



*April 2017*

## *Can't Wait to See You: Events*

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April 25-30, National Association of Professional Organizers Conference



5/9- **Almost Home** paper management class for **Habitat for Humanity**

5/10- Corporate training, *There's an App For That*, 10 essential apps for organized living

5/10- IFDA *Take a Seat* event honoring Habitat for Humanity. **You're invited!**

~ **Email to request** a presentation closer to you. ~

## Almost Home

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Most of us come home to a safe place almost every night. Sure, I'll be traveling to the NAPO conference this week, but I know my family is home and cozy. But for too many families, owning a decent, safe house is just a dream. Habitat for Humanity works to help families earn the skills and money that it takes to own a home and be a permanent part of their community. The Almost Home class is one way that Habitat for Humanity (Montco) has extended their program to help many families learn the skills and save the money that they need to become homeowners.



I was really impressed by the recent Almost Home class that I took part in. Families are busy raising children, dealing with healthcare issues, and recovering from setbacks, just like all of us are. Week by week, they meet to encourage each other to reach savings goals and eliminate debt, so they can purchase a Habitat home or another home in the Philly area.

It takes guts to get help in a deeply intimate area like personal finances.

There's no denying that keeping track of your money is much easier if you are organized. That's why I am honored to come alongside Habitat and the class participants, to help them organize their papers and information. Also, a huge shoutout here to OfficeDepot, who provided a new "home office in a box" to each family in the class.

This year, HeartWork Organizing is making a big commitment to Habitat for Humanity (Montgomery County). My staff and I are teaching organizing classes and attending Habitat events, like the Take a Seat event in May, where you can bid on really fun, creatively re-imagined, one-of-a-kind chairs like this one. We're also teaching fun DIY classes, having a company build day at an in-progress house (you'll be invited this fall) and giving a portion of every appointment in June 2017 to Habitat for Humanity.



I'd really love to one day raise \$100K to fund an entire Habitat home build. This is a really scary goal for me personally, but I can't think of a better match for the talents of all my wonderful staffers. I hope you, our amazing clients, will join us. We are committing to being a "Floors and Doors" sponsor and raise at least \$15,000 in 2017. It may not be an entire house, but I figure that helping to provide flooring and (open) doors is a good place to start!

If you haven't heard about the work that our amazing local Habitat for Humanity affiliate is doing, please join their newsletter list and start seeing what's going on at the build sites that are underway right now. These houses are completed and then sold to new homeowners, who are carefully selected, and offered affordable mortgage rates. Because Habitat works on several houses in a neighborhood at a time, they can impact an entire community through their work.

If you do make a donation through the [Habitat Montco website](#), I hope you'll put "HeartWork Organizing" down as the one who pointed you in their direction, to help us reach our \$15K goal.

Most of all, I hope that you are able to take your lovely home for granted almost every day. Because when you go from being "*almost home*" to "*home indeed*," you can focus on doing the other amazing things that God put you on this earth to do. And that can be a very tangible force for good in this world!

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