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of Summit County

2021 Women Build Week Recap

Thank you to our Women Build Volunteers

Women Build Week celebrates and highlights Habitat's belief that empowered women build hope in our community. Volunteers from our ReStore staff, the Cuyahoga Falls City Council, and Huntington Bank, who also sponsored the week, supported our 2021 Women Build Week. These strong women supported their community by building picnic tables and raising walls at our Cascade Valley build.

A 2018 national study by Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity revealed that nearly all women agree access to affordable housing helps female heads of household thrive. Having a safe, stable home is a source of pride that makes women feel more confident and independent. The opportunity for women to achieve affordable homeownership increases generational wealth as a home is one of the most vital assets that a parent can pass on to her children.

We invite you all to support our future Women Build events by volunteering on the build site and by advocating for empowering women.

Learn more here:

<https://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/womenbuild/>

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Women in
Government:
Cuyahoga Falls
Council Members



Huntington Bank
Volunteers



HFHSC ReStore Staff

EMPOWERED
**WOMEN
BUILD**
HOPE



We Need Your Votes!

Help us win a \$100,000 grant from Kubota to turn our local Akron Boss Park into an oasis for neighbors and students.

Learn more on page #7

VOTE DAILY & SHARE



Volunteer Highlight:
Jazmine

ReStore's newest Loyal Volunteer with over 191 volunteer hours! Jazmine 3.5+ Student. Member of NHS, ROX and Technical NHS.

Favorite thing about Volunteering: Meeting new people, customers and staff

Hobbies: Tennis, Color Guard, and Cheerleading

Fun Fact: I have 2 dogs, 2 cats, 1 bird and 7 chickens.

Future Plans: Become a trauma nurse and keep volunteering!

"Home means somewhere to be happy, relaxed and safe with the people you love."

Are you interested in becoming a Loyal Volunteer? A Loyal Volunteer contributes 2-10 hours weekly or monthly achieving a minimum of 100 volunteer hours. Our ReStore has several Volunteer opportunities available.



A Prayer for Volunteers

Loving God, you made us in your image and blessed us with wisdom, creativity, skill, compassion, and love. Give our volunteers the sight to see how they can use their talents to serve those in need. Let us all hear your call to serve and the willingness to be your hands and feet in our community. Empower each volunteer with your strength and wisdom to build safe affordable homes. Thank you to each volunteer who dedicates their time and energy to help a neighbor. Bless us with willing hearts, Lord, and inspire us to action. Amen.



Thank You Buchtel High School Student Volunteers

Schedule Your Next Volunteer Day

Roberta Dorkoff, Volunteer Manager
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robertad@hfsummitcounty.org

Tim's Tip



"When planting a fruit bush, for instance a blueberry bush, you pull off the blossoms the first year so that the plant focuses on rooting. Then next season it will produce more fruit."

- Tim Crozier, Construction Manager



Ellet



Firestone Park



Cascade Valley



Goodyear Heights

MATERIALS

- ✓ chandelier
- ✓ clay pots and saucers
- ✓ flowers and soil
- ✓ epoxy putty
- ✓ waterproof glue
- ✓ spray paint



Check out our
ReStore for all your
DIY building materials!

Just like our customer
Bob who turned this
lamp into a bird
feeder!



DIY PROJECT: CHANDELIER PLANTER



STEPS

1. First, you need to remove the candle holder and remove wires by cutting carefully.
2. Next, you will add the saucers. It is important to use a strong glue and epoxy putty to hold together. Wait till it's dry. Then you will add the clay pots, using the same process as before. Let that dry.
3. Then add spray paint! Let it dry and come back to make touch-ups.
4. It is now time to plant flowers! Don't forget to add your soil and water!
5. And Voilà! You have an adorable new plant holder for your beautiful flowers!

More Details on this DIY Project Here:

https://diyshowoff.com/2013/06/11/chandelier-planter-tutorial-2/2/?crlt_pid=camp.1sLj3b6gFBdu

- **Free Donation Pick-ups in Summit County**
Fill out the online form and learn more at hfhsummitcounty.org/restore
- **Drop Off your ReStore Donations** Monday & Tuesday 8AM-3:30PM, Wednesday - Friday 8AM-6PM and Saturday 8AM-4PM
- **Latex Paint Recycling Available:** \$1 per gallon, \$2 per 5-gallon bucket to safely recycle at the ReStore during regular business hours
- **Remember to Round up at the Register** when checking out in the ReStore!

\$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.



ReStore
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County



Meet Our Partner Family, Kiawa

Kiawa is a single mom of a son, Exavier. Kiawa has been a single mother since Exavier was 6 months old. When Exavier was around 2 years old, Kiawa decided to start preparing a future for her and her son. She started college and earned 2 associate degrees and a bachelor's degree all relating to the health care field. While attending college, she held part time jobs. When she was not in school, she worked full time. Kiawa has been in the healthcare field for a total of 8 years.

According to Kiawa, Exavier has been a smart and funny cookie since the moment he was born. He aspires to be a robotic engineer. Through most of his schooling he has maintained either merit roll, honor roll, or has had a 4.0. During the summer, he is looking forward to working so that he can attend college in the future.

Kiawa heard about Habitat for Humanity from another partner family, Melissa Robison. Kiawa says, being a partner family has given her so much insight into the diversity of her community and the people in it. She also says she "has met so many amazing people that care and work so hard to make a difference in the world.

For the past 14 years, Kiawa and Exavier have lived in public housing. Owning a Habitat home will help them find peace and appreciate what life can offer. They look forward to owning a home in a neighborhood that is warm and supportive of hard working people.

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Kiawa would like the volunteers to know that she is honored and very appreciative of all of the hard work that you put into building the homes and volunteering in other ways to support Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. She also appreciates the business partners and appreciates that they are investing not only in a home for a family, but also in the community that will invest in their business as well.

When asked if Kiawa had any advice for other partner families, she said that she would tell them that being a partner family is a wonderful experience. Mainly sweat equity is earned by building homes for yourself and other families. The entire family has a chance to do sweat equity together. Trying to earn 15 hours a month can be daunting, but thinking about the end goal of having an interest free loan on a home that you own, will help keep you encouraged.

Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager

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Save the Date for Our 2021 Annual Fundraising Events:

Ticket on Sale NOW! 'Home in One' Golf Outing

Monday, July 26th, 2021
Gleneagles Golf Club

www.hfhsummitcounty.org/golfouting/



Build In Style Women's Fashion Fundraising and Networking Event

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021
Summit County ReStore

www.hfhsummitcounty.org/buildinstyle/



Building Community Exclusive Online Webinar

Thursday, June 10 at 8:00 PM

Join Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent for an Exclusive Online Event, Building Community with Television Host, Designer, Carpenter, & New York Times Bestselling Author, Ty Pennington.

Ty will inspire you with his authenticity, quirkiness, and desire to help others by turning ordinary into extraordinary. The designer, builder and author will share his unparalleled insight about the effects of giving back to your community.

Register By Visiting
bit.ly/BuildingCommunity_SummitCounty

About Ty Pennington:

Ty Pennington first won national attention as the quirky and creative carpenter on the groundbreaking home improvement series Trading Spaces. Later as host of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Ty helped transform the lives of thousands, while inspiring millions more around the world to volunteer their time to help others. The show was consistently rated among television's top 20 programs and won two Emmys for Outstanding Reality Program. Ty has been recognized as a leader in the field of volunteerism for his work on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and Ty's Great British Adventure. He also serves as ambassador for the Sears American Dream campaign. In addition to his extensive television work, Ty has written three books including his latest book, Life to the Extreme: How a Chaotic Kid Became America's Favorite Carpenter.

Celebrate With Us!

Join us in celebrating the completion of Habitat for Humanity of Summit County's first multi-home development on East Avenue. Volunteers, Homeowners, Sponsors, and Donors are all invited to congratulate our 8 families on achieving homeownership while enjoying a light lunch.

Please RSVP to Roberta at (330)745-7734



June 16th, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Parking Lot of Innes Middle School
at 1999 East Ave, Akron



COVID-19 Update

To our valued volunteers, ReStore shoppers, donors and supporters,

Recently the CDC issued new guidance on face coverings during the continued COVID-19 pandemic. In line with those recommendations and that of the City of Akron and Summit County Public Health, Habitat for Humanity of Summit County effective May 18, 2021 will no longer require a face covering to enter our facility including shopping at our ReStore or volunteering at our job sites if you have been fully vaccinated (2 weeks from your second dose or 2 weeks from a single dose vaccine). We implore all members of our community to be respectful when shopping with us or volunteering with us and make responsible decisions based on your own vaccination status. We also suggest that you maintain social distancing when shopping or volunteering with us. If you have not been vaccinated, we respectfully ask that you continue to wear a face covering to protect yourself and those around you including our staff and other volunteers. We will also continue with no more than 7 people at a job site outside and no more than 4 people at a job site with indoor work. At this time we will also continue our practice of picking up donations for our ReStore either placed outside or in a garage.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 330-745-7734 x 203. Thank you – and thank you for supporting the families we work with to make homeownership possible.

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President & CEO



Congrats Jon! Over 120 Volunteer Hours



Jon earned his 'buddy bucket' after completing over 120 volunteer hours on the build site. 80% of our homes are built by volunteer labor so thank you Jon for all your hard work!

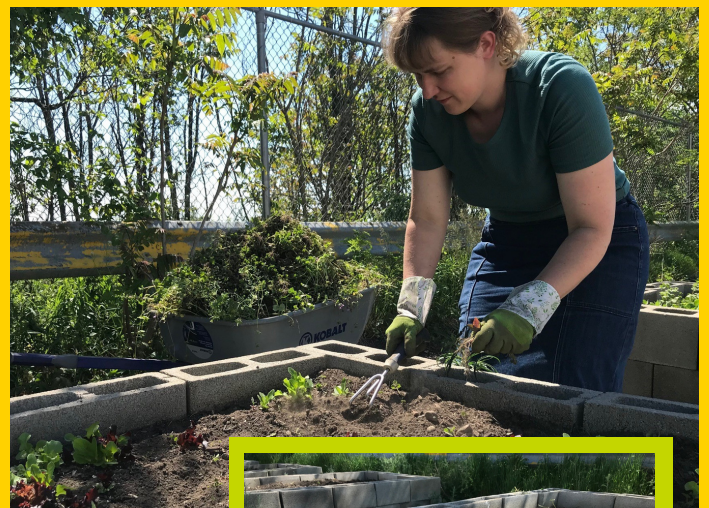


Partner Family Garden

Partner Families in our homeownership program are learning about home gardening, a great way to save money and grow healthy food for their families. They started seeds and have now transplanted those fruits and vegetables into raised garden beds made of concrete blocks on the pavement behind our construction warehouse. Throughout the summer, families will be responsible for maintaining and caring for the plants and will reap the rewards of their hard work when it is time to harvest. Happy growing, fellow gardeners!

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/





HOMETOWN PROUD

\$100,000 GRANT PROGRAM

Vote Today & Share!

BOSS PARK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Akron, OH is a FINALIST!

Kubota has identified 5 hometown projects in need, now it's your turn to **VOTE** for one project to receive the \$100,000 grant

Every vote cast is an entry into a Sweepstakes for a mower or sub-compact tractor that YOU can win.

VOTE NOW  [KubotaHometownProud.com](https://www.KubotaHometownProud.com)

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Ends 06/25/21. See full rules at www.KubotaHometownProud.com



Help Us Turn a Local Boss Park into an Oasis

Boss Park is located in the City of Akron, within the University Park neighborhood which has limited public park space for community residents. University of Akron and Akron Public Schools staff have identified increasing public park space as significant benefit to the community and the wellbeing of the faculty, staff, students who attend school in the neighborhood to create a new safe public park space. Prior to this revitalization effort, the park was a nuisance and safety concern for the community, attracting illegal dumping, broken glass, loitering, rodents, and overgrown grass that reduced the curb appeal and safety of the entire neighborhood. The Boss Park transformation is a multi-year project that began in 2017 and has undergone clean up, painting, landscaping, clearing invasive vegetation, removal of dead trees, litter and glass removal, grade remediation, and soil testing for the next phase, which is the installation of a community garden through soil building and natural irrigation to support the garden planning and planting phase of the work.



St. Mary Parish

340 NORTH MAIN STREET
HUDSON, OHIO, 44236
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St. Mary Parish Charity Golf Scramble

Friday, June 18, 2021

at the Brookledge Golf Club in Cuyahoga Falls
\$80/golfer or \$20/person for the dinner only

Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and The Peter Maurin Center. **Learn more and register at**
<https://stmaryhudson.cc/>



Aging in Place Pilot: Person-Specific Home Repairs and Modifications that Allow Older Adults to Thrive

We are excited to announce that Habitat for Humanity of Summit County has officially been awarded an Aging in Place Certificate and has begun a pilot Aging in Place initiative that is an application of philosophy to our existing programming. Thanks to the hard work of Neighborhood Revitalization Manager, Marissa Little and Development Director, Drew Hall, we have partnerships with Summa Health Systems to complete home repairs and modifications that allow six senior homeowners in the Middlebury and Barberton communities to safely age in their homes from April 1st of 2021 through March of 2022. The objectives of this program are to improve the physical space deficiencies of senior homeowners as well as improve the overall quality of life.

This new Aging in Place pilot is an expansion of our Home Repair program. Our current repair program serves Summit County residents aged 60+ but this pilot offers a unique plan that assesses the physical health of senior homeowners, as well as the needs of their physical structure. The goal of this program is to reduce fall risks, reduce ongoing medical expenses, reduce hospital and emergency room admissions, and make it safe for senior homeowners to remain in their home longer.

Habitat for Humanity International has Aging in Place guidelines made in partnership with organizations like AARP that recommend how to assess the needs of homeowners and what interior modifications can improve accessibility including tub cuts, grab bars, lever style door knobs, nonslip flooring for showers and bath tubs, and

technology that makes the home more age friendly. Our program goes a step further by creating a collaborative care team called CMIT, Care Management Inter-professional Team, consisting of community partners like Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging's Care Coordination Program leaders and Summa Health physicians.

For this pilot, participants aged 60+ are referred from the Area Agency on Aging's care coordination pool of about 400 Summit County residents. These individuals are sent our home repair application and encouraged to apply. All participants must be eligible; the homeowner must be current on mortgage, real estate taxes and utilities, applicants must be within 30-80% (\$76,300) of area median income, and they must have current homeowners insurance. The applicant is reviewed and visited by both our Neighborhood Revitalization Manager, Jon and a Summa Physical Therapist. The CMIT team reviews and discusses an 'Activities of Daily Living Checklist' that helps determine which activities need to be addressed in their plan. Each professional is able to offer their own unique outside perspective when determining a plan of action to allow homeowners to safely age in place with dignity.

We hope to expand this pilot to cover more Summit County homeowners, as there is significant need in our community. About 19 million adults over 65 nationwide live in a home that is in disrepair and is inadequate for their needs and they are unable to access the resources to make these places livable. At Habitat, we understand the positive impact that growing old in your own home and community can have. Together with our partners we are fostering safe, livable homes and communities where older adults can thrive.

To support this initiative, donate [here](#).