

# monthly news & updates



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## What is Love?

Valentine's Day is only a few weeks away; guys, mark your calendars now so you don't forget! It's the one day that we treat the ones we love by buying chocolates, cards, and flowers but is this really what love is?

Here at Habitat for Humanity, we look at love a little differently. We don't wait for February 14th to show our love, every day we seek to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Every day we undertake our work in the community to demonstrate the love and teachings that Jesus has taught us. We aim to show love daily by empowering our neighbors and partnering with them to build a better future.

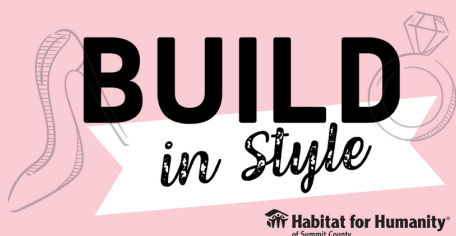
"We know love by this that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." 1 John 3:16-18

We believe that showing love through our actions and work is key. When we provide shelter to a family in Summit County, we are demonstrating our love. Love of our neighbors motivates us daily to continue to build. 80% of our homes are built by volunteers who also value showing love through acts of kindness. These volunteers demonstrate their love through action.

"'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31

We believe strong thriving communities are built by connecting neighbors and empowering homeowners through love. We are commanded to show love and kindness to everyone, every single neighbor no matter the gender, race, political views, or religion. Just as we are told to show love to everyone, we also believe that EVERYONE deserves a decent place.

Join us this Valentine's Day by committing to live a life full of love instead of just dedicating one day of the year to displaying it. Love through more than word or speech and instead by truth and action by partnering with Habitat for Humanity to volunteer on a build site or in the ReStore. And always remember to love your neighbor as yourself, as love can change the world.



**DONATE:** *new & gently used*

PURSES      SHOES  
JEWELRY      CLOTHING

## Welcome Home! Upcoming Home Dedications

Mark your calendars to join us in celebrating the hard work of both The Bhattarai and Carrington Families on their home dedications in North Hill and West Akron. These families have both worked hard through our Homeowner Program for this big day!



**The Bhattarai Family**

March 1st 2PM  
30 Royal Place Akron, OH



**The Carrington Family**

March 1st 4:30PM  
801 Valdes Ave. Akron, OH

## Build Updates

Watch our progress in your community and join us in building a world where everyone has a decent place to live. For more information on our builds, visit [www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/builds/](http://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/builds/)



West Akron



North Hill



East Avenue



East Avenue



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East Avenue





## DIY Chair ReUpholstery Project

Megan from TwoFeetFirst.net picked up this old chair for \$30 to reupholster with new life. You can find similar chairs in ReStore that are looking for some love for \$10. This project took her 6 days to complete with the most tedious step being removing all the staples when taking the chair apart. After some hard work, Megan had a beautiful one of a kind chair for under \$150. She saved an old chair from the landfill while also saving the money a new chair would cost from a furniture store.

**Read Megan's full article here and learn how you can reupholster a beautiful chair.**

<https://www.twofeetfirst.net/reupholster-chair/>



before



after

**SUPPLY LIST:**  
 6 yards of fabric  
 1" foam batting  
 1" quilt batting  
 5/32" piping  
 cardboard tack strip  
 upholstery tack strips  
 zipper  
 thread  
 cover button kit  
 staples  
 grey bottom fabric  
 #220 sandpaper & stain

**TOOLS:**  
 stapler

### TOTAL COST – \$145.50

\$30 chair	\$27 batting
\$56 fabric	\$29 (nail tack strip, cardboard tack strip, thread, zipper, & buttons)
\$3.50 staples	

 | **ReStore**  
 Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

2301 Romig Road Akron, OH 44320  
[restore@hfhs Summit County.org](mailto:restore@hfhs Summit County.org)  
 330-745-9098  
 Store Hours: Wed-Fri 8AM-6PM  
 Sat 8AM-4PM

### Downsizing? Upgrading? Moving?

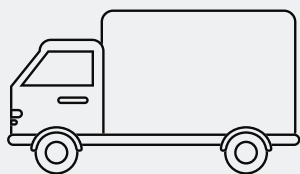
Donate your new and gently used furniture, appliances and building materials to our 42,000 sq. ft. warehouse.

All donations and purchases support our work in Summit County and around the world.

### Schedule a Free Pick Up in Summit County

330-745-9098 or visit

<https://www.hfhs Summit County.org/restore/>



### Donation Drop Off

Monday & Tuesday 8AM-3:30PM  
 Wednesday - Friday 8AM-6PM  
 Saturday 8AM-4PM



 | **ReStore**  
 Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

**\$10 OFF \$30**

Expires: 12/31/2020

Some exclusions may apply. Not valid beyond expiration date. Must show coupon at checkout to receive discount. One per customer. Cannot be combined with any other promotions.

# Thank You Volunteers



Steve Lux  
Top Construction Volunteer



Paul Stauffer  
Top Construction Volunteer



Bob Darlak  
Top ReStore Volunteer

## Volunteers with 50+ Hours in 2019

- Steve Schadelbauer
- Wayne Welker
- Dave Claes
- Denny Oleksuk
- Brian Stormer
- John Ohlman
- Ray Dietrich
- Steve Johnson
- Tom Sheridan
- Mark Hilkert
- Ed Upton
- Okey Wise
- Robert Nitzsche
- Kathleen Carter
- Tom Marttala
- Emory Pope
- Mary Verstraete
- John Gruneich
- Isaiah Hamilton
- Don Skinner
- Zephaniah Hammond
- Steve Bean
- Ty Moore
- Scott Billett
- Richard Patterson
- Mary Shepherd
- Fred Askins
- Dale Gilbert
- Len Harrison
- James Mungo
- Javonta Fry
- Michael Juppe
- Nadja Churn-Philpoti
- Tristan Patten
- John Pelligra
- James Whitt
- Tom Stevens
- Quincy Easterling
- Susmita Ghorsai
- Sue Snyder
- Joseph Bird
- Jamie Starcher
- Fatima Mari
- LaMont Vinson Jr
- Nay Moo

Hello!



## SCHEDULE YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY

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### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- ReStore Aisle Merchandisers
- ReStore Group of 15-30 Volunteers Once a Month
- Build In Style Fundraising Event Volunteers
- Women Build Week Volunteers (May 5 - May 9)

Thank you for volunteering with Habitat. You are amazing! Your contribution of time and energy makes a difference in the lives of our Partner Families, our community and our world. Partner with us to become a Loyal Volunteer by volunteering 2-10 hours weekly or monthly, achieving a minimum of 100 volunteer hours in one year. You will meet new people, acquire new skills, and help continue our vision of "A world where everyone has a decent place to live".



## Steakhouse Sheet Pan Dinner for Two

BY: FOOD NETWORK KITCHEN,  
<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/steakhouse-sheet-pan-dinner-for-two-4481581>



Date night just got a lot easier -- and less expensive. Here's a traditional surf-and-turf dinner with all the sides, but without the steakhouse prices or any complicated prep. Using just one sheet pan makes it a quick clean-up.

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, plus more for greasing the sheet pan
- 4 tail-on jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 3 small cloves garlic, minced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 pound Yukon gold potatoes (about 6), sliced into 1/8-inch rounds
- 2 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- One 10-ounce package frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed completely dry
- 2/3 cup shredded Gruyere (about 5 ounces)
- Two 8-ounce New York strip steaks (1 to 1 1/2 inches thick)

1. Position an oven rack in the top third of the oven and preheat to 450 degrees F. Lightly grease a third of an 18-by-13-inch sheet pan with butter.
2. Toss the shrimp with the melted butter, 1 teaspoon thyme, a third of the minced garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper in a medium bowl until well coated; set aside.
3. Mix the Parmesan, 1/3 cup heavy cream, remaining 1 teaspoon thyme, half the remaining garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper in a small bowl.
4. Arrange half of the potato slices in a single, overlapping layer on the buttered part of the sheet pan and pour the heavy cream mixture over the top. Top with the remaining potato slices. Cover the potatoes with foil and bake until tender when pierced with a fork, 15 to 17 minutes.
5. Whisk together the cream cheese, remaining 1/3 cup heavy cream and remaining garlic in a medium bowl until smooth. Fold in the spinach until well coated. Divide the mixture between two 4-inch ramekins and press the spinach down so that it is flat and the cream mixture is pooling a bit on top.
6. Remove the pan from the oven, remove the foil and sprinkle the potatoes with the Gruyere. Put the steaks down the middle of the pan and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Put the ramekins on one end of the empty third of the pan so that they are side by side.
7. Bake until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the middle of the steak registers 95 degrees F, 12 to 14 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and turn on the broiler. Create 2 hearts with the shrimp on the pan beside the ramekins by connecting the tails. Broil until the steaks start to turn brown in some spots, an instant-read thermometer inserted into the middle of the steak reaches 115 degrees F, the shrimp are cooked through and no longer opaque and the cheese on the potatoes turns golden and starts to crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Let rest 5 to 10 minutes. Slice and serve the steak on plates alongside the shrimp, potatoes and creamed spinach.



## New Year, New Financial Plan

*By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager*

Here at Habitat, our families and I, are beginning the year focusing on getting our finances in great order.

We are using a program from Dave Ramsey called Financial Peace University. The program is designed to help us live our lives Debt Free. What a great feeling that would be. Have no debt, have savings in case an emergency comes up, and even have money saved for retirement.

The program is divided into 9 lessons. Here at Habitat we will focus on 7 of the 9 lessons. The first step is to save an emergency fund of \$1,000.00.

Dave tells us right away, this is baby step #1 along with a budget. This is the beginning of becoming debt free. Most people do not have enough cash for a \$400.00 emergency. Our budget will account for every penny that comes into the household. They told us that it will take practice and to be sure to give it three months for the budget to become a rhythm. I can't wait to get started!

The next step in the program is to pay off debt. Dave says start by paying off your smallest balance first and paying the minimum on all of the other cards.

Once the smallest balance is paid off, move onto the next paying the minimum plus the amount you were

paying on the other card. He calls this paying off debt using the snowball effect. Then.... Cut up all of the credit cards and don't use them. We turned this into a "Plasectomy" party, by cutting up credit cards in our class.

The third step is to save a true emergency fund. Now it is time to save 3 – 6 months of expenses in a fully funded emergency fund. If it gets spent, you have to rebuild it.

This step is all about using cash instead of credit cards. Now you are in saving mode.

Now look at us go. We have no credit card debt, three to six months of savings in an emergency fund, still staying on our budget, and paying cash for things instead of using credit cards. Ok, so it is baby steps. I didn't get this done in the time that it took to write this, but I will continue to work on it. Now I'm ready to save for my future so that I can plan to travel and enjoy retirement.

The next step is to save 15% of my income for the future. The younger you start, the more benefit your money will give you.

Once we are ready for our future, we are ready to prepare our children for a good life as well. That means saving for the education of our children. This can be a group effort. Children should look for grants, scholarships, and work studies. We need to encourage them to find an affordable school. Encourage your children to help by getting a job. Student debt is a huge problem in our country. Wouldn't it be nice to help our children prepare for college so that they are able to graduate, if they desire to attend college, without debt.

The next step is to pay the house off early. Just one extra payment a year can make a huge difference. This step may take time, but it will be the last debt to pay off before you are truly debt free. Of course, even after the mortgage is paid, as Rochelle has told our families at a ceremonial mortgage burning, "you still have to pay your taxes and insurance".

The final step is my absolute favorite. Once you have worked so hard to become debt free, you are free to give to others. This will be the greatest part of dealing with money. I am anxious to begin this journey with our families during January and February. What a great way to begin a new year with a plan to make a change that can allow me to live Debt Free!!



# 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/](http://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**

**February 5th : Financial Peace University, Lesson 5: Buyer Beware** presented by Terrence Davis, Buckeye State Credit Union

**SATURDAY 8:30AM-12:30PM**

**February 8th : Home Maintenance Module 2** presented by Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

**WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM**

**February 12th : Financial Peace University, Lesson : The Role of Insurance** presented by Terrence Davis, Buckeye State Credit Union

**WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM**

**February 19th : Financial Peace University, Lesson 7: The Great Misunderstanding** presented by Terrence Davis, Buckeye State Credit Union

**SATURDAY 9:00AM-3:30PM**

**February 22nd : Partner Family Build Day**

**WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30PM**

**February 26th: Movie Night - Briar in the Cotton Patch** presented by Habitat for Humanity of Summit County



**Remember: Turn in your monthly sweat equity sheets for February by 4:30 p.m. on March 3, 2020.**



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