

Congratulations Rochelle Sibbio, Athena Akron Leadership 2022 Award Finalist

On November 17th, President and CEO, Rochelle Sibbio was recognized as a finalist for the ATHENA Akron Leadership Award. Finalists and recipients were brought together to recognize female leadership in the area.

The ATHENA Leadership Award honors exceptional individuals who have achieved the highest level of professional excellence, contributed time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community, and actively assisted others – particularly women – in realizing their full leadership potential.

Rochelle was joined by staff, family, and friends to celebrate her accomplishments. Scan the QR Code to watch Sibbio speak on behalf of being nominated for this award.

Athena Award Finalist

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New ReStore Pricing Tag System in 2023

ReStore provides affordable items, while also raising important funds to support Habitat's mission in our community. We are excited to offer additional savings for customers through a new pricing tag system starting in 2023. Each quarter we will use a new colored price tag. The old price tag color will be discounted an additional 25% each quarter they are on the floor. Keep a look out for more details in the ReStore!



new pricing system

quarterly discounts





New Year/New Plans

By: Kim Kerr, Family Services Manager and QLO

As a homeowner, it seems like keeping the house clean is a never-ending task. Maybe with the New Year, this may be a perfect time to make keeping up with housework part of my resolution. In order to have a resolution that may last past January, I thought I needed to have a real plan to execute.

In setting up my plan, my research indicates that a chore list may be helpful to keep me on task. Cleaning tasks can be broken down into daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, or seasonal lists. I am a list maker so this could work well for me.

Daily chores seem the simplest to me. These things seem to be routine. Things on this list would be making beds, cleaning up the kitchen including doing dishes and wiping off countertops, straightening up the house, and throwing out the trash. I did find on the list vacuuming high traffic areas and wiping down the bathrooms.

Even weekly chores are things that may seem easy to many of us. These chores include doing the laundry (including sheets and towels), vacuuming, mopping all the floors, dusting furniture, cleaning bathrooms, and wiping down cabinets and appliances.

So far, I think my chore list can be completed. The monthly and yearly chores are the chores that sometimes can be forgotten. The monthly chores include washing mattress covers and comforters. In the kitchen clean the inside of the oven, clean inside the dishwasher and clean light fixtures. Wipe down baseboards, doors, and door frames. Wipe off door handles and light switches. This list would also include vacuuming cloth furniture or treating leather furniture. Laundering the sofa blankets monthly needs to be completed as well. I love the idea of making a list so that these monthly chores don't get forgotten.

The seasonal chore list will probably need to be where I can keep an eye on them. These are the chores that fit into "spring cleaning." I remember my mom talking about my grandmother taking a week off work doing her spring cleaning. These spring-cleaning ideas include cleaning out closets, vacuuming or cleaning window screens, washing windows inside and out, vacuuming the curtains, and giving the refrigerator a good cleaning. Seasonal cleaning would also include cleaning the carpets and the heating vents.

For me, setting up a cleaning schedule seems like a great beginning to a New Year. Since some of these items I already complete daily, weekly, monthly, or seasonally, there are items on each of these lists I need to add. I think I may have a great chance at success with this New Year's Resolution. Good luck to all of you and Happy New Year!

<https://www.thespruce.com/chores-to-do-once-a-year-4155351>

<https://www.care.com/c/en-gb/the-ultimate-household-chore-list-2/>

<https://bungalow.com/articles/the-complete-household-chores-list#monthly-or-seasonal-chores>

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Lakemore Build
with **Cheyenne**



Cuyahoga Falls
Build
with **Passang and
Sushmita**



Highland Square
Build
with **Danyale**



North Hill Build
with **Karma and
Tula**



You Are Building Homes in the Summit County community!

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!

Welcome Home James!

We welcomed James and his daughter Zoey into their Habitat home this past December. A huge thank you to Dale Larson Family Foundation Black Homeownership Initiative and the Hudson Coalition, as well as all the volunteers for making this home a reality. James stated, "This homeownership process has taught me responsibility, commitment, and hard work." We are excited to see James and Zoey flourish in their new Habitat home!



New Policy: Three Day Pickup



Summit County ReStore has a new pick up policy for 2023. After an item is purchased, you have 3 business days to come and pick up your items. If an item has not been picked up after the 3 day period, it will be considered a donation and put back on the sales floor.



Resolution ideas for the new year

1. Build a better budget



2. Learn a new skill



3. Be kind to yourself



4. Go to bed earlier

5. Meal prep for the week



6. Create a cleaning schedule

7. Prioritize mental health



8. Plan a vacation

9. Create a workout plan

10. Volunteer



Learn more ideas at:
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/advice/g985/achievable-new-year-resolutions/>

Join our team!

To apply visit our office at 2301 Romig Road during office hours Monday through Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM to complete an application and bring a resume. You may also submit a resume to habitat@hfhsommitcounty.org NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

- Warehouse & Facilities Coordinator
- Site Supervisor
- Home Repair Site Assistant
- Construction Site Assistant
- Northern Summit County Neighborhood Network Manager
- Southern Summit County Neighborhood Network Manager
- Construction Operations Administrator
- Administrative Assistant
- ReStore Cashier and Service Representative

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Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

SAVE 25%
January 2023

Expires: January 31st, 2023

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.

Prayer for New Beginnings

Dear God,

As we begin the New Year, we reflect on all of what 2022 has given us. We find the strength to overcome obstacles and face new challenges. May the new year bring health, peace, and happiness. Thank you God for new beginnings and to see another yet to come.

Amen.

Welcome Home Dave!

This past November we welcomed Dave into his Habitat home located in Lakemore! Thank you to all our volunteers who put in over 1,200 hours of work, our financial partners, and all those who contributed to this home. Dave stated, "This is a dream come true!" We are so excited for Dave and his next journey.



Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Without volunteer labor the increased construction cost of each home would prevent it from being affordable for future Habitat Homeowners. Take the first step in helping to make a family's dream of homeownership come true. Check out our website to see all volunteer opportunities. Visit <https://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/joinus/volunteer/>

Interested in
volunteering this year?

Rachel's Trash to Treasure

ReStore regular, Rachel Troutman is owner and operator of Rachel's Trash to Treasures. She takes pieces of furniture and restores them to their fullest potential also known as upcycling. The images shown on the right are just a few examples of furnitures pieces she has restored. Come shop with her! She is located inside Robert Neal Art Gallery at 3120 Wadsworth Rd. Norton, OH 44203.

Q: How/When did your business start?

A: I started my business in August 2019. It all started when my husband and I bought our first home. So, of course, I wanted all new furniture! We started window shopping at local/chain furniture stores. This is when I realized furniture made these days are very low quality. My exact words were, "I am not paying \$4,000 for a bedroom set made of pressed wood." I started auction shopping and pulling wood furniture off the curb. This is when I realized I could make pieces of different furniture match just by painting and adding new matching hardware. My neighbor saw me working in my driveway one day and told me about ReStore. I was so proud of how nice the furniture was turning out, I posted the before and after on Facebook. Kinda like a kid "look what I did". This is how Rachel's Trash to Treasure got started. Friends on Facebook were reaching out to me asking if I could paint their furniture. This led to me working in my garage, driveway, and home. I took over my home with this business. In April of 2022, I met Robert Daugherty when he opened Robert Neal Art Gallery. He is also a furniture artist. I am now partnered up with him. I do custom work in our studio located in the gallery. As my business has grown, I now mostly do custom work. Meaning a customer brings me their furniture or I can go to their home and paint it, whichever is easier for them.

Q: How long have you shopped at ReStore?

A: I have been shopping at Restore since Sept 2019. My favorite day of the week is Wednesday at 8:00 AM when ReStore opens. I love finding left and lost treasures. It's crazy how I can see a piece of furniture and immediately know what I should do with it. Since I have so many customers, Restore is always the first and favorite place I look for a specific pieces.

Q: What is your favorite project you have worked on? Why?

A: I cannot say I have a favorite flip. I absolutely love what I do! Having a happy customer means the world to me!

Q: Do you have any tips for those interested in upcycling?

A: Tips I would give is do not start your first flip on anything with sentimental value to you. Everything I have learned, I have learned by experimenting. Second, prepping the piece is the most important part. Scuff sand with 120 grit sand paper, clean very well with a cleaner with TSP, then wipe clean with lots of water. Also, once you find a paint product that you like or works for you, stick with it.

Have pictures of before and after DIY or flip projects with furniture you have bought at Summit County ReStore? Email us your images and we will spotlight you! Email us at habitatsummitcounty@gmail.com



before



after



before



after



before



after

Come shop!

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Please feel free to follow me on Facebook @Rachel's Trash to Treasure. I do live instructional video and also answer questions about flipping furniture in messenger. If you would like to learn about painting, stop in Robert Neal Art Gallery. Let's talk paint!