

Fall 2011

## Habitat for Humanity's new mission statement unveiled



HFH International CEO, Jonathon Reckford

Habitat for Humanity International has unveiled a new Mission Statement. From our CEO Jonathan Reckford:

“After a multi-year process that engaged people from across the Habitat movement, a final set of core documents was presented to Habitat for Humanity’s senior leadership for approval this spring. We voted unanimously to approve the documents and to forward them to the international board of directors for final signoff. The board acted at their meeting earlier this month, and I am pleased to say today that Habitat for Humanity now has an updated set of core documents for the 21st century: vision statement, mission statement and core principles.”

### New Mission Statement:

**Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.**

### Mission principles:

- Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ
- Focus on shelter
- Advocate for affordable housing
- Promote dignity and hope
- Support sustainable and transformational development

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County will be working to incorporate the new mission statement and core principles into its strategic planning process next year.



A Habitat for Humanity home built in Summit County.



### Homes currently under construction:

- 698 Corice Street, Akron
- 1059 Johnston Street, Akron
- 385 Bell Street, Barberton
- 912 Brady Ave, Barberton
- 1930 Cambridge Street, Twinsburg
- 1951 Cambridge Street, Twinsburg
- 1983 Cambridge Street, Twinsburg
- 1934 Eton Street, Twinsburg

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WORLD HABITAT DAY 2011



World Habitat Day is Monday, October 3. The first Monday in October was designated by the United Nations as a time to reflect on the dire need for adequate shelter around the globe. In recognition of World Habitat Day and the work Habitat for Humanity has done to alleviate poverty housing, Habitat will dedicate its 500,000th house in Maai Mahiu, Kenya, and raise the walls on its 500,001st house in Paterson, New Jersey. One hundred and fifty one (151) of Habitat's 500,000 homes have been built, rehabbed or repaired here in Summit County. An additional 69 homes have been built through our International title to other countries.

Locally, Habitat for Humanity of Summit County plans to celebrate by asking Summit County residents to pause for a moment of reflection at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3.

Churches and faith communities can also get involved this year by planning to incorporate a "Prayer for Shelter" into services on Sunday, October 2. Please visit the World Habitat Day page on our website for a downloadable copy of the "Prayer for Shelter."

[www.hfhsummitcounty.org/news-events/events/whd](http://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/news-events/events/whd)



# ReStore



Matt Fox, Co-Host & Producer of HGTV's Around the House with Matt and Shari

**Special Appearance & DIY Demonstrations by HGTV's Matt Fox**

11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

THOTL Choir - 10:00 a.m.

YEPAW - 2:30 p.m.



# SATURDAY

## October 15

### 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



Live performances by THOTL and YEPAW!



The House of the Lord



## HOME Investments Partnership program

HOME is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the states and hundreds of localities nationwide.

HOME provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County has partnered with the County of Summit previously and will again be receiving HOME funding for 2012. Next year's HOME funded projects include homes being built in Copley Township and the City of Stow.



A house built through a HOME grant last year in Summit County.

## Building MORE houses in Twinsburg

You've probably heard about our four construction sites in Twinsburg Township. Our work in the township has been featured in the Twinsburg Bulletin on 19 Action News and local radio stations. This year marked the first time Habitat for Humanity has built homes in Twinsburg, and it has generated much excitement and support.

The houses are moving along with many of them already under-roof. Check out the current builds page on our website to see pictures of the house building progress: [www.hfhsummitcounty.org/current-builds](http://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/current-builds).

For 2012, we are pleased to announce we will be continuing our efforts with more lots in the area. If you are interested in donating time, talent or treasures to the project, or know a family who would be a great partner for homeownership, please contact us at 330-745-7734 or [habitat@hfhsummitcounty.org](mailto:habitat@hfhsummitcounty.org).



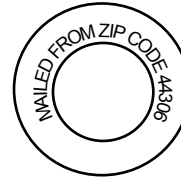
Twinsburg Partner Families get ready to break ground on their new homes.



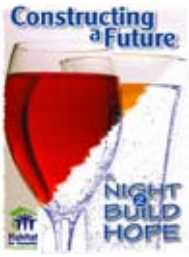
Four empty lots in Twinsburg Township become new Habitat homes.



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*Wine & Beer Tasting*  
*Friday, November 4, 2011*  
*Portage Country Club*

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Open to the Public:



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Friday &  
Saturday  
8 am - 4 pm

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