



World Habitat Day and Sustainable Living

On October 4th, we recognize the basic right to adequate shelter and remember the power we all have to shape the future of our communities into a carbon-free world.

The United Nations established World Habitat Day in 1985 and since then, every year we remind the world of the importance of shelter as well as the impact it has on the world. Join us in lifting up your voice and declaring that everyone deserves the opportunity for a better future. Remind your networks that decent affordable housing can remove barriers to opportunity, health, and success that may have been part of a family's life for generations.

We all have a voice and World Habitat Day is about using that voice to make a difference. We are reminded that we all have the power and responsibility to shape the future of our communities. The theme for this year's World Habitat Day is accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world. Though we continue to build in cities, we recognize that cities are responsible for some 70% of global carbon dioxide emissions. Let's encourage our community to work together to create sustainable, carbon-neutral, inclusive cities and towns.

At Habitat for Humanity, we build durable, healthy, and sustainable houses. We are committed to taking better care of our environment, our homeowners, and our volunteers. Energy-efficient homes are better for the environment as well as more affordable with lower utility bills. Things like effective insulation, ventilation, and architectural design all contribute to green living for Habitat families. How can you raise your voice in these efforts? Take action with our Cost of Home advocacy campaign. Join us on the build site by volunteering. Share our Facebook posts with your friends and family. Every little step makes a difference and moves our world towards a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Thank you for your support this World Habitat Day!

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Learn more at habitat.org/whd

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October 4, 2021

World Habitat Day

Accelerating
urban action for a
carbon-free world



World Habitat Day 2021

Monday, Oct. 4 | habitat.org/whd

every one

deserves a decent
place to live.

"Any good deed for the sake of others can change the world."
— Habitat volunteer, Shota Taguchi



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Schedule Your Next Volunteer Opportunity

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Collaborative Operating Model Update

We've shared with you our new direct mail and digital fundraising partnership with Habitat for Humanity International. As we head into the holiday season, a traditionally philanthropic season, we want you to be aware that you may be receiving several more communications from us than you may have in years past. Through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity International, our donors and community will have the opportunity to support some very special initiatives as we approach the end of the year, and those communications will have more information about those opportunities. As always, if you have questions about this partnership, or the amount of communication you receive please feel free to reach out to Drew Hall at 330-745-7734, ext. 203.

Tim's Tip

Monthly tips on home maintenance from our Construction Manager, Tim Crozier.

Is it better leave your lawn long or short for winter? It is better to leave your lawn longer for healthy lawn heading into winter, it helps the lawn to be prepared for frost and cold.



Firestone Park



Cascade Valley



Ellet



Goodyear Hts.

Partner Family Introduction: Tawana Bridges and daughter, Tre'Vion Beverly

Tawana is a single mother of three. She is a black, African American woman. She says that she has "had a lot of mishaps in her life due to misguidance." She has not let any of those mishaps define her. She is now an ordained minister and works in a hospital. Tawana believes that no matter where you are in life, God will lead.

Tawana has two sons, Gregory and Ricardo. Both boys are now living on their own. Tre'Vion, Tawana's daughter, is a hardworking student who now has 3 degrees. She has two associate's degrees and 1 bachelor's degree. Tre'Vion is also a coach at Cleveland Central Catholic High School. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree as a Graduate Assistant and Assistant Women's basketball coach at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Tawana heard about Habitat for Humanity of Summit County through a friend, Lonny who is a current Habitat homeowner. Tawana says if anyone is considering applying with Habitat for a home, DO IT! She feels it was an amazing opportunity to meet new people and give back while also helping build your own home. Being a partner family has shown Tawana that you can give back and also meet new friends in the process. She has learned to keep patience. She has found that after every obstacle, there is a blessing to be earned.

The Bridges family would like to thank the volunteers and business partners for their help in this process of getting their new home. "I would like to thank them for investing



their time, effort and energy into me and my family" Tawana recently stated. Through your generosity, you have "changed my life in the ways of balance, gratefulness and most importantly love."

Currently, Tawana is living in low-income housing. Her current home is moderately safe, but leaves her feeling uncertain about her current living conditions. "Moving into a Habitat home will provide safety, security and a place to call home. Tawana believes home is a place where a person can be themselves. It is not only a place where people can lay their head or keep their clothes but a place where you feel warmth, love, affection, and security.

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Now Hiring: Construction Site Supervisor

Are you interested in a career that makes a difference? Working at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County means each day you are building hope in our community. We are looking for a hard-working and friendly construction site supervisor to join our team!

The Site Supervisor oversees the on-site construction process. S/he coordinates the activities of subcontractors and the work of volunteers. S/he is responsible for coordination of materials necessary in the construction of all assigned units. This person must have a good working knowledge of all facets of construction and an ability to work well with people who have volunteered their time to assist



Habitat with its mission. Site Supervisors are hands-on at each job site ensuring the home is built start to finish. This full-time, salaried position works Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To apply, complete an application and send resumes to habitat@hfhsummitcounty.org
www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/careers/

STEPS

1. Take your coffee table and clean the surface. Make sure to prep the area to paint.
2. Next, you will paint the legs with any paint color of your choosing.
3. Once the paint dries, drill holes in the table where you want the buttons to go for the tufting.
4. Then fit the foam to the ottoman. Use 2" foam for nice cushioning. You will want to measure and use an x-acto knife to cut excess edges. Then, use adhesive spray to glue your foam to the table.
5. You will then take your batting and cover the foam and table. Pull batting tightly and use a staple gun to secure to the underside. Make sure to staple the excess batting as well.
6. Repeat the process with the fabric.
7. Thread buttons through the fabric. For extra strength, rethread or use nails to hold in place. For decoration, add nailheads at the base of the ottoman.
8. And just like that, you're done! You just created a new furnishing item perfect for your living room!



DIY PROJECT:

COFFEE TABLE INTO OTTOMAN



MATERIALS

- ✓ coffee table
- ✓ paint
- ✓ fabric
- ✓ batting
- ✓ x-acto knife

- ✓ thread/needle
- ✓ spray adhesive
- ✓ 2" density foam
- ✓ staple gun
- ✓ nailheads/buttons
- ✓ drill

Check out
our ReStore
for DIY
building
materials!

 **Habitat for Humanity**
of Summit County



*Tickets Available
at the Door!*

Tuesday October 5th, 2021 4PM- 7PM
Summit County ReStore
www.hfhsummitcounty.org/buildinstyle/

Ladies, join us for an evening of shopping, wine, food, fun and fundraising to build hope in our community. Guests will have access to unlimited shopping of new and gently used purses, jewelry, and more as well exclusive early access shopping in the ReStore. Raffle tickets will be sold for a wide variety of great gift baskets as well as a 50/50.

Habitat Gear - Beat the Holiday Shopping Rush

Shop quality apparel, accessories, and safety items that also support Habitat's mission in Summit County.

When you purchase items on our online promotional store, a portion of your sale supports our work in the community but you are also helping advocate for affordable housing. By wearing our Habitat logo around your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, you are sharing our mission. Someone at the grocery store may ask 'What is Habitat for Humanity?' giving the opportunity to invite new people to support affordable housing. Word of mouth is a powerful tool!

Shop Here: <https://hfhsc21.itemorder.com/>



***Fellow Volunteer
Thank You***

***Perfect
for Dad***



***Mom Will
Love***



***Easy Coworker
Gifts***



***College
Comfort***



A Prayer for Unity

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit that makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.
Love has overcome. Love is victorious.

- Thomas Merton

Learn more about becoming a Weekly Prayer Partner:
www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/volunteer/



Affiliate Growth: New Aging in Place and Faith Relations Coordinator

Priest Goode brings hope and hard work into his new administrative role at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County.

Priest Goode is moving positions within our staff from ReStore Manager to the new Aging in Place and Faith Relations Coordinator. Priest has enjoyed building strong relationships with donors and shoppers in the ReStore for the past 3 years and he now looks forward to continuing to bring new organizations to Habitat's work in Summit County. When asked what he looks forward to most in this new role he says "To grow. I grew faster than anticipated here at Habitat and if I can keep getting Habitat's message out there, that's my biggest goal."

This role is still being developed but will allow our affiliate to focus on its relationships with local faith organizations. Habitat is a Christian-based organization that works with many denominations and faith groups in the community. We have strong relationships already in place with the Hudson and Common Mission Coalition church groups but we are always looking to make new connections, inviting all community members and groups to support our mission. Along with our faith partners, Priest will be taking over Neighborhood Network's Aging in Place program. He will help build this new program by creating awareness, encouraging applicants, and coordinating those home repairs with our Neighborhood Revitalization Manager.

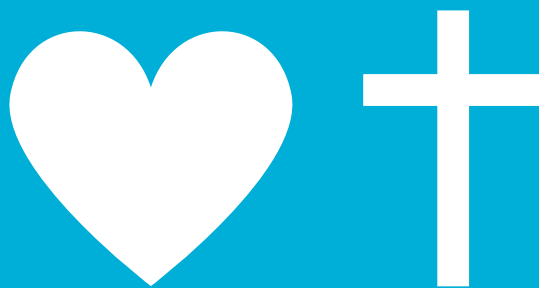
"I'm a good people person," says Priest, "I deal with people no matter what race or religion, any walks of life, people trust me and believe in me. I'm a person who always gives 110% and I always try to look at the sunny side of everything instead of bringing the doom and gloom." We are excited to see how Priest takes this new role to help our affiliate grow and continue to support our community. This position was made possible through grant funding. Join us in wishing Priest good luck!

As Priest moves out of his role in the ReStore, we are excited to announce Maurice Woolridge will be promoted to ReStore Manager. Maurice looks forward to leading



our ReStore into new growth as well. "My two main goals are to turn this store into at least a \$2 million dollar store and to have our ReStore ranked as one of the top 5 ReStore's in the nation."

Juhard Carter, Dawn Freeman, and Charles Wallace have all been promoted to a Key Holder position in the ReStore and we have welcomed two new ReStore Associates, James Boyer and Dominic Stuart. Congratulations and welcome to our new staff!



"I like that here at Habitat everyone works together. This is a job you can't do by yourself. I don't care how good you are, you're only as good as the other people in your team." says Priest.