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Celebrating International Women Build Week Continues

View Video Conversations and Schedule Your Build Day May 4-8th

In March, we celebrated International Women Build Week with Habitat for Humanity International and Lowes. This year we weren't able to gather for volunteer events due to COVID-19 precautions but we were able to have great conversations with local women leaders. Have you viewed our videos? We ask that you view and share them with your networks to continue the conversation about Women Build.



Annie McFadden
Chief of Staff
Deputy Mayor for Administration
The City of Akron

Rochelle had a great conversation with Annie McFadden, the Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Administration for the City of Akron. As a woman in government and a member of our board of trustees, Annie's support for affordable housing legislation including our Cost of Home Campaign is important for our community. From volunteering on many build sites, Annie is able to better understand the people of our community when making government policy and board decisions. "If you are in the work there next to them, I think you are both personally invested in the outcomes. It's also a lot more rewarding! You can really see the benefits of what you are doing, not only the decisions you are making at the higher-level but the actual hands-on work that you were doing with those individuals. It's really about that emotional and mental investment in our community and working alongside the people we are personally affecting. It is important to own that work together."



Laurie Guirdanella is one of our site supervisors. As a woman in the construction industry, she encourages other women to come out to the build site and learn new skills. "Women would benefit greatly from coming out on the job site. A lot of women feel a little bit intimidated but I am here to relax them and help them learn, to help them figure out what they're doing. I believe if more women came out and participated they would realize that they are quite capable I'm doing what it is that I do. They would also become better consumers because when they learn the process of house building, they know what to buy and what to look for." she says, "They know what questions to ask if they're ever going to remodel so they learn a lot, plus it is empowering. Many small tasks at home, they can do it themselves. We help them learn how to do it themselves."

Join us on the build site as we continue to celebrate Women Build with volunteer groups May 4th - 8th. Spots are limited due to continued COVID-19 precautions so give Roberta a call today to reserve your spot.

Participate in a Women Build Work Day or Learn More, call (330) 745-7734 ext. 211 or email robertad@hfhsummitcounty.org



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View our channel: Habitat for Humanity of Summit County
www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ2AH1YF0QM5BMTw6BYL-w



As we start new builds with outdoor projects, we are excited to invite build site volunteers back starting April 6th! We prioritize your safety and will continue to require the below precautions.

- Face Coverings
- Groups of 7 Volunteers or Less Only
- Outside Projects Only Allowing Social Distancing
- Hand Sanitizer On-Site

Contact Us to Schedule Today
Roberta Dorkoff, Volunteer
Manager

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Habitat in the News:

Home in Akron: Middlebury neighbors want dangerous houses torn down. Building new homes in their place isn't easy

By: Abbey Marshall and H.L. Comeriato
 The Devil Strip, Akron Beacon Journal

Read full story here:

<https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/2021/03/11/akron-foreclosures-demolitions-rebuilding-middlebury/4620148001/>



Save the Date: 'Home in One' Golf Outing

Monday, July 26th 2021
 Gleneagles Golf Club

www.hfhsummitcounty.org/golfouting/



Goodyear Heights Neighborhood



Last Two East Avenue Homes - Dedications on April 16th



Ellet Neighborhood



Tim's Tip

"If you spill your Scentsy burner wax on the carpet. Take an old towel and lay on top of the spill and iron the spill until it transfers to the towel. Move to a clean spot on the towel and repeat till the wax is removed."



Partner Family Highlight: Gabriella

Gabriella is a single mother raising four children, Gianna, Genevieve, Dominic, and Valentina. Gabriella is navigating through the preteen and teenage years with her oldest daughters. At the same time, her family is experiencing the complex world of special needs for the younger two children. Dominic with autism and Valentina with cerebral palsy are her non-verbal communicators, who are dependent on others for many basic needs. Life presents many challenges but they find joy in the struggles. Due to the intense needs of her kids, she has put her career on hold.

Currently, they are living in an old, rental house, which is not handicap accessible. Their Habitat home will have wider doorways and a handicap bathroom with a zero-entry shower, which will make life more manageable for their family. They will be able to adapt the home to meet their unique, changing needs. They will have enough bedrooms to properly accommodate their family's needs.

Gabriella heard about Habitat for Humanity when her parents contributed to Habitat. Like many others, she didn't know how Habitat operates and decided to visit the website to see what the criteria was to apply for home ownership. She never expected to become a partner family.

As part of the homeownership process, families are required to complete 250 volunteer hours. Due to her children's needs, she often completes her sweat equity hours during school days at the Habitat office. As she works in the office, which shares a wall with the Restore, she often hears the joyful comradery of the Restore employees. She found a sense of tranquility at Habitat. She has met other families who are working hard to achieve their homeownership dream. Everyone is on a different journey, with unique challenges, and has their own story to tell. Gabriella has found Habitat to be a place where people of all races and beliefs work together in unity for the good of others. Through Financial Peace, which is a required class at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, she was introduced to Dave Ramsey and expanded her mind with his financial strategies for success.



Gabriella would like our volunteers to know that everything they do is appreciated. The volunteers are helping others build dreams that they could not otherwise achieve. She will never forget the hard work and love that is building a house for Gabriella and her children. She would also like to thank our corporate and individual donors for their support and generosity which enables Habitat to continue to operate and change lives.

Gabriella was told that her future property originally was a farm donated to Habitat a decade ago. This spring a current Habitat owned home will be modified to accommodate the needs of Valentina who uses a walker and wheelchair. This will be life-changing for their family and will enable Gabriella to be a successful caregiver. With the nice-sized backyard, they hope to garden and add a fence to provide a safe place for the kids to enjoy. Gabriella believes that home means structure and stability. A home provides the physical need for shelter but it also contributes to mental health, a sense of well-being and calm. Structure makes a world of difference in anyone's life but especially to her kids with special needs. A home builds a solid foundation in our lives, upon which one can weather life's storms and celebrate triumphs. Habitat for Humanity looks forward to helping Gabriella obtain homeownership.

Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager

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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/

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.

Upcoming Partner Family Classes

April 7: Pressure Washing

April 10: Home Maintenance Module #2

April 14: No Class

April 21: Pest Control, Akron Pest Control will present about keeping unwanted critters out of your home and how to deal with them.

April 24: Family Build Day

April 28: No Class



Cookbook Collection

We are collecting 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.



Send your recipes and memories to Kim.



2-3PM in the parking lot of the Unitarian Universalist Church at 3300 Morewood Rd. Fairlawn 44333
Make checks out to: Hunger Walk



HELLO
my name is

Jim

"Home is a feeling of comfort, safety and security. A home is not just a place where you can be yourself, but is also a place to walk through the door and express a sigh of relief."

Favorite thing about working at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County: I really appreciate having an opportunity to utilize my skills and knowledge to both build homes for deserving families, and to teach volunteer about construction and Habitat's mission.

Fun Fact: I am passionate about gardening, plant propagation and nature. My 4 year old son and I grow his Halloween pumpkins in our garden each year.

Daily Motivation: My family is a primary motivator in my life, but so is having a job that allows me to help others achieve what they've dreamt.

Bucket List Item: I have always wanted to visit each and every National Wildlife Refuge. Having the ability to visit the parks would be a great way to share my love of the outdoors with my little boy.

NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Join us in welcoming our new construction site supervisor, Jim!



Congratulations! Staff Promotions

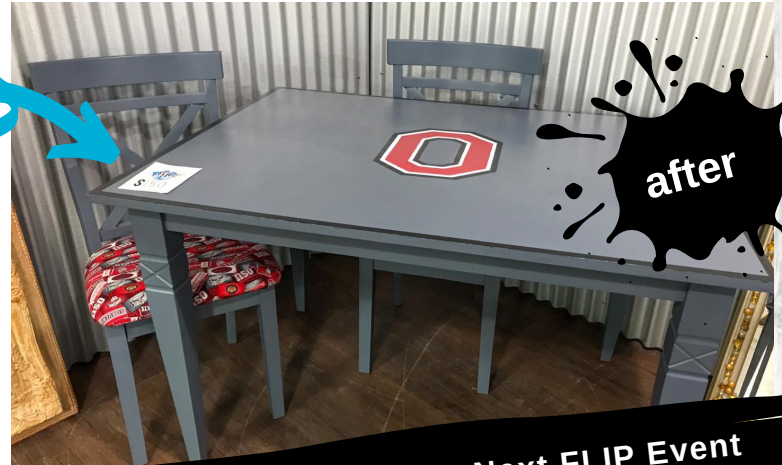
Priest Goode - ReStore Manager
Maurice Woolridge - ReStore Assistant Manager
Dawn Freeman, Juhard Carter and Dan Metz - Full Time ReStore Associates



What is the ReStore FLIP? It is a free, fun and creative community event open to anyone to participate by either flipping an item or by shopping these unique pieces. Volunteers are invited to shop the ReStore to pick out an item under \$100 to take home and creatively 'FLIP' by refurbishing and reinventing the item. Have you seen HGTV's Flea Market Flip? Once completed, the item is brought back to the ReStore and put back out on the sales floor with an increased value to further support our mission and work in the community.

Flip Project Highlight: Ohio State Table

Our board member and loyal volunteer, Mary flipped this boring table and chairs into every Ohio State fan's dream table! The entire project got a fresh coat of grey paint before a custom logo was painted in the middle of the table and custom Ohio State fabric seat cushions were installed. This extra creativity tripled the value of the item in the ReStore, bringing in more funds to support Habitat's programming for affordable housing in the community.



Save the Date for the Next FLIP Event
September 8th - 11th

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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Thank you for your support!



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

Beginning April 6th 2021, 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.

Shop online at hfhsummitcounty.org/shop-online-restore

NEW!



ROUND UP



at the register

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 for supporting our programs in Summit County!**

#shop #save #support



\$10 OFF \$30

Expires: 12/31/2021

Excludes NEW items and Arhaus furniture. Excludes all online items. Cannot be combined with any other promotions. One per customer. Not valid beyond expiration date. Must show coupon at checkout to receive discount. Some exclusions may apply.



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