



HabiCorps Kicks Off!

On a cold, windy morning in late November, nonprofit partners, community leaders and public officials gathered to officially kick off Habitat Chesapeake's newest program, HabiCorps. In rapid succession (did we mention it was cold?!), representatives from Habitat, Job Opportunities Task Force, Associated Builders & Contractors, the Governor's Office on Service & Volunteerism and the City Council spoke about the importance of bringing more opportunity and investment to Baltimore.

HabiCorps is doing just that - providing 10 months of hands-on training for individuals facing employment barriers. Trainees learn a wide variety of skills - from framing, to flooring, to fine carpentry - as they build new homes and renovate existing ones for Habitat families. Thanks to a partnership with the Job Opportunities Task Force, all HabiCorps graduates will receive financial literacy coaching, case management services and assistance finding a job through post-program placement with an Association Builders and Contractors employer. And, because HabiCorps is partially funded by AmeriCorps, all graduates will receive a living allowance and education stipend for further apprenticeship training.

Altogether, HabiCorps adds up to 360-degree change - creating a skilled workforce, a stock of quality affordable housing for families, and a pathway out of poverty in the form of jobs and home equity.



“The first person I saw today was [HabiCorps trainee] Lovell, who I’ve worked with on community initiatives in East Baltimore. That told me everything I needed to know about the quality of this program.”

**~Baltimore City Councilman,
Leon Pinkett, III**

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