



Four New Builds, Four Families One Step Closer to Affordable Homeownership

By: Kayla Collins, Marketing and Events Manager

Thanks to your donations and support, we have started 4 new home builds for 4 local families. Shalyn and her sons, David and Jeanne, James and his daughter, and Cheyenne and her daughter all are excited that ground breaking has begun on their new homes. Though these builds are just beginning, these families have been working hard in our homeownership program for months completing sweat equity hours and learning important skills through our homeowner education classes.

The process of homeownership isn't easy or fast. Our homeowners are in our program for an average of two years before they move into their homes. Before construction on a home is started, funding needs to be resourced through sponsorships, grants, and other donors like yourself. Rochelle, President and CEO reminds each homeowner on their dedication day "Today is finally your day!" because, throughout the program, families are reminded it takes patience until it's their turn to receive keys.

Habitat relies heavily on volunteer work to offset the cost of labor on each home. On average, Habitat homes require the help of over 300 volunteers who dedicate over 2,500 hours of work. We have experienced many



Goodyear Heights



Lakemore



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Barberton

delays in building due to material shortages and backorders causing us to pause our volunteer work but we are excited to welcome back volunteers this month.

Contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Briana, to schedule your next volunteer day by phone (330)745-7734 ex. 211 or email brianac@hfhsummitcounty.org

Follow us as we continue to build homes for our partner families. We look forward to providing this safe, affordable housing that will offer new opportunities for our four families. Home is more than a house, it is a sanctuary. See you all on the build site soon!



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April 1st: St. Mary Men's Club Lenten Dinner

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dine-in with limited seating or carry out. Call-ahead orders at 330-650-0722, ext. 244 or online at <http://seafood.stmaryhudson.cc>

Now Hiring: Marketing & Development Summer Intern

- Sell 50/50 raffle tickets at Akron RubberDucks home games
- Create social media content
- Event planning for annual fundraising events
- In-kind donation solicitation
- 25 Hours per week, paid

Learn More:



BOURBON BUILD
BUILDING HOPE BY THE BARREL

Habitat for Humanity® of Summit County

HIGH ST. HOP HOUSE
EST. 2017
AKRON, OH
CRAFT BEERS & BOURBONS

Thursday, May 19th
6:30PM to 9:00PM
at High St. Hop House

Learn More

New Bourbon Build Fundraising Event

Build hope by the barrel at this unique new fundraising event to support affordable housing

What's included for attendees:

- Bourbon Flight
- Unique Bottle Auction
- Signature Event Cocktail
- Networking Opportunity
- Fun Event Photo Booth
- Support Habitat's Mission

Hurry to get your tickets to this brand new fundraising event. Tickets are \$75 each or \$135 for a couple. Not able to attend? Purchase tickets online for the bottle auction.





Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

2301 Romig Road Akron, OH 44320
 restore@hfhsummitcounty.org
 330-745-9098

Always Open to the Public
 Wednesday - Friday 8AM-6PM
 Saturday 8AM-4PM

STEPS

1. For your safety, make sure everything is unplugged before starting. Get your lamp and prepare to remove electrical parts.
2. First, snip off the plug.
3. Remove the felt at the base of the lamp. Loosen the nut at the bottom of the lamp and pull the socket/wiring right out of the top.
4. You should be left with a clean and smooth shell base.
5. Next, you will need an 18" round tabletop. For the base, trace a circle onto a small scrap of 1-inch plywood.
6. Using the jigsaw, cut out the base. Then use the palm sander to smooth the edges and match the tabletop.
7. Prime and then paint the base, pedestal, and top. It's recommended to use a paint roller on the table/base and a paintbrush on the pedestal. Spread the paint evenly.
8. Make sure your base, pedestal, and top are painted and dried completely before proceeding.
9. After the paint is dry, glue the base, the pedestal, and the top together with wood glue. Let it dry.
10. Your DIY project is now complete and ready for use!

https://www.lovelyetc.com/easy-diy-side-table-made-from-something-unexpected?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=368315270_11860092_102407

Check out our
 ReStore for DIY
 building
 materials!

DIY PROJECT: LAMP INTO SIDE TABLE



MATERIALS/TOOLS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lamp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood glue |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> jigsaw | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> palm sander |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paint | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plywood scrap for base |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> primer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18" premade round table top |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paintbrush | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paint roller with foam roller cover |



March 2022
SAVE 25%



Excludes NEW items and Arhaus furniture. Excludes all online items. Cannot be combined with any other promotions. ONE-TIME USE PER CUSTOMER. Must show coupon at checkout to receive discount. Some exclusions may apply. Only valid at the Summit County ReStore at 2301 Romig Rd. Akron, OH

Expires March 31, 2022

March Early Spring Checklist

Keep your home fresh and healthy with these deep cleaning reminders

- ☐ **Wipe Walls & Ceilings**
 Use a vacuum to remove dust & use a solvent-free degreaser for surface grime.
- ☐ **Reseal Grout Lines**
 Protect the cement-based material between wall, floor and countertop tiles that stains easily.
- ☐ **Vacuum & Shampoo Rugs**
 Deep-clean synthetic carpets and rugs with a rotary shampoo machine and hot-water extraction machine.
- ☐ **Wash Window Screens**
 Use warm water and mild dishwashing soap to scrub with a brush and rinse.

Source: <https://www.marthastewart.com/267295/spring-cleaning-checklist>



22 Practical Ways to Save Money in 2022

The best time to start saving is right now - here are some straightforward ways to budget

1. **Say goodbye to debt** - Start paying off your debts from smallest to largest to free up your income.
2. **Cut down on your grocery budget** - Save by planning out your meals and checking the pantry. Order online to avoid impulsive buys.
3. **Cancel automatic subscriptions and memberships** - Cancel un-needed subscriptions and turn off auto-renew. Share accounts with family when possible.
4. **Buy generic** - You don't need that fancy logo.
5. **Cut ties with cable** - Average monthly price for cable TV is \$217 per month, try alternative options as long as you don't go subscription service happy.
6. **Save money automatically** - You won't have to think about it or forget.
7. **Spend extra or unexpected income wisely** - It's exciting but don't forget to pay off debt or build up your emergency fund.
8. **Reduce energy costs** - Shorter showers, use cold water with laundry, install dimmers and LED bulbs.
9. **Unsubscribe from emails** - Avoid the temptations of special offers.
10. **Check your insurance rates** - You may be missing out on saving opportunities.
11. **Pack lunch and eat at home** - Average households spend \$3,526 each year on food outside the home.
12. **Ask about discounts and pay in cash** - It never hurts to ask - make it a habit.
13. **Take advantage of your retirement savings plan** - Are you taking advantage of employer offers?
14. **Lower your cell phone bill** - Get rid of extra costs with data plans, insurance, and useless warranties.
15. **Try a spending freeze** - Don't buy any nonessential items for a week - or even a month!
16. **DIY ... everything** - You can learn so many DIY projects on YouTube that will save you on labor costs.
17. **Skip the coffee shop** - You can still enjoy great coffee by purchasing a bag of beans from a local company.

18. **The library is your friend** - You don't need to buy a new book when the library offers you digital, audio, or physical copies for free.
19. **Try a staycation** - Are there local tourist destinations you have never visited?
20. **Use cashback apps and coupons** - Check out Ibotta, Rakuten, and Honey which are browser extensions.
21. **Refinance your mortgage** - Rates are low leaving you the chance to cut years off your mortgage.
22. **Sell everything that doesn't bring you joy** - Take the time to sell the items you declutter from your home, you could make more money than you think.

Source: <https://www.ramseysolutions.com/budgeting/the-secret-to-saving-money>



Top 4 Reasons to Order Pizza

1. You spent a long day volunteering in the Summit County ReStore and need to refuel for your next volunteer day.
2. You are looking for a fun way to share Habitat's mission with your friends and family so you are hosting a pizza night!
3. You want an easy delicious meal and an easy simple way to donate to support your community.
4. It's finally Friday.

If one or all of these reasons apply to you, go to www.donatos.com to order your pizza and don't forget to donate or round up your order to support our mission in Summit County. Donatos is partnering with us now through May 2nd to offer customers this unique opportunity to donate to our local programming. Thank you for your support! **ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**

Participating Summit County Locations:

1710 State Rd. Cuyahoga Falls
3890 Medina Rd. Fairlawn
2749 Albrecht Ave. Ellet
5789 Darrow Rd. Hudson

From February 1 to May 2, 2022, Donatos Pizza is committed to raising a minimum of \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity International. The funds will be dispersed to the local Habitat affiliates near the Donatos restaurant locations.

Affiliate Growth Serves More Families

By: Kayla Collins, Marketing Manager

Thanks to your support, our affiliate was able to grow in 2021 and we have plans to continue to grow in 2022 to help serve more families in Summit County through our programming. From new staff additions, to newly created positions and promotions within, we are expanding to provide a stronger organization. This is all possible thanks to the many partners, like you, who believe in our mission to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

We have 3 new positions including a development officer focused on new corporate foundations relations, a Marketing Coordinator, and a Neighborhood Network Coordinator. Seven staff have recently been promoted within the company including Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Family Services Manager and Qualified Loan Originator, Aging in Place and Faith Relations Coordinator and ReStore Key Holders. We plan to hire some additional staff in the next six months in our construction and home repair program as well as a staff accountant.

Our construction department is now operating under a new structure with each site supervisor managing their individual build projects. Each supervisor is responsible for all project tasks, from ordering supplies, scheduling subcontractors and inspections. This allows them to take ownership of their projects giving them new leadership opportunities. We have built new office space in our construction warehouse for our construction staff. Thanks to Metis Construction Services the space was done in 30 days.

We are thankful for the opportunity to grow both our staff and office space, especially through such a challenging time. Though we were delayed by COVID19, we still plan on continuing forward with our Imagine Impact campaign goals. From April 2020 to March 2026, we plan to build and rehab 75 homes, repair 150 homes, change 1,000 lives and mobilize 10,000 volunteers. **This won't be possible without your help. Donate to support our campaign at hfhsummitcounty.org/imagineimpact**

New construction office space created in the Habitat warehouse for site supervisors.



Welcome these four new staff members to the Habitat staff.



Habitat Partner Family Corner



Ring Doorbell and other Security Systems

By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager and QLO

At Habitat, we have many wonderful corporate sponsors and we are so thankful for their support of our mission. We recently had a homeownership class with a Lowe's employee and licensed electrician who taught our families how to install a Ring Doorbell at their new homes. Lowe's is one of our sponsors who support in helping build homes as well as offering to participate with our homeownership classes.

The Lowe's representative, Belinda, explained to us that the first step is to turn off the electric to the doorbell. We had some questions about how to know which circuit the doorbell is on. Belinda told us to have someone ring the front doorbell while you are at the breaker box trying different breakers. The next step is to unhook the old doorbell and using the same wires, attach them to the Ring doorbell. Mount the doorbell with the screws included and turn the power back on. One of the questions we had was how do we assure no one will take the Ring Doorbell? There is a security screw included with your Ring doorbell that needs to be installed as well. The final step is to download the app on your smart device and set up your doorbell. In order to view the doorbell recordings you do need to have

internet in your home. In order to have Ring Protect, this requires a subscription which can be set up and purchased at www.ring.com/protect-plans. Ring also offers other products such as outdoor security lights, cameras, and window sensors. Ring has a one year warranty and will work with Amazon Alexa's voice commands.

Feeling safe in your home is important. Another great app available is Neighbors. The Neighbors app allows others to share videos, get alerts, and report crime. We have talked about Neighborhood Watches during our homeownership classes. The Neighbors app is very similar. Just last summer, there was a spotting of a bear in Summit County. Through the use of captured videos, people were able to follow sightings of the bear. I have also seen video advising that owners watch their small pets when there are coyotes in the area.

An article written by Drew Harwell in the Washington Post on August 28, 2019 discussed the partnership with 400 police forces and the Ring doorbell. With the partnership, police can request a video recording from a homeowner through Ring. According to the article, the partnership "can assist police investigators and protect homes from criminals, intruders, and thieves."

There are several other affordable security systems including Simplisafe, Arlo, Vivint, ADT, etc. We have to give our families peace of mind when they move into their new home.

Sources:

www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2019/08/28/doorbell-camera-firm-ring-has-partnered-with-police-forces-extending-surveillance-reach/
<https://bit.ly/3h4JTPO>

From Our Family To Yours

Fundraising Cookbook

\$10
each

2021 Family Cookbook

Habitat for Humanity
of Summit County

on sale now!

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!