

monthly news & updates

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Celebrating Two Home Dedications

Erin and Frank became homeowners at our East Avenue development.

Home dedications are the celebration of hard work and patience of our partner families. We typically gather our staff, volunteers, and home sponsors and donors to celebrate their accomplishment but unfortunately this time we were not able to gather due to COVID-19 precautions.

We are still very excited to welcome Erin and Frank home and congratulate them on becoming homeowners. Short videos are available on our YouTube page to highlight their homes and reflect on their time in our program. We Invite you to watch these videos and share them with your networks.

Erin and Frank both worked very hard putting in their sweat equity hours as they completed our homeownership program. Erin quickly became a regular at the Habitat offices where she helped prepare for our Build In Style fundraising event and helped Roberta with administrative tasks. Frank was our technology guru during his time in our program and helped Kim with computer tasks. He was always willing to offer his help and advice which was much appreciated.

Six out of the eight homes of our East Avenue development have been completed. The last two homes are planning to be finished this month. We have overcome many challenges while building our first development of homes and look forward to future opportunities like this.

Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who have supported our East Avenue project. We appreciate your generosity and dedication. Plans are being made to host a block party celebrating all our East Avenue homes this summer when we are able to safely gather outside. More Information to come!



LIKE, SHARE & SUBSCRIBE

Search for our channel: Habitat for Humanity of Summit County
www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ2AH1YF0QMy5BMTw6BYL-w



Volunteer Opportunities

Currently, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our Volunteers as well as the advisory issued by the Summit County Executive, Ilene Shapiro, Habitat for Humanity Summit County is currently closed to Volunteer participation until April 6th. We will begin with build site volunteers outside raising walls. Contact Roberta if you would like a build date.

Virtual Volunteers needed to create Donor Bios and product information sheets for the ReStore. Contact Roberta for more information.

Children's Volunteer Opportunity: Children can color and decorate welcome home cards for our homeowners to receive on dedication day. Cards can also be decorated to thank our volunteers.

Save the Date:

May 4th - 8th, 2021 Women Build Week

Questions?

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Tim's Tip

"Tips for painting a room.

Paint the trim first, then the ceiling, then the walls. That's because it's easier and faster to tape off the trim."



a free, fun & creative
community event

March 3rd - 6th

creatively 'FLIP' ReStore items by refurbishing and reinventing
to support our mission & work in your community

Shop these creative items and participate in our next Flip Event in
the fall!



Caring for Your Asphalt and Cement

At Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, we currently provide our families with an asphalt driveway and a cement sidewalk and porch. It is important to care for these parts of your home. Building a quality home for our families is important to us. We feel a responsibility in helping you know how to care for your home.

According to the family handyman website, the driveway should be cleaned twice a year. Use a stiff broom and spray the driveway to remove all debris twice a year. A driveway should last 12 – 35 years. The amount of time depends on the climate and how often the driveway is used. During the summer, often the heat can soften the surface. Driveways can be sprayed down with water to cool and harden the driveway. Asphalt driveways take 6-12 months to totally cure. Avoid getting gas, oil, anti-freeze, or other fluid spills on your asphalt driveway. Fill any cracks in the driveway that may have developed over the winter. The driveway needs to be sealed 6-12 months after it has been paved. Asphalt driveways need to be resealed every three to five years to keep them in good shape. Oxidization from the sun, rain, snow and freeze and thaw cycles all play their part in deteriorating the life of an asphalt driveway. They dry out the binders in the asphalt causing them to flake and chip away exposing the next layer of binders just to repeat the process all over. Eventually, without treatment, an asphalt driveway will deteriorate until it completely fails.

Reseal the driveway when the temperature is 50 – 90 degrees. There should not be rain in the forecast for a couple of days. It is relatively simple to repave your asphalt driveway. Asphalt Sealcoating can be purchased from a hardware store and put on yourself. YouTube videos are available to give detailed lessons on sealcoating your driveway.

Concrete sidewalks and porches also need care. Sealer should be put on the sidewalk every couple of years.

This will keep the sidewalk looking nice. Prior to sealing the concrete, it should be cleaned well. Cleaning can be done with a solution of dish soap and water. If this does not work, laundry detergent can be used. A power washer can be used as well. Stains on the concrete should be cleaned as soon as possible. This will help prevent any discoloration or staining. If you have small cracks in sidewalks that seem to be growing and make your sidewalk dangerous, they can be fixed. Repair small cracks so that they do not become larger cracks. Repair the concrete only when concrete is dry. Clean the concrete surface thoroughly with the wire brush. Mix a batch of mortar according to the directions on the package. Mix in the epoxy concrete with the mortar according to the directions on the epoxy container. Using a trowel, put mixture into the crack. Concrete takes 28 days to cure completely.

Avoid using deicing chemicals on your sidewalk and driveways. Rock salt or calcium chloride cause less damage but they can cause damage to plants. Using sand is the best alternative. Trees, bushes and other plants can cause problems if they are planted too close to your sidewalk. Roots can grow up through the cement, or even raise the concrete, cracking it and causing it to break off. Weeds may sprout in any cracks that develop, but can be treated with spot herbicides.

Caring for your driveway, sidewalk, and porch is an important part of homeownership. Taking care of these items are relatively easy. A little time and effort will go a long way in keeping your home looking great and lasting longer. This will also allow you to maintain and increase the value of your home.

Resources include: University of Missouri extension, Concrete network .com, and <https://allaboutdriveways.com/asphalt-driveways/faqs/asphalt-maintenance/why-sealcoat-asphalt>

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Partner Family Corner

Interested in building a home with Habitat for Humanity?

Learn more and apply here:

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

Upcoming Partner Family Classes

March 3rd: Financial Peace University
March 10th: Financial Peace University
March 13th: Home Maintenance Module 1
March 17th: Financial Peace University
March 24th: Financial Peace University
March 27th: Family Build Day

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.



Recipe & Story Collection for Habitat Cookbook

We are starting to collect recipes from our staff and partner families to publish a fundraising cookbook. Along with these loved recipes, we will be including inspirational stories and memories from our affiliate. Everyone has been spending more time at home and we look forward to offering a cookbook that supports our mission while also bringing families together.

NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Join us in welcoming our new ReStore cashier Brittany to our staff.



HELLO
my name is

Brittany

"Home is where your heart and family are."

Favorite thing about working at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County: **The mission to give back to the community. I'm happy to be part of the Habitat family (extended).**

Fun Fact: **I was born in Germany and I am one of 8 children.**

Daily Motivation: **My family and my drive to be a better person than I was yesterday.**

Bucket List Item: **To visit Germany.**



Now Hiring: Summer Intern

The Marketing/Development Intern position is heavily focused on Habitat for Humanity of Summit County's partnership with the Akron RubberDucks.

The intern will attend the majority of the home season games with the 50/50 raffle program. The intern will partner with the RubberDucks employee representative to sell tickets to attendees. The internship will also include the opportunity to work close with our marketing and development departments on program promotion, social media, event planning, and in-kind donation solicitation. Hours are approximately 25 per week.

Apply online here:

www.hfhsummitcounty.org/project/marketing-development-intern/



New: Latex Paint Recycling

Safely recycle your latex paint at the Summit County ReStore. Drop off during regular ReStore business hours, Wednesday thru Friday 8AM to 6PM and Saturday 8AM to 4PM.

\$1 per gallon

\$2 per 5 gallon bucket

*LATEX ONLY – we cannot accept stains or any oil based paints

LATEX PAINT RECYCLING



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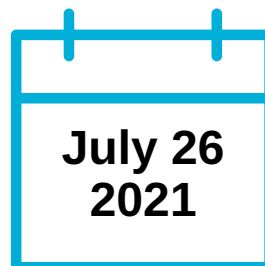
Save the Date: 2021 Fundraising Events

We look forward to hosting fun and SAFE fundraising events in 2021 to support our homeownership programming in Summit County. Calendars fill up quick so make sure to mark yours for both our Women Build Week May 4-8th and our Home in One Golf Outing at Gleneagles Golf Club on July 26, 2021.

More information to come.



May 4-8
2021



July 26
2021



a home in one

GOLF OUTING

at Gleneagles Golf Club



Schedule a Free Donation Pick Up in Summit County

Fill out the online form at hfhsummitcounty.org/restore/

Donations MUST be in a garage or outdoors for a no-contact pick up due to COVID-19 precautions

Donation Drop Offs Accepted:

Monday & Tuesday 8AM-3:30PM

Wednesday - Friday 8AM-6PM

Saturday 8AM-4PM



ONLINE SHOPPING

coming April 2021

Beginning the first week of April, you will be able to shop a limited selection of Restore items online. Items will only be available each Tuesday from noon to midnight, they will then be available to the public in-store on Wednesday morning when the Restore opens at 8am. We are excited to offer these online items especially for those who are not able to shop with us in store. All items purchased online must be picked up within 7 days at our store with your receipt. Credit card sales only.

More information to come at hfhsummitcounty.org/restore/

#shop #save #support

NEW!



ROUND UP

at the register

Starting April 1st, you are now able to further your support for real **change** in Summit County by rounding up your ReStore purchase at the register. **Thank you!**

\$10 OFF \$30

Expires: 12/31/2021

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.