

monthly news & updates

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Preserving our Earth, Preserves our Communities

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When you donate to ReStore, **you recycle!**

When you shop ReStore, **you recycle!**

When you recycle, **you make the world a better place!**

Through your support of the ReStore, you are supporting our environment and helping preserve the Earth - thank you! Every extra step that you take makes a huge difference in helping preserve our Earth for generations to come. The extra benefits like feeling good and saving money are just extra bonuses that go along with it.

This Earth Day we are hosting a Recycling Event with some great local partners including Summit E-Waste, Ecotone Paint, and Weaver SecurShred to offer additional recycling options for you. Bring your old electronics, paper documents, and latex paint to recycle during this event.

If you donate to the ReStore during this event, you'll also receive an exclusive 50% off shopping coupon to use in the ReStore on that day. Donate a piece of furniture, an appliance, or building materials in person on April 22nd for a coupon to use same day in the ReStore.



Earth Day 2022

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



JOIN US!

RECYCLING EVENT

friday

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april 2022
12pm-4pm



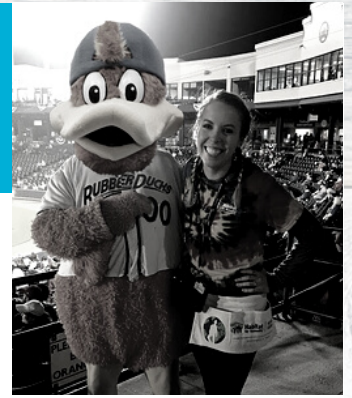
- ELECTRONICS - ANYTHING THAT PLUGS IN OR USES BATTERIES
- SECURE PAPER SHREDDING
- LATEX PAINT - FREE ONE DAY ONLY!
- GENERAL RESTORE DONATIONS - GET EXCLUSIVE 50% COUPON!
- BUILDING MATERIALS, FURNITURE, APPLIANCES

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NOW HIRING: Paid Marketing & Development 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



\$1,300 retail value

\$1,400 retail value



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

Exclusive Bottle Auction: On Sale April 19th

Purchase bottle auction tickets online starting on April 19th for your chance to win these exclusive bourbon bottles & more!

Event Tickets on Sale Now!

What's included:

- Bourbon Tasting Flight
- Signature Event Cocktail
- Heavy Appetizers
- Live Music
- & More!

Buy Tickets Here

\$75 per ticket
\$135 per couple
\$55 DD ticket*
*(bourbon flight not included, mock tail drink available)



\$250 retail value

\$230 retail value

April 2022
SAVE 25%

ReStore
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

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 April 30, 2022

April Gardening To-Do List

Follow these steps to prepare your lawn and gardens for the new growing season

1. Prune Evergreens & Roses
2. Plant Cold Weather Crops
3. Apply Crabgrass Control to Lawns
4. Fertilize Fruit and Shade Trees, Evergreens, Shrubs, Roses, & Lawns
5. Turn Over Your Compost Pile
6. Over-Seed Your Lawn
7. Dead-Head Spring Blooming Flowers
8. Plant New Perennials
9. Plant a Tree!

Source:

<https://gardencenterohio.com/month/>

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Neighborhood Network

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10 year anniversary

How is NN celebrating this huge milestone?

NN is hosting our May Meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd from 6-8pm at Fire Station #2 in Middlebury. We'll be celebrating our history and looking towards the future by doing a small ribbon cutting ceremony at the Middlebury Millstone. NN received donations last year to replace the plaque which is a small win but still very exciting because it is something we can mark off as completed in the Middlebury neighborhood plan.

What is NN's biggest/proudest accomplishment in the past 10 years?

I think being able to say that neighbors feel like they are part of the network is one of the most fulfilling things. Neighbors want to better their community and increase the quality of life and aren't afraid to say it. And if they don't know who to contact or what needs to be done, they contact us, we connect the dots, bring the agendas and the donuts, but they do the work. We give them the tools and support needed. They educate themselves and get in the conversations, and bring other neighbors with them. The fact that a group of people support one another in so many ways is... just so rad.

Where do you dream NN will be in the next 10 years?

Improving the quality of life through asset based community development in more neighborhoods, but never losing sight of what is really important – keeping it neighbor focused and led.

What kind of support does NN need today to achieve this dream?

Marketing / social media coordination, at least 2 full time staff for each neighborhood we're a part of, and grant funding or fundraised money / donations / sponsorships wherever the money may come from, that we can always be an open door for a neighbor that has an idea.

One word that describes the past 10 years of NN?

Can I have three? Trust. Respect. Communication. These three words are really what NN is all about.

CONGRATULATIONS



Kohl Family YMCA 2021 Adult Volunteer of the Year: Megan Delong

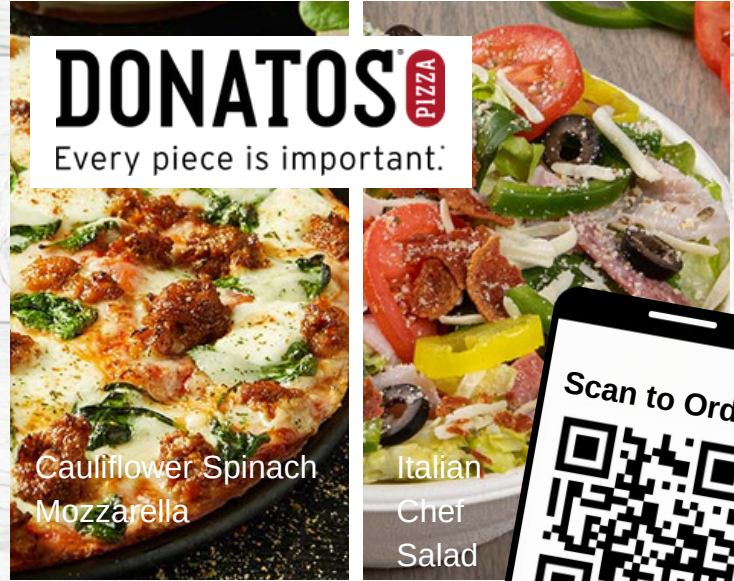
Congratulations to our Neighborhood Network Coordinator on her recent award

Join us in congratulating our staff member Megan on her recent award of Adult Volunteer of the Year through her standout work on the PS I Love You 5K/1 Mile Walk and Festival Planning Committee. She coordinated the 12 Middlebury neighborhood businesses and organizations who each hosted a table that provided a game or resource for the neighborhood during the 5K festival. Megan acquired a food donation valued over \$300 from the local Sam's Club for the event. She participated in marketing efforts, helped the route leader confirm the race routes, and coordinated a door drop initiative building event awareness and invited local neighbors to join in on the fun. She worked with volunteers for set up in the YMCA parking lot and created a specific music playlist that played during the event.

This award was announced during the March NN monthly meeting by Lisa Ennis, the Executive Director of the Kohl Family YMCA and a member of the NN Core Team. **"I am incredibly grateful to be honored for the work that I put into this neighborhood event. Working on collaborative efforts in my neighborhood are some of my favorite parts of my job as the Neighborhood Network Coordinator and I cannot wait to work on the committee again this year!"** said Megan about her award. She was unanimously chosen by the YMCA board to receive this award at the award ceremony planned for the end of April.

Habitat's work through Neighborhood Network as well as our other programming is all made possible by the valuable community relationships like that of Megan's through her work with the YMCA and Middlebury partners. A strong vibrant community is built through the teamwork of hard working local businesses, volunteers, donors, and organizations. By working together, we can all build a brighter future for families in Summit County.

The Most Feared Question: WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



Cauliflower Spinach Mozzarella

Italian Chef Salad



Mariachi Beef



Chicken Bacon Ranch



Visit www.Donatos.com to order any of these delicious options and remember to donate and round up to support Habitat's work in your community. 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.

First Annual Chili Cook-off Winner

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. lean ground beef (80/20) (can also be made with turkey)
- 1 green pepper
- 1 sweet yellow/Vidalia onion
- ½ head or 1 tbsp. minced garlic
- 12 oz. crushed tomatoes with Italian seasoning
- 1 large can red kidney beans
- 2 cans black beans
- 3 cans Campbell's condensed tomato soup
- 4 packets, McCormick's Original Chili seasoning
- 2 tbsps. Lowry's Seasoned Salt
- 1 tbsp. Original Mrs. Dash
- 2 tsps. Oregano
- Black pepper, fresh ground if possible
- Kosher salt
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Food Prep:

1. Finely chop sweet onion
2. Blister green pepper either over an open flame on your range OR under the broiler on high in your oven. Let cool until you can touch it, and finely chop it
3. Mince garlic
4. DO NOT drain beans or crushed tomatoes

Cooking:

1. Heat oil in large pot over medium heat
2. Add chopped onion and a pinch of salt and pepper, cooking until translucent – 5-7 minutes
3. Add chopped blistered green pepper and stir, cooking until very soft – 2-3 minutes
4. Add minced garlic, cooking until fragrant and translucent – 1 minute
5. Add beef (and/or turkey) and a pinch of salt and cook until browned, stirring occasionally
6. Add McCormick's seasoning packets, Lowry's Seasoned Salt, oregano, and black pepper to taste (maybe 1 tsps.) Stir.
7. Add 12oz crushed tomatoes
8. Add kidney beans and black beans, including liquid in can. Stir.
9. Add in Campbell's tomato soup, stirring frequently, only adding until you've reached your desired consistency. YOU MAY NOT NEED ALL 3 CANS, only add until you've reached the consistency that you like your chili. THEN! Add ½ cup more Campbell's soup to make the chili too thin. Stir. Increase heat until boiling, then reduce to a simmer. Let chili simmer and reduce until it's back at the consistency you would like it to be. For me, it took 2 hours, but I would check every 30 minutes to stir, taste, and check the consistency until the chili is ready!

1ST PLACE

Best Chili Recipe



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Hi y'all!

Here's the recipe for my chili! FYI, I no longer measure seasoning, I just have a feel for how much I want in my food when I cook. What is below is an approximation of how much of each seasoning I used. Please feel free to add more of each to taste if you feel like it needs more, and always remember to taste as you go!

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Chili Cookoff First Place Winner, Jake Tancer

Habitat Partner Family Corner



Focus on the Family: Shalyn Downey

By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager and QLO

Shalyn is a single mother of two boys. When she is not working, she is at the baseball field watching her son play baseball. Shalyn works at Summa Health Cardiology. She owns a Husky puppy that she and her boys walk often. If Shalyn has any spare time, she also enjoys playing Bingo.

Shalyn is currently renting a 3 bedroom house in Barberton. Shalyn lived in Barberton when she was young and moved back to Barberton with her two boys. She is looking forward to purchasing her new home in Barberton.

Being a partner family with Habitat for Humanity has made Shalyn look forward to the future. She heard about Habitat from her co-workers. Her boys have said they are getting very excited to get into their new home now that the construction process has begun. Shalyn said that if she were asked to give others advice about joining Habitat she would say, "what are you waiting for?"

Shalyn is so thankful for all of the volunteers that participate in building homes for Habitat for Humanity. Also, she is grateful for the Corporate Donors who have helped sponsor her home. She feels "the part you play in Habitat is life changing for the Habitat Families." She thanks all of the volunteers and business partners from the bottom of her heart. Shalyn is looking forward to owning her own home so that she will be able to pass it down to her children. She is excited to be able to give them a forever place to call home!



From Our Family  To Yours 



\$10
each

2021 Family Cookbook

 **Habitat for Humanity**
of Summit County

Fundraising Cookbook

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!



You Are Building 4 Homes

Your donations and volunteer time are helping build these four homes for local families in Summit County. Thank you for supporting affordable housing in Summit County! Join us as we continue to build these homes providing safe, affordable housing for generations to come.

Continue to support these builds!



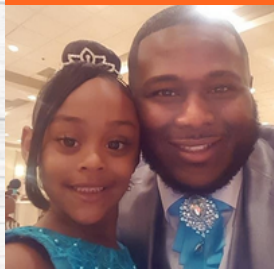
Lakemore Build with Cheyenne & her family



Barberton Build with Shalyn & her family



Lakemore Build with the Dave & Jeanne



Goodyear Hts. Build with the James & his daughter



NOW HIRING: Construction Site Supervisor

Join us in seeking to put God's love into action and bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Learn more about the open position online at www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/careers/

LEARN MORE >



Since 1986...

218 homes built in Summit County

42 mortgages paid off

36 Years of Changing Lives

You support our work and believe that everyone deserves the security and stability of a decent home that they can afford.

Since 1986, we believe that home should be a refuge, a safe place to rest, to make memories that will last a lifetime, to watch children grow. There are many obstacles that Summit County families face making homeownership a struggle but thanks to your support over the past 36 years, we have had the opportunity to partner with families to achieve affordable homeownership. Through the years we know that there is one key to unlocking a brighter future: home.

And that's why we continue to work to break down barriers and bring people together — to tear down those obstacles and build a world where everyone, no matter who we are or where we come from, has a decent place to live. A safe, decent and affordable home can create opportunity and

open up a world of possibility, a world of equity, of fairness, of better health and stronger communities. Together, we continue to build that world.

Each April, our Home is the Key campaign reminds us all of the importance of home and draws on the strength and support of you – Habitat's tremendous community – to help more families in need of affordable housing.

Learn more here: <https://www.habitat.org/homeisthekey>



Home is the key to a brighter future

STEPS

1. First, collect and wipe down your barstools.
2. Next, paint the seat white. Use white chalk paint for a distressed look. Let that paint dry and reapply as needed.
3. Secure your doily down before painting to avoid messing up.
4. Use a sponge brush and paint over the doily. Make sure to not use too much paint at a time or it will smudge.
5. Repeat the process with the remaining barstools. Let the paint dry before proceeding to the next step.
6. The final step is painting the legs black. Use black chalk paint to cover the legs, bars, and underside of the seat. Paint the second layer and touch up as needed.

Your DIY project is complete and ready for use!

MATERIALS/TOOLS

- barstools
- white chalk paint
- paintbrush
- black chalk paint
- doily
- sponge brush

Check out our ReStore for DIY building materials!



DIY PROJECT:



REDECORATING BARSTOOLS



Project from: https://homeonthecorner.com/2018/06/24/a-lazy-look-for-a-everyday-household-item/?utm_source=hometalk