We shuck it and enjoy it on the porch, cracking jokes and just having fun.”

A devoted mother, Toni has three daughters, Aniyah, 17, An’Jewel, 8, and Ayana, who is five. She also adopted her cousins Kevin, 15, and Da’Sean, 12. The large loving family will live in the new four-bedroom home together but Toni said through laughter that she will be on the third floor—in the owner’s suite.

A life-long Baltimore resident, Toni works as a health tech for the Department of Veterans Affairs in the City. Clearly a people person, Toni likes her patients and enjoys interacting with them.

While she was comfortable living in her West Baltimore home, she decided that it was time to move on and purchase a home for her family. A friend told Toni about the program with Habitat for Humanity and she pursued it full force. “I am a go getter,” she said. “If there is something I want, I will work until I get. Now I am almost to the finish line.”

Michelle Montgomery - “I devoted 200 hours in two months,” explained Habitat homeowner Michelle Montgomery. “I was going to do whatever it took to get into this house.”

Michelle is proud to say that she helped build her new home in the Orchard Ridge community. She even has pictures of when it was nothing more than grass. “I framed out basements. I’m doing cabinets,” she said. “I can go in my house and say ‘I built this, I painted this, I worked all these hours.’”

A full-time single parent and a full-time nursing student, this hard-working mother said she has been taking care of herself since she was 11. While living in Orchard Ridge, Michelle met a neighbor who encouraged her to go to nursing school and has helped her through the program. “Nothing will deter me from getting to the next level,” she said.

Her nine-year-old daughter Stori and five-year-old son Donte are Michelle’s number-one motivators. And like their mother, they are quite ambitious. Donte is even studying Chinese in school.

Michelle believes that she is placed right where she needs to be. “This is my family,” she said. “This is where I belong.” The Orchard Ridge community has been a great outlet for Michelle’s children, giving them the opportunity to go and play with the neighbors and form bonds with other community members.

“This is the root of who I am,” said Michelle and planting a seed is just what she is doing in the Orchard Ridge community.

Thank you...



**Congratulations
and welcome home
Darryl Fegans,
Habitat family partner**



Lattice Lee - When Lattice Lee heard about the Habitat for Humanity program from a relative, she didn't take the advice very seriously for a couple of months. But, after mulling it over for some time, she soon realized that this could be something that could open up many doors for her and her family. She attended a Habitat for Humanity orientation session and learned about the construction of the Orchard Ridge community. Lattice then filled out the application—and she was accepted a week later.

This ambitious and goal-oriented woman attended Catonsville Community College, where she earned her degree in business administration with a concentration in human resource management. She is currently employed through St. Joseph's Medical Center where she works as an operating room technician.

With great anticipation and joy, Lattice is ready to move into her future home as a newlywed. She and her husband were just married in August and they are looking forward to making memories in their new home. Mother of two children, ages four and eight, Lattice enjoys spend time together with her family.

As a future homeowner, Lattice plans to take pride in her house every single day. "I most look forward to raising my family and my children and making new memories," she said.

Throughout her journey toward homeownership, Lattice enjoyed many hours on site forming partnerships with her future neighbors. "People that I don't know were coming together to work on the home."

"I saw it the whole way through from planning to now," Lattice Lee said, reflecting on her new home. "I helped build it, its brand new and it's mine."

Ronnette Owens - A strong and sweet mother of three, Ronnette Owens can often be found enjoying ice cream with her three children, who are 7, 9 and 13. Annapolis has always been home for Ronnette but she is looking forward to embracing Baltimore as a homeowner in the Orchard Ridge community.

After graduating high school, Ronnette was certified as a nursing assistant and a medical office assistant. She currently works in a medical office and is proud to be able to come home to three equally hard-working children. Ronnette enjoys her growing collection of "My Child is on the Honor Roll" bumper stickers.

Ronnette's children's great grandmother told her the great news about the Habitat for Humanity homeownership program. She also knew someone who became part of the Habitat family and she felt led to pursue the opportunity further. Ronnette was motivated to apply for the program because she was eager to find affordable housing. "It's just so hard to come by," she explained.

"The children will each have their own room too," Ronnette added. The new residence will provide the perfect space for the children to grow and gain their independence and the gathering areas in the home will enable them to continue to bond as a family.

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Congratulations and welcome home Ronnette Owens, Habitat family partner



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