

# monthly news & updates

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of Summit County

## May - Happy Older Americans Month!

Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). In 2022, ACL will be focusing on aging in place – how older adults can plan to stay in their homes and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. The 2022 theme is Age My Way, an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities. Through our Aging in Place program, Habitat helps older adults age at home and in communities of their choice.

Older Americans are one of the fastest-growing demographics in the country – by 2030, 20% of the U.S. population will be 65 or older. Yet, more than 19 million older adults are



living in homes that are in disrepair or ill-equipped to safely meet their needs.

We know that aging in place extends longevity and quality of life, and safe and stable housing and community networks are core to these outcomes. Surveys of homeowners that partner with us show they're mentally and physically healthier, feel safer at home, and engage with their family and friends more.

Safe and accessible housing is a key social determinant of health. As leaders in housing, with our vast network across the United States and evidence-based approach, Habitat's Aging in Place program advances both housing and health equity for older Americans.

**By supporting Habitat, you can help older adults age in place.**

<https://www.habitat.org/our-work/aging-in-place>

## Exclusive Coupon



**MAY 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 MAY 31, 2022

## Upcoming Event: Bourbon Build Fundraising Event



Tickets are on sale now to attend  
Thursday, May 19th from 6:00PM to  
9:00PM at High St. Hop House.  
Exclusive bottle raffle, live music, heavy  
appetizers, and more!

**ON SALE  
NOW!**



## BOTTLE RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale now to win 4  
exclusive bottle raffle baskets. Winner  
must be able to pick up prize in Akron,  
Ohio.



# Be a Good Neighbor

By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager and QLO

At Habitat, we recently started walking in the neighborhoods where we are building. The family and I walk in their immediate block, letting neighbors know some facts about Habitat for Humanity of Summit County and also introducing their new neighbor. I enjoy these walks in the neighborhood with the families and have felt several neighbors have been happy to have this opportunity. Knowing your neighbor can be very beneficial. If you are going to be away, your neighbors may keep an eye on your home. Your neighbor may notice if someone is around your home that they don't recognize, etc. It is also important to BE a good neighbor. So what would that look like?

It is a good idea to introduce yourself to your neighbor. You may wish to take your neighbor a small token such as cookies or a small

bouquet of flowers. Neighbors can be a wonderful source of information regarding when trash night is, what activities are available for your children in your area, or what stores are close by. If you are looking for a church, neighbors may be able to share with you what churches are close by or churches they attend.

Being considerate regarding noise level is important as well. It is best to not begin mowing before 9:00 am. It is recommended not to run power tools in the evening after 8:00 pm. It is also important to avoid large gatherings or noisy get-togethers outside after 10:00 p.m. If you have a gathering, encourage your guests to park in front of your home rather than the neighbors and ask that they not block the driveways of neighbors. If you feel comfortable, you may wish to invite your neighbors to the gathering. This shows consideration for your neighbors.

Keep in mind that not everyone is an animal lover. Your pets are a responsibility. Keep them in your own yard and make sure to clean up after them. Curb appeal of your home affects your neighbors. It is important to keep up home maintenance. Lawns should be kept mowed. Keep trees and shrubs trimmed so they do not encroach on your neighbor's property. Keep toys such as bikes, balls, skateboards, etc. picked up. This also includes putting away tools or other items in the yard. Keeping your yard nice sends a positive message to your neighbors.

When it comes to being a good neighbor, perhaps the best rule of thumb may be as simple as following the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you remember to think about others and what you would want done in a similar situation to you, this will help foster a wonderful neighborly relationship.



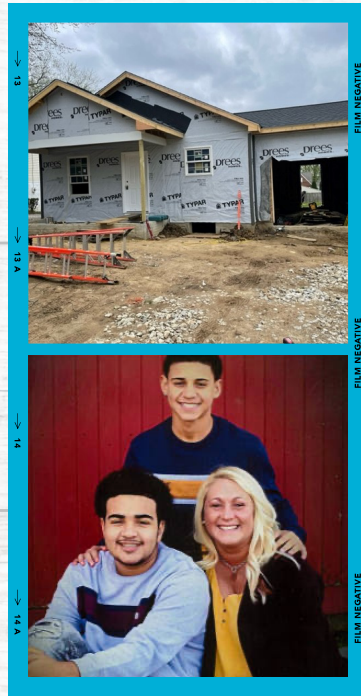
Goodyear Hts. Build with the **James & his daughter**



Lakemore Build with the **Dave & Jeanne**



Lakemore Build with **Cheyenne & her family**



Barberton Build with **Shalyn & her family**



## You Are Building 4 Homes

Your donations and volunteer time are helping build these four homes for local families in Summit County. Continue to support these builds and provide affordable housing for deserving families!