

monthly news & updates

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Welcome Home Ashley and LaTashia

At the end of November, we welcomed Ashley and LaTashia home in the Rolling Acres Neighborhood. This double home dedication gathered both families' friends, volunteers, sponsors, and donors to celebrate their accomplishment of achieving their dreams.

Ashley's home was a Women Build project, funded and built by local women partners including the ladies from the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Akron Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Many of the women who helped build the home attended the dedication to watch Ashley get the keys to her new home. "From one single mom to another, I wish you many beautiful memories here," said Lynda Nowak from Habitat's Board of Trustees.

As the 2023 Women Build project comes to a close, we look forward to continuing the momentum of female homeownership with our local partners for a 2024 Women Build project at our newest Silver Maple Ridge 16 home development. We encourage the community to stay tuned from more updates as the new year begins.

Learn more at www.hfhsummitcounty.org/womenbuild/



Ashley and family



LaTashia and family



white/red tags are excluded from any discounts

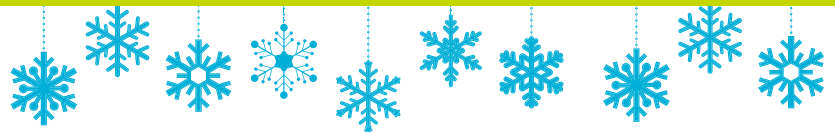
SALE

ReStore
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

Blowout Sale!

save 75% off the entire store*

December 1st - December 22nd



Some exclusions apply. Sale excludes purchase to resale and items marked with a red/white tag including but not limited to the scratch & dent appliances, new rugs, Omaha paint products, EcoTone Paint, Lee Jones inventory. See ReStore associate for details. Offer only at Summit County ReStore located at 2301 Romig Road in Akron, Ohio.

Giving Back this Holiday Season

With prices on the rise, more people are struggling to make ends meet. That means your support is more important than ever before. Even the smallest gifts make a big difference at a financially challenging time like this. Give back this season and donate! Scan QR to donate!



Upcoming events at Habitat December 2023

Wednesday, December 6th
Borrowing Basics with PNC
6PM-7:30PM
Training Room HFH Summit County

Wednesday, December 13th
Partner Family Holiday Dinner
6PM-8PM
Training Room HFH Summit County

Meet Tim!

Tim is a local who served as a pastor in Galion, Ohio. He went on annual work camp trips to Habitat for Humanity build sites. Over the years, he learned many building skills and formed many friendships through his experience with the organization. Later, he helped as a founder of the Habitat for Humanity chapter in Crawford County!

After giving many hours of service to Habitat, he thought of something else he could give - his boat! Tim states, "It is very hard to say goodbye to a friend of 50 years. This friend happens to be a 1971 Starcraft 14-foot boat. It had been a solid lakeworthy vessel that I bought from the first owner in 1975. I have an album full of people who have gone fishing with me in this boat. That's what I love about this boat. Not only has it been a very useful boat, it has been a tool to build so many relationships and make so many friends. It is still as sturdy as it was the day I bought it. It has never let me down. But age and health do prevail sometimes, and it is time for me to let this friend go. I think my friend, the always-ready Starcraft is ready to help again, this time to provide some funds for Habitat for Humanity."

Through Cars for Homes, individuals can donate their used vehicles including cars, motorcycles, RVs, boats, and even snowmobiles to support Habitat's mission in the community. We thank Tim not only for his many years of service and time to Habitat for Humanity, but also for his generosity!



Did you know

by donating your vehicle to Habitat you can help build and repair affordable homes while also helping the environment?

funds raised thru Nov 2023

\$92,055.13

carsforhomes.org

Share Your Story



Stories are powerful. Sharing your family's story could help motivate new volunteers and donors to support Habitat's programming, further helping more local families improve their lives. Contact Sam to help us share YOUR story today 330-745-7734 ext 213



You are Building Here



North Hill Neighborhood with Future Homeowners Indra, Irine, Laurenthia, Farkhod and Manzurakhon, Charmaine, Emily, Stephen and Amber, Donnie and Cierra, and Teazshe



Barberton Build with Future Homeowner, Sabrina

Apply for Habitat Homeownership

We are ready to rehab these 3 homes with the right family!

You are building homes, community, and hope.

These homes would not be possible without all the generous donors and volunteers who support Habitat. Thank you!

FOR SALE





Donations Needed: New & Gently Used Purses & Jewelry

Donate your name brand fashion items including purses and jewelry for our upcoming women's fashion fundraising event, Build In Style in March 2024. Drop off donations to the Summit County ReStore. Stay tuned for more event details to come!

Tuesday, March 12th 2024



Honoring a Life of Service

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County is deeply saddened by the passing of former U.S. first lady Rosalynn Carter, who was a champion and strong voice for affordable, decent housing for all. For more than three decades, she and President Jimmy Carter donated their time and leadership to Habitat each year to build and improve homes around the world.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Rosalynn Carter. She helped open the doors to brighter futures for thousands of Habitat homeowners. Through the Carters' own efforts and their example, the Carter Work Project has rallied 106,100 volunteers to build, renovate and repair 4,417 Habitat for Humanity homes in 14 countries, all while raising awareness of the critical need for affordable housing.

Please join us over the months of December and January by signing your name in our ReStore to honor this extraordinary advocate!



Donate In Honor

Thank you for your gift that honors Mrs. Carter's legacy and furthers Habitat vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Neighborhood Network

December Meeting Recap

Thank you to all who joined us at our last Neighborhood Network meeting of the year! Last night's discussion was about Project Ujima, which is a grassroots community engagement organization that teaches and facilitates Discussion Circle processes that enables diverse citizens to come together, discuss issues of shared concern, develop relationships of trust, discover common ground, and go from talk to action. Stay tuned for more Neighborhood Network updates and ways for you to get involved in the community!





Mortgage Burning Celebration

Congratulations Betty! We celebrated with Betty as she burned the pages of her mortgage after paying off her home this past September. She moved into her Habitat home in December of 1999 and 24 years later, she has paid off her home and is now debt-free.

“This home means everything to me because I was living in the projects. There was always a lot of mess going on. I wanted to give my sons a life where they didn’t have to deal with all of that riff-raff,” Betty says. Her son Keith joined her as she burned her mortgage and celebrated. He grew up in the home since age 14 and is proud of his mother’s hard work over the years.

As we watched the papers burn, we prayed that God continues to bless Betty. We are thankful for all that God gives us, always providing the strength needed to overcome.



Remembering Loyal Volunteer, David Baker

In October, we heard the sad news that one of our affiliate’s Loyal Volunteers, David Baker passed away. Friends on the build site remember Dave always referring to himself as a dyslexic carpenter. We are so thankful for the time Dave dedicated to building with us and our partner families. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave’s family.



Add Your Reminder

Easy, convenient online shopping every week for the 5 hottest new items available in the ReStore. Don't miss out on these great deals. Add a reminder In your calendars to shop every Tuesday from noon to midnight.



We're Hiring

join our team



- AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader
- Southern Summit County Neighborhood Network Manager
- Central Summit County Neighborhood Network Manager

No phone calls. To apply, complete an application and send resumes to habitat@hfhsummitcounty.org

Veterans Discount

save 15% everyday



Must show valid US Veterans ID to receive discount. Some exclusions may apply.