

Partner Family Spotlight: Meet Cheyenne

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Cheyenne was born and raised in Akron and enjoys spending time with her family. She has a teenage daughter who has special needs. Both Cheyenne and her daughter are animal lovers and also enjoy spending time with their own animals.

Cheyenne became a Medical Assistant at the age of 18. She began to study Nursing at the University of Akron and now is an Office Manager of a family practice. She plans to continue her education and eventually become a District Manager.

Cheyenne heard about Habitat when she was a teenager, however, she had many misconceptions about the program. It wasn't until someone that she knew completed the program that she realized what Habitat truly consisted of. She knew if she set her mind to it, Habitat could be something that she could accomplish one day.

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Being a partner family has done so much for Cheyenne and her daughter. She has learned not only how to be a successful homeowner, but a better person. Learning financial independence from classes offered through the program has helped her tremendously. Also being at the building sites has shown the many things she probably never would have learned had she not joined the program. Aside from everything she has learned, Habitat has made her want to be a better person and has helped her set and accomplish goals in her life and career.

If Cheyenne were asked her opinion about joining the program, she would tell them to go for it. Applying for



this program has changed her life and she would encourage anyone who considered applying to take the opportunity.

Cheyenne would sincerely like to thank the volunteers for their dedication and time working on her home. Volunteers help create the homes for the families of the program and because of their generosity and drive, families are able to purchase a new home. Without them, this process would almost be impossible. She would also like to thank the business partners. Their generosity has made Habitat possible for families who qualify for the program.

Cheyenne and her daughter currently rent a home where they have been living for 9 years. The house they live in is old. To Cheyenne, home is a sanctuary. A safe place for a family to feel secure. A place to gather with people that are closest to you, to share times of happiness, and sometimes sadness. A home should be the place where you can rest, knowing it is yours. Cheyenne and her daughter are thankful to be part of the Habitat program and look forward to living in their brand new home in Lakemore, their very own sanctuary.

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Inspiration from God's Amazing Love

Don't feel lonely this Valentine's Day

The God who created the universe, the most powerful being ever, loves you personally. Try to wrap your mind around that. He loves you — not just people in general, but you as a person. He cares about your life and wants to be part of it.

Even if you've spent your whole life running from God or done things you regret, He still loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.

God's love is unconditional and infinite — far far beyond what even the best of people are capable of. God commands those who follow Him to love one another. Among sincere believers whose hearts God has changed, you can see an imperfect picture of His love.

But even the best at loving others will fall short, and they'll tell you to go to the source.

The Bible is a compilation of the words God gave people so we could know more about Him. The Bible says God loves you whatever state your life is in. These verses from the Bible remind us of God's wonderful, extravagant, amazing, unstoppable and unconditional love.

If you are struggling to believe that God loves you as you are, take some time to think about these verses. You could pray after reading each scripture or journal about one verse each day.

Source: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/gods-love-scriptures.html>



Prayer for God's Love

God of Goodness, I come into your presence so aware of my human frailty and yet overwhelmed by your love for me.

I thank you that there is no human experience that I might walk through where your love cannot reach me.

If I climb the highest mountain you are there and yet if I find myself in the darkest valley of my life, you are there.

Teach me today to love you more.

Help me to rest in that love that asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. Amen.

Source: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/gods-love>

STEPS

1. Remove any hinges and hardware from the door. Wipe down the door and clean it as needed.
2. If you choose to repaint the door, it is recommended that you sand it first. Cover the glass with paper before painting.
3. Prime the sanded frame and apply the first coat of paint. Let it dry before applying a second coat.
4. Create a smooth finish with a coat of clear polyurethane. Use gloss for a colorful enamel frame.
5. After cleaning up the painting process, line up your photographs and tape inside using low adhesive painter's tape. Do this to avoid ruining your pictures.
6. Screw hooks into the bottom half of the door.
7. For support, use wall studs or wall anchors to screw the door to the wall. Drill holes and level as needed.
8. Your DIY project is now complete and ready to hang up on the wall!

<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/build-picture-frame-wooden-door-102922.html>

Check out our ReStore for DIY building materials!

<https://www.photogmommie.com/an-old-door-our-story/>

DIY PROJECT: FRENCH DOOR INTO PICTURE FRAME



MATERIALS/TOOLS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> french door | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hooks (optional) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> screws |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> polyurethane | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paint of choice (optional) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> photos | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> painter's tape/masking tape | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wall studs or wall anchors | |



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February Home Checklist

Keep your home fresh and healthy through these cold weather months with these tips!

- ☐ **Rotate Your Mattress** - extend the comfort and lifetime of your mattress by rotating it every few months.
- ☐ **Clean Out Linens** - pack up old sheets and towels to donate, recycle or use as rags.
- ☐ **Clean Entryway Floors** - regularly mop up melted snow and salt to protect your floors. Keep a few old towels in a basket near the door for quick clean up.
- ☐ **Organize Your Entertainment Collection** - sort through your collection of books, movies, and music to donate or sell unwanted items.
- ☐ **Check Bathrooms for Moisture, Mildew, and Mold** - make sure you are giving your bathroom a thorough cleaning of the areas with excess moisture.

Source: <https://www.houzz.com/magazine/to-dos-your-february-home-checklist-stsetivw-vs-77195883>



WINTER WONDERLAND 50% OFF SALE

February 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2022 Only
Some Exclusions Apply



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How to Budget for Your Home Renovations

Spending extra time at home has you dreaming about a remodel - let's start planning!

So you're excited about your first home renovation project! Maybe you're planning something small, like installing a new kitchen floor. But wait—the new floor will clash with the cabinets, so you decide to update those too. And, hey, while you're at it, you might as well add a gorgeous kitchen island. Before you know it, your \$2,000 dream renovation project spiked up to \$20,000—yikes!

To take control of your home renovation budget, you need a plan. If you want to complete a beautiful renovation without going bankrupt, we'll show you how to create a smart budget and make smart decisions that add real value to your home.

Take time to do your homework to prepare for your project so you know how much of an investment you are committing to. How much does it cost to renovate a house? The cost depends on where you live as well as the cost of materials and labor. As you all know, our country is experiencing high inflation that could affect the cost of materials for your project. **The average cost of a kitchen remodel is \$13,000-37,000. The average cost of a bathroom is \$6,000-15,000 and \$11,000-29,000 for a basement.** Those are big ranges so make sure you know what you want and what it will cost you before you commit.

Get more details on the planning steps on the Dave Ramsey website here: www.ramseysolutions.com/real-estate/home-renovation-budget

Don't forget there are ways to potentially cut down on your renovation costs!

- DIY demolition - Did you know that Habitat for Humanity offers FREE deconstruction by certified professionals to remove and recycle your old kitchen or bath?
- Shop for low-cost materials - Check your local ReStore!
- Hire your own subcontractors
- DIY paint job - Summit County ReStore sells great quality recycled paint that is affordable.

**Save Money & Recycle:
FREE Deconstruction
Program**



Cookbook

Highlight:

Cheese & Spinach Stuffed Shells

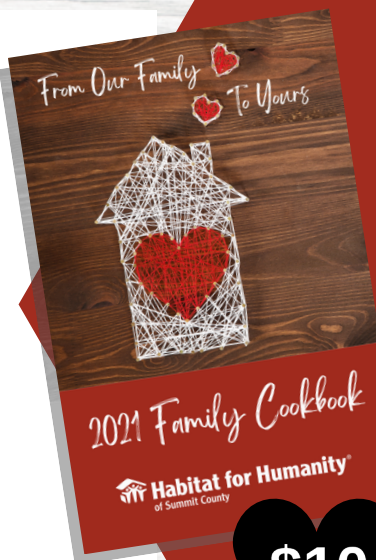
By: Gabriella Gennarelli, Partner Family

2 cups cottage cheese
1 package (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed & well-drained
1 cup shredded cheese
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
20 jumbo pasta shells, cooked
1 jar spaghetti sauce

Heat oven to 400F. Mix cottage cheese, spinach, ½ cup mozzarella, parmesan, and seasoning. Spoon into shells. Spoon half the sauce into a 13×9 inch baking dish. Add filled shells. Top with remaining sauce. Cover and bake for 25 minutes or until heated through. Top with remaining mozzarella and bake uncovered for 2 minutes or until the cheese melts.



Photo from Fork Knife Spoon



Fundraising Cookbook

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Enjoy our favorite recipes and stories collected from our Habitat family of Partner Families, staff, and volunteers. Over 90 delicious recipes including a special section of Nepali recipes from our international partner families!

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Tips for a Memorable At-Home Valentines Dinner

- **Have fun preparing dinner** - Enjoy a beverage while preparing ingredients together, show you enjoy each other's company and don't forget to have fun!
- **Set the mood** - Light candles, make special centerpieces, put on relaxing music, small details make a big impression!
- **Start with appetizers** - Taking the time to prepare appetizers shows an extra level of dedication to creating a special meal.
- **Don't forget dessert** - Plan on enjoying a delicious dessert after dinner, who doesn't love ending an evening with a sweet treat!
- **Cozy up with memories** - Sentimental gifts don't have to cost an arm and a leg. Enjoy old photos and memories together!

Source: <https://money.usnews.com/money/blogs/my-money/articles/2016-02-10/how-to-prepare-a-romantic-valentines-dinner-at-home>



Habitat Partner Family Corner

You are working to build a brighter future for yourself and your family. You are doing a great job!

"Focus on the goals, not the obstacles."

Upcoming Homeowner Education Classes

February 9th

How to correctly install a Ring Doorbell.
(evening class 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

February 19th

Family Build Day: Help paint shelving in the warehouse. Contact Kim to participate.
(9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)

February 23rd

Pets can be considered family members; come learn responsible pet ownership tips.
(morning class 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM)

February 26th

Family Build Day: Help us paint shelving in the warehouse. Contact Kim to participate.
(9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)

March 9th

Learn how to plant a beautiful flower garden from a specialist, Tom Dayton.
(evening class 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

March 19th

Family Build Day — location TBD
(9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)

March 23rd

Learn helpful tips and tricks about investment accounts.
(morning class 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM)

Any Habitat homeowner is welcome to attend a class. Come visit us!



New Video Release: What to Expect Volunteering the ReStore

If you've been interested in volunteering in our ReStore but were unsure what to expect, we have a new video for you! To prepare our new volunteers, we have put together a video with all the important things you need to know before volunteering at the ReStore.

What do I wear? What do I bring? What could I be doing? What is the ReStore? All these important questions and more are answered.

Share our video to invite your friends and family to encourage new people to volunteer in the ReStore.



New Home Dedication Video

Welcome Home Tawana! Watch a recap of Tawana's home dedication with a special thank you message to our volunteers, staff and donors.

