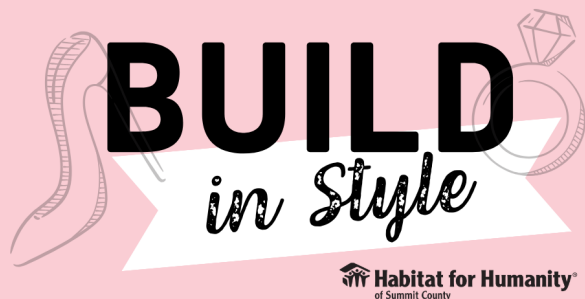


monthly news & updates



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Donate Items to 'Build In Style' Annual Fundraiser

We are now collecting donations of gently used purses, jewelry, shoes, and clothing for our upcoming Build In Style fundraising event supporting Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. As you clean out your closets for the new year, donate to help make our spring fundraising event successful.

Drop Off Donations to ReStore/Main Office:

2301 Romig Road, Akron 44320

Monday & Tuesday 8:30A to 4:30P

Wednesday-Friday 8A to 6P

Saturday 8A to 4P

For questions, please call Kayla at 330-734-7734 ext 213 or kaylac@hfhsommitcounty.org

Thank you for your support!

DONATE: *new & gently used*

PURSES SHOES
JEWELRY CLOTHING



How to Donate to a Fresh Start

Follow these easy steps to support a fresh start to the New Year for yourself, our shoppers, and our Partner Families.

Step 1: Recognize the Problem

- You've upgraded.
- You're downsizing.
- You're decluttering.

Step 2: Weigh the Options

- Toss it & add to a landfill.
- Sell it & deal with the hassle.
- Donate it & support your community.

Step 3: Set Up a Convenient Donation

- Call to schedule a free pick up.
- Drop it off 6 days a week.

Step 4: Support Your Community

- Provide affordable items for the public.
- Proceeds from the sale support Habitat for Humanity of Summit County's programming that works to *bring people together to build homes, communities & hope.*

More Information Online:

www.hfhsommitcounty.org/restore/

Build Updates

Watch our progress in your community and join us in building a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We are currently building 6 homes with two close to finish. 80% of our homes are built by volunteers just like you. Schedule your volunteer day now.



West Akron



North Hill



East Avenue



East Avenue



East Avenue



East Avenue

Happy New Year



Loyal Volunteer Pallet Trees

Were you able to pick up a reclaimed pallet Christmas Tree this year? Keep a look out for more creative pallet projects from our Loyal Volunteers in the New Year.

DO & BE BETTER IN 2020

BY: KAYLA COLLINS, MARKETING
AND EVENTS MANAGER

Do & Be Better in 2020

*By: Kayla Collins, Marketing and Events
Manager*

Need help choosing a New Year's Resolution in 2020? Resolutions are all about improving and striving to do better and be better. We create goals in January that we work towards and continuously aim towards throughout the year. People joke about resolutions saying they are superficial, they don't last. We disagree, creating goals is healthy and productive.

For 2020, let's avoid picking goals aimed to only benefit ourselves like 'to eat healthy' and 'workout more'. Let's really challenge ourselves to be better and do better for us individually and our community. How do we make the world a better place? It takes small commitments and changes from each person to make a larger change in the world. When you decide to do better, you may set a great example for another to follow in your footsteps and before you know it, we are all working towards a brighter future.

Here are some examples of New Year's Resolutions to do and be better in 2020:



VOLUNTEER REGULARLY

Did you know that research has proven that those who regularly serve others through volunteer work have on average less stress and lower blood pressure? We encourage you to

make a long term personal commitment to regularly serve with our affiliate. You will be able to see the long term impact of your hard work which is incredibly rewarding. We invite you to join the Habitat family and become a Loyal Volunteer! A Loyal Volunteer is a volunteer who contributes 2-10 hours weekly or monthly achieving a minimum of 100 volunteer hours in one year. These volunteers dedicate their time to our mission while also benefitting from the friendships and interactions with other volunteers, staff, and partner families. To learn more about our Loyal Volunteer program and make your commitment to volunteerism in 2020, please contact Roberta.



DONATE REGULARLY

We are thankful for all the donations we received at the end of 2019 with Giving Tuesday and end of year giving but our programs are active all year round. Your

support throughout the year is so important to helping us as we build new homes and work in our community through Neighborhood Reborn and our deconstruction program. God tells us 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35) and that 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' (Matthew 6:21). Each donation is an act of faith and when you regularly tithe you are prioritizing your giving instead of making it an after thought at the end of the year. Visit www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/donate or contact Drew, our Director of Development and Engagement at drewh@hfhsummitcounty.org to learn more. We encourage you to keep a grateful and generous spirit throughout the New Year.



ADVOCATE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Supporting our work doesn't always require your time and money. You can use the power of your voice to spread the word of our work in your community.

Invite your network of friends, family, and coworkers to support the work of Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. Inform others of who we are, what we do, and what we stand for as well as the problem we aim to solve in the world by creating affordable housing. To learn more about the nationwide housing crisis, please visit www.habitat.org/costofhome. Encourage people to visit our affiliate website to read about the programs we offer in Summit County www.hfhsummitcounty.org. There are plenty of misconceptions of our organization and we could use your help in correcting these. A recommendation or referral from a trusted friend is very valuable and we would appreciate if you shared your positive experiences with our affiliate to encourage others to join us in creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



Donate your new and gently used furniture, appliances and building materials to our 42,000 sq. ft. warehouse. All donations and purchases support our work in Summit County and around the world.

DONATION DROP OFF

Monday & Tuesday 8AM-3:30PM

Wednesday - Friday 8AM-6PM

Saturday 8AM-4PM

Or request a free pick up in Summit County by calling
330-745-9098 or visiting
<https://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/restore/>

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Are You Creative? Sign Up to Flip at the Home & Garden Show

Join us for ReStore FLIP where we invite participants to come to ReStore, pick out a chair under \$100, take it home to "flip" it, and bring it back to sell the item in a charity silent auction at the 2020 Great Big Home + Garden Show!

To participate, email Kayla Collins at kaylac@hfhsummitcounty.org or 330-745-7734, ext. 213.
We can't wait to see what you create!

Thank You Volunteers



Hello!



SCHEDULE YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY

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WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU!

In 2019, Habitat for Humanity of Summit County had over **4,240 volunteers** completed over **17,775 hours** of work.



5 Money Hacks for a Happy New Year

By Dave Ramsey, www.daveramsey.com/blog/5-money-hacks-for-happy-new-year

Do you ever feel like you're in a chronic cash crunch? That can be a real damper on your days and take the hope and expectation out of a new year. But if money tops your list of New Year's resolutions, you're in luck! Research shows you're on the road to success. According to Fidelity Investments, 56% of people who resolved to improve their finances last year did just that. Better yet, 83% said last year's financial resolution is an ongoing event instead of a one-time goal. Who knew change could be so exciting? Put those resolutions into action—and get a leg up on your happy New Year—with these five money hacks.

1. Use Cold, Hard Cash

Lots of folks choose plastic over cash for everyday purchases, and research shows that can lead you to spend more. Why? According to a Journal of Experimental Psychology study, parting with cash really is sweet sorrow. Plastic simply doesn't tug at your emotional strings in quite the same way. So this year, put a little more pain back into your purchases. Use envelopes to divvy your dollars up across everyday budget categories. You might have one for groceries, restaurants, entertainment, clothing, and pocket money. On payday, fill your envelopes with the cash you budgeted for each category. When an envelope's empty, the spending stops for that category until your next paycheck. It's that simple!

2. Give Impulse Buys a 30-Day Notice

You went to the store for one thing and ended up with a cartful you never intended to buy. Once the thrill of the bargain hunt wore off, regret set in. Sound familiar? If so, join the crowd. A recent study found that five in six Americans are impulse shoppers. We all know it pays to sleep on a big money decision overnight. But what about smaller purchases that crop up throughout the month? Why not add them to your wish list and wait 30 days? That gives you a chance to work them into next month's budget. And who knows? That can't-live-without item you had your eye on just might be on sale by then!

3. Ignore Interest Rates When Paying Down Debt

Want to put a big dent into your debt this year? You

might be tempted to grab debt by the jugular and attack the biggest interest rate first. But it takes more than math to win. According to Fidelity, the number one reason people stick to a money resolution is because they're encouraged by their own progress. That's where the debt snowball comes in. Here's how it works: List your debts in order by outstanding balance, and attack the smallest one first. Once you knock it out, roll that cash over to your next debt, working your way up to the biggest of the bunch. You'll build momentum—and motivation—as you watch your debts go down and your cash flow go up!

4. Go Roth With Your 401(k)

These days, most full-time workers have access to a 401(k) through their employer. This is a great way to save for retirement because it enables you to make pre-tax contributions for your future. What you may not know is many employers offer a Roth 401(k) option too. According to a Willis Towers Watson study, 54% of large and midsize companies do, yet only 10% of employees take advantage of it. That means lots of folks are missing out on tax-free growth. Does it really make a difference? Let's compare. The same amount of money went into two 401(k) accounts—one traditional and one Roth—and both grew at the same rate. The Roth takes the cake at retirement.

5. Take Advantage of Free Financial Education

It's no secret that money can cause big-time stress. According to the American Psychological Association, 72% of adults worry about money at least some of the time, and 32% say money woes stand between them and a healthy lifestyle. This stress can distract you on the job too. It's hard to get work done when you're preoccupied with money problems. No wonder almost 90% of employers surveyed by Aon Hewitt had their sights on a financial wellness program last year. If your company offers this benefit, don't miss out! It's a great way to learn how to manage your money and plan for the future. That's something everyone can feel good about!

You Can Do It! The confetti may have settled, but the New Year's fun has just begun. It's time to rock your resolutions and show your money who's boss! Who knows? You just might discover a fresh new burst of confidence that inspires you to set—and conquer—even bigger goals next year.



Partner Family Holiday Party

Our Partner Families gathered for a Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 10th for a night of delicious food, fun holiday crafts, and music. The children decorated their own 'gingerbread homes', made reindeer food, and enjoyed a reading of the Polar Express while the adults were serenaded by the men of the Keyed Up Quartet with Christmas carols.



STEM High School Partnership

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County partnered for the second year with the Akron Public NIHF STEM High School to make wooden house plaques out of donated flooring from the ReStore. Students learned about Habitat's mission while working in teams to create boards to be used as house warming gifts and fundraising items for our affiliate. Pictured are the two winning groups and individual who excelled in the project.





Garlic Parmesan Spaghetti Squash

BY: Damn Delicious,
damndelicious.net/2016/05/06/garlic-parmesan-spaghetti-squash/

INGREDIENTS

- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

FOR THE SPAGHETTI SQUASH

- 1 (2-3 pounds) spaghetti squash
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly oil a baking sheet or coat with nonstick spray.
2. Cut the squash in half lengthwise from stem to tail and scrape out the seeds.* Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste.
3. Place squash, cut-side down, onto the prepared baking dish. Place into oven and roast until tender, about 35-45 minutes.
4. Remove from oven and let rest until cool enough to handle.
5. Using a fork, scrape the flesh to create long strands.
6. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic, and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 1 minute.
7. Stir in vegetable broth. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until reduced by half, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in remaining 4 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon at a time, until melted and smooth.
8. Stir in spaghetti squash and gently toss to combine until heated through, about 2 minutes.
9. Serve immediately, topped with Parmesan and garnished with parsley, if desired.



New Year's Family Prayer

BY: Loyola Press, A Jesuit Ministry

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager

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It is hard to believe we have almost reached 2020!! A little early, I know, but Happy New Year to you all! Time for new beginnings. Out with the old, in with the new. I am so excited to start my new year, looking forward to a brand new me!!! So.... Where do I start? A New Year's Resolution of course!!

So what should my New Year's Resolution be this year? Past Resolutions have not always ended with good results or have only resulted in happiness that is short lived. This year I would like to make my New Year's Resolution really count.

In my past career, I was an elementary school teacher. Children don't really understand the idea of a New Year's Resolution, but they get the idea of a wish. So this year I'm going to think of what I wish for my New Year's Resolution. The new buzz word is kindness. So maybe I could have a New Year's Resolution based on kindness. Maybe an end to homelessness. I truly believe

that all people should have affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity supports that mission. How about world peace? Kindness, world peace, and an end to homelessness? I know that is way too much for a simple New Year's Resolution. After all, I am just one person. But somehow they seem interrelated to me. So maybe I can do just a little to help reach that big goal. So my New Year's Resolution.... To spread kindness in the world any way I can. So how will I reach my goal? Maybe it is as simple as holding a door for someone. Maybe all it will take is a smile and a simple "Have a great day!" to the cashier. Or maybe, it is accepting a person's mistake and offering forgiveness. Next time I am in line at the grocery, I could be kind enough to let someone go in front of me. Being mindful of others while driving could be an act of kindness as well. If we all try to offer a little more kindness, imagine what the world would look like.

I read a story called Those Shoes. It's a children's story about a little boy who wanted a special kind of shoes. His Grandmother told him she didn't have enough money for the shoes he wanted and that what he really needed was a new pair of boots. They bought the boots and then on the way home he saw this pair of shoes in a consignment shop window. He asked his Grandma if he could use his money to buy them. But when they went into the store, the shoes were not his size. He squeezed into the shoes and bought them. He tried to wear them but found they were uncomfortable, so they sat in his room. One day, a friend had on shoes that were taped together because the sole was coming off. He and his friend had once talked about "those shoes" that all of the children were wearing. That day after school, he went to see his friend. He knocked on the door and handed his friend "those shoes." They were just his size! It may have been just a children's story, but what an act of kindness! So for my New Year's Resolution, I'm going to do my part to build that world of kindness. So, Happy New Year! And I'm sending a smile with a message of Have a Great Day!!!

Homeowner Corner



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Interested in building a home with Habitat for Humanity?

Learn more here:

www.hfhsummitcounty.org/about-habitat-for-humanity/programs/apply-for-a-habitat-home/

Homeowner Education Classes are ONLY for partner families and Habitat homeowners. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Roberta at 330-745-7734 ext. 211. To learn more about becoming a Habitat homeowner, please visit our website.



H O M E O W N E R

education classes

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM

January 8th : Financial Peace University, Lesson 1: Super Saving presented by Terrence Davis

SATURDAY 8:30AM-12:30PM

January 11th : Home Maintenance Module 1 presented by Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM

January 15th : Financial Peace University, Lesson 2: Relating with Money presented by Terrence Davis

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM

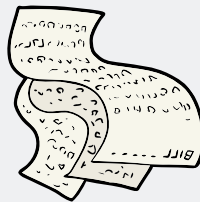
January 22nd : Financial Peace University, Lesson 3: Cash Flow Planning presented by Terrence Davis

SATURDAY 9:00AM-3:30PM

January 25th : Partner Family Build Day

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM

January 29th: Financial Peace University, Lesson 4: Dumping Debt presented by Terrence Davis



Bring us your Acme receipts to help us earn community cash back. We are collecting now until February 7th in the ReStore.

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