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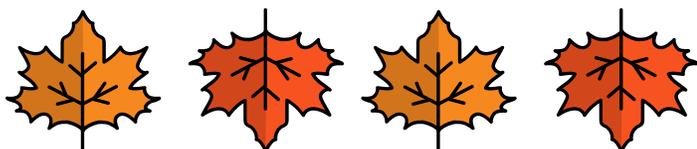
What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday is a global giving movement that was first launched in 2012 through the power of social media. Through this movement, people support their local communities along with national efforts with donations of money and time or simply by raising a voice to support a cause. The mission is to build a more just and generous world.

After Thanksgiving dinner and the busy Black Friday shopping is over, Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season. People are reminded that the heart of the holiday season is about love and giving to others. This year, Giving Tuesday lands on December 3rd, 2019. We encourage you all to join in this viral movement that connects people to do good. Be the person who lights up the holidays for a family in need.

Giving Tuesday is a relatively new concept but it's one that we support full heartedly as we are all about uniting communities to build hope. We ask you to support Habitat for Humanity of Summit County on Giving Tuesday this year. If you have trouble shopping for a loved one, consider making a donation in their honor. Each donation to Habitat builds homes, communities and hope.

[Learn more at GivingTuesday.org](https://www.givingtuesday.org)



Partner Families Reflect on Thanksgiving

What are you most thankful for this year?

"I am thankful for Habitat giving me the opportunity to learn many aspects of being a member of the community and homeowner. I am also thankful for all the hardships I endured over my lifetime. It has transformed me into the hardworking and motivated person I am today."

"My health is getting better with the help of an amazing surgeon."

"I'm most thankful for my family and almost achieving my dream of becoming a homeowner."

How do you hope to spend this upcoming Thanksgiving?

"I plan to spend the holiday relaxing and maybe traveling for a short vacation with my son."

"I hope to spend the holiday with my immediate family at my mother's house nearby."

"I'll spend it with my whole family."

Favorite Thanksgiving dish?

"Deviled eggs and pumpkin pie."

"Sweet potatoes!"

"Caramel apple cheesecake."

Favorite holiday memory?

"Unfortunately not, the holiday season seems to attract bad luck. What can go wrong, will go wrong. Hopefully this year won't be as bad."

"I remember playing games after dinner and eating too much pumpkin pie."

"My boyfriend once tried a new combination dish with barbecued cornish hens and dressing. It was surprisingly amazing!"

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 and two have an end of year deadline. 80% of our homes are built by volunteers just like you. Schedule your volunteer day now.



West Akron



North Hill



East Avenue



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Sat 8AM-4PM

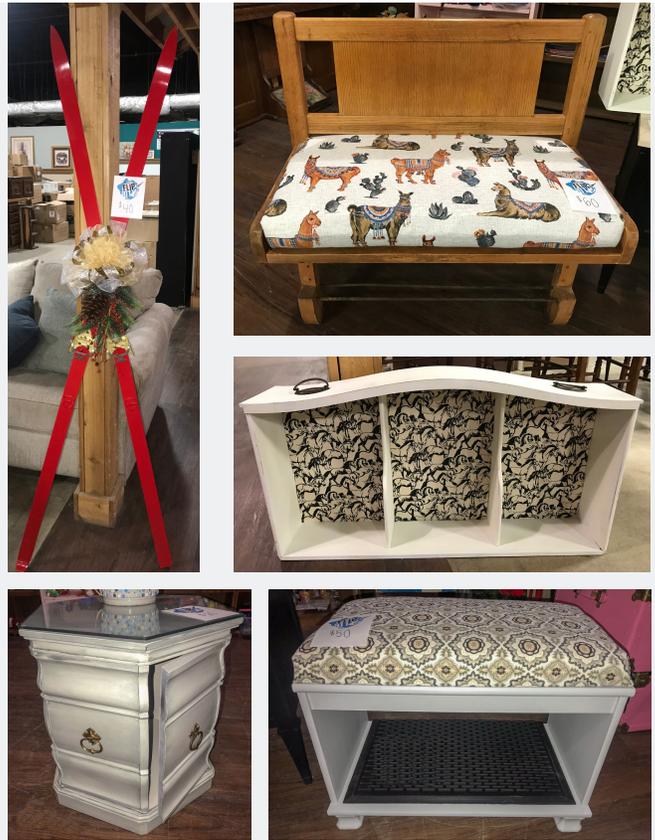
Donate your new and gently used furniture, appliances and building materials to our 42,000 sq. ft. warehouse. All donations and purchases support our work in Summit County and around the world.

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/>





We are thankful for all the participants who donated their time and talents to flip these creative ReStore items to support our mission.

The community was invited to shop ReStore for an item priced less than \$100 to work their flip magic on. After completing an entry form, participants were able to take the item home at no cost so they could use their creativity to flip it into something with new life and value! Two bed frames were flipped into a bench, a boring TV cabinet was flipped into an entry way bench, and skis were flipped into festive holiday decor. Which one was your favorite? The artistry on the wine rack (as seen below) was stunning and may have won the popularity contest, if there was one.

Each item was sold in the ReStore to support Habitat for Humanity's mission as a fundraising effort. Keep a look out for our next ReStore Flip Event in the spring and start planning your next Flip project. We love these beautifully creative one of a kind pieces that support a great cause!

 A special thank you to The Sampler in Hudson for donating 3 pieces!



WOW

Thank You Volunteers



Matco Tools



Kent State University Women's Lacrosse Team



Wells Fargo



Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medical Students



Myers Industries Kitchen Cart Team Building



Bank of America



SCHEDULE YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY

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Volunteers In the month of October, 201 volunteers dedicated 1,278.6 hours of work supporting our work in Summit County. We are so thankful for each volunteer who takes time to support our mission. Thank you!



9 Easy Ways to Cozy Up Your Home

By: Ayn-Monique Klahre, *Real Simple*

www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/easy-ways-cozy-home

When it's hot outside, you want your home to be minimalist and breezy, with no extra layers to capture the humidity or hold in heat. But once it gets chilly, you want those layers back to make the house feel warm and cozy. Fortunately, it doesn't take much to make your space inviting and

comfortable for winter. Mini moves as simple as stashing slippers by the front door or switching to soft lighting can turn your home into a winter-ready retreat. Here are 9 tiny ways to cozy up your home.

#1 Update your bedding. Crisp cotton and linen are great for summer months, but flannel is where it's at for winter! Trade your crisp sateen sheets for ones that will hold the warmth in, like flannel or jersey. While you're at it, fold a quilt or throw blanket over the foot of your bed to have handy for the coldest nights.

#2 Stash slippers by the door. The first step to feeling cozy: No chilly feet! Keep a pair of slippers by your main entrance to change into as soon as you cross the threshold, so you'll be comfortable from the moment you get home from work. Bonus: They'll keep you from tracking in snow or salt from the sidewalk.

#3 Swap in snuggly throw pillows. Finally, an excuse to splurge on one of those big furry pillows! Add one or two textured throw pillows to your couch (or just change the covers on your existing pillows) to make your space look and feel cozier. Other options: Nubby boucle, a wooly cable knit, or a rich velvet.

#4 Add warmth underfoot. Sisal and flat-weave rugs are great when it's warm outside, but for winter, you want a little pile. If you don't have the budget to get a giant area rug, consider layering smaller rugs in strategic spots, like next to the bed, under the coffee table, or in front of your favorite reading chair.

#5 Consider soft lighting. When the nights get darker earlier, it's tempting to go to bed around 7

p.m. Resist, but without the harsh overhead lighting, by fitting table lamps with warm-toned LED lights for a cozy candle-lit glow that'll still keep you awake.

#6 Warm up your window treatments. If you normally have sheer linen curtains, consider trading them out for velvet drapes, or any heavy curtain that boasts a thermal lining. Besides making a space look warm and cozy, they'll actually insulate the room by blocking cold air from leaking through old windows at night.

#7 Rethink your sofa cover. If you have a slip-covered couch—or even if you don't, but your sofa's a standard size—try a new slipcover for the colder months. Choose a deep jewel tone and a softer fabric than your standard crisp white cotton to give the living room a cozier feel.

#8 Layer your kitchen linens. Start from the bottom up: A little kitchen rug on the floor in front of the sink, a runner or tablecloth on the breakfast table, and linen slipcovers over your wooden or metal cafe chairs. Anytime you can put a layer of fabric between yourself and bare wood or tile, it'll feel just a bit warmer.

#9 Put your memories on display. They won't technically make your space warmer, but a mantel full of holiday cards or a wall full of photos from the last year will keep your heart full of warm memories as you get through the next few gray months.



Pumpkin Cream Pie

BY: Sandra Lee, Food Network,
<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/sandra-lee/pumpkin-cream-pie-recipe-1948885>

INGREDIENTS

For Pie:

- 4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 3 large eggs
- 1 (9-inch) frozen pie crust shell, removed from foil tin and placed in glass pie pan

For Brown Sugar Whipped Cream:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

STEP 1:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F and arrange a rack in the bottom third of the oven.

STEP 2:

In a medium bowl, combine the cream cheese, pumpkin puree, cream, brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Using electric hand mixer, add the eggs, 1 at a time incorporating completely between each addition.

STEP 3:

Pour the filling into the pie shell and bake on a sheet tray until the filling is mostly set and the crust has browned, about 50 to 60 minutes. The center will still look slightly loose. Remove from the oven and cool to room temperature.

For Whipped Cream: In a chilled bowl, beat the heavy cream with a hand mixer until beginning to thicken. Add the brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice and continue to beat until soft peaks form. Spread the whipped cream over the pie and serve immediately or hold in the refrigerator for up to 2 hours before serving.



“God, please let every veteran of our nation’s armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants.”

“Lord, You know how deep a warrior’s wounds go. You know the loss that many of our veterans in body and soul. You know the memories that haunt them and the scars that many of them continue to carry. Please bring healing to those veterans who still hurt. Please grant patience and wisdom to those around them who cannot understand but can sometimes help the healing process. Please apply both natural and supernatural medicine to their wounds.”

<https://www.guideposts.org/how-we-help/military-outreach/5-prayers-for-veterans>



Preparing Your Home for Winter

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Summer always seems to fly by so quickly. It is November already! We all know in Northeast Ohio what is coming sooner or later. Some are excited by those cold temperatures and white flakes, while others are dreading those things. Either way, our houses need to be prepared now rather than after the temperatures get extremely cold. So, what should we do to prepare?

Most experts agree on a few steps to prepare our homes for winter. One thing that needs attention is the furnace. This is the time to change your filter. Find a reputable HVAC contractor to check your system. Now that the air conditioner's work is complete, clean the condensing unit and after it is completely dry, cover it for the winter. This is also a good time to inspect and clean the heating vents. It is recommended to have your vents cleaned every 3 to 5 years. Along with making sure your home will keep you nice and warm, a technician can also check to make sure that vents are working properly and a bird or other animal has not found your vent to be its summer home.

This is also a good time to check your carbon dioxide detector and smoke detector and replace their batteries.

Before the weather gets cold, check to make sure the chimney is clear. If you have a fireplace, check the damper to make sure it works properly. Inspect the firebrick in the fireplace. If you see any open mortar joints, have them repaired. Also, clean the fireplace. Exterior faucets need to have the water turned off inside the house. After the water is turned off, drain the water by turning on the faucet outside. Disconnect hoses, drain them and store them for the winter. Frozen pipes can cause a lot of damage to a home so taking these precautions can help avoid a costly repair.

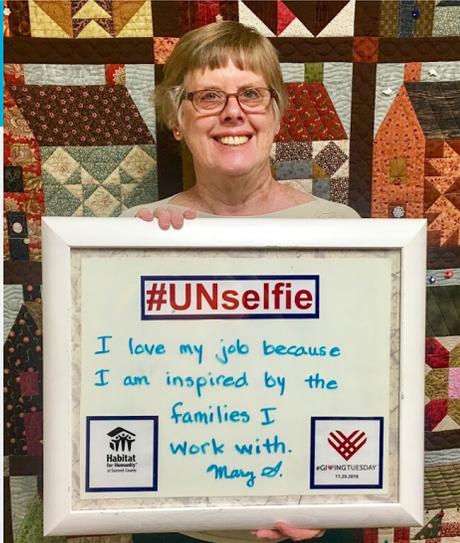
Outside, check your roof for loose or missing shingles and clean out gutters. Check gutters to make sure that all water is being moved 3 to 4 feet away from the foundation.

It is a good idea to check caulking around the windows and door frames and reapply if necessary. Make sure the putty in the windows is in good shape and check the weatherstripping around doors. Allowing heat to be lost around these areas this winter can cost a lot of money.

Finally, take care of your lawn this fall. Studies have shown that it is a good idea to mow your leaves rather than rake them. Use a mower that will cut the leaves into small pieces. The leaves will decompose into your lawn and feed it naturally for a beautiful lawn in the spring.

Enjoy these last weeks of fall and spend some time preparing for the months ahead. Preparing now will allow you to stay warm during the snowy Northeastern Ohio days, and also allow you to be warm and truly enjoy the beauty that is coming soon.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2018/10/01/use-this-checklist-prepare-your-home-winter/><https://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/real-estate/T029-S001-12-ways-to-prepare-your-home-for-winter/index.html><https://www.thespruce.com/easy-home-winterizing-checklist-1824721>



Happy Retirement Mary

Join us in wishing Mary a happy retirement! She has been our Partner Family and Volunteer Coordinator for nearly eight and a half years. Her favorite part of the job has been "seeing the excitement in our partner families' eyes at the dedication of their homes, and hearing their wonderful testimonials at that time". Mary is looking forward to having more free time in the upcoming holiday season as well as having more time for her hobbies that include reading, sewing, quilting, traveling, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. Don't worry, "Of course Habitat for Humanity of Summit County will still be in my life!" Mary says. Mary has a passion for

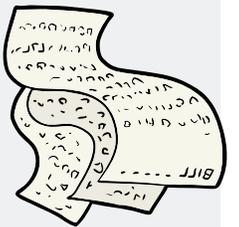
Habitat's mission and she plans on continuing to volunteer on builds with the Common Mission Coalition, a group of churches who build a Habitat house every other year. She also plans on joining the Habitat Family Selection Committee where she will assist in reviewing applications for homeownership. "I am looking forward to participating with other HFHSC volunteers on the Global Village Trip in Mexico in early spring." She also is excited to attend the home dedications of the partner families she has been working with to celebrate their accomplishments. We hope Mary enjoys retirement and we look forward to continuing to work with her as we work towards our mission to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

ROMIG ROAD CONSTRUCTION



We are open!

Thank you for your patience through all the road closures & construction! For updates, please follow us on social media or call us at 330-745-7734.



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

Shred Day Results

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17,933 lbs of paper
 2nd Highest Total Ever!



Homeowner Corner



Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager
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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.



HOMEOWNER

education classes

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7PM

November 6th : Managing Utility Bills presented by **Ray Foeller, Ohio Consumers Counsel**

Learn how to manage your electric, natural gas, and telephone bills. Learn about utility assistance programs and energy choice options. Bring an electric, gas and telephone bill to class and Ray will interpret items on the bill.

SATURDAY 9AM-5PM

November 16th : Homebuyer Education Class presented by **Toya Kelker, Director of Homeownership EANDC**

This required class will provide information and instruction geared to increasing knowledge and building new skills in the home buying process. Topics include money management, credit management and the mortgage loan process. Certificates will be issued for this class.

WEDNESDAY 6PM-7PM

November 20th : Mortgage Documents presented by **Rochelle Sibbio, President and CEO of HFHSC**

Rochelle will walk you through the legal language of the mortgage and closing documents to provide a clear understanding of the information contained in those documents.



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