# monthly news & updates

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### Home is Key

learn more here: https://www.habitat.org/homeisthekey

Habitat for Humanity's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We have firsthand experience with how safe, affordable homes change lives and communities, and with worsening racial wealth and homeownership gaps in the U.S., Habitat and our partners are engaging consumers in the work to make communities – and access to homeownership – more equitable and inclusive, and to raise funds to drive lasting change.

In 2023, the U.S. faced record unaffordability, near-record housing shortages and major barriers to first-time homeownership. This only exacerbated the structural and deepseated racial inequality within the U.S. housing market. Systemic discrimination in housing and lending policies is a prime engine of social and economic inequality among Black families, and we must address it as individuals, as organizations, as communities, and as a nation.

This April's Home is the Key campaign reminds us that we all benefit when homeownership is accessible to everyone. Join Habitat in making communities more welcoming to all.

# **National Volunteer Month**

Starting off National Volunteer Month by thanking our loyal volunteers, also known as LVs! We are so appreciative of your hard work and dedication to this organization. We couldn't do it without you!



Jim Mungo – 110.6





## staff spotlight

### **Rachel Stuart, Logistics Coordinator**

Meet Rachel Stuart, the ReStore Logistics Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. Rachel is responsible for coordinating all pickups at the Summit County ReStore and also assists in the store. She has been an integral member of the Habitat for Humanity team since 2015 and will be celebrating nine years with the organization in October.

Rachel has many memories of working at Habitat, but the one that stands out the most happened in her third week on the job. She recalls, "a raccoon had gotten stuck in the trash dumpster, and our volunteer Bob and I put a ladder in the dumpster to help get the raccoon get out. Afterwards, I fed him tuna - I feel like he appreciated it! It was such a funny memory and has stuck with me over the years. Not your usual day on the job."

If you're looking to do some spring cleaning and have items to donate, you can coordinate your pickup at Summit County ReStore. To schedule your pickup today, simply scan the QR code. If you have any questions regarding pickup, please email Rachel at restore@hfhsummitcounty.org or call 330-745-7734, extension 207. Note that donors must provide a phone number when scheduling a pickup; otherwise, Habitat will not be able to accept your donations. Thank you!

### **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



Silver Maple Ridge

### Excavating has begun! More updates to come! Stay TUNED......









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! Apply for Habitat Homeownership We are ready to rehab these 3 homes with the right family!









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- Home Repair Site Assistant
- Home Repair and Rehab Site Lead
- ReStore Associate & Truck Ambassador
- AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader

To apply, visit our office Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to complete an application and submit a resume. To view job descriptions scan the QR code. You may also submit a resume to habitat@hfhsummitcounty.org **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!** 



### Habitat for Humanity of Summit County receives BRAad Award

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County was recently honored with a BRAaD award from the Home Builders Association of Portage and Summit County. The BRAaD awards recognize excellence in the building, remodeling, architecture, and design industries. It was a great achievement for our organization to receive the Green Award for building a home that is under 2,500 sq. ft. The build site was skillfully managed by Site Supervisor Jon Murkins, with assistance from Site Assistants Todd Newnham and Joe Csernyik!





We are proud to support veterans! We are proud to serve Summit County veterans who have sacrificed for our country. Through our partnership with Owens Corning, veterans receive donated roofing and labor for their home repair. Scan the QR to learn more!



# buy pizza to build homes

Round up to donate when ordering your online Donatos Pizza at participating locations in Summit County to build affordable housing.

From February 5th through April 28, 2024, customers can round up or donate when they order online to support Habitat. There are 4 local Summit County locations that will help our affiliate, listed on the right. Plus \$1 per Peanut Butter Frosted Chocolate cookie sold will also be donated to local affiliates.

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# **Neighborhood Network Updates:**



Stay tuned for our May meeting!







Contact Jessica Goldbourn -at 330.745.7734 x255

### Need help with a home repair? Apply toay!



- Window and Door Replacement
- Porch Repair

DONATOS

Every piece is important

- Ramp Installation
- Installation of Interior Accessibility Aids
- & MORE!

Grant funding up to \$2,000 available for some eligible projects. To apply and review all details, call us or scan the QR code to visit online at hfhsummitcounty.org





women's fashion fundraising event

# Over \$14,000 raised by over 110 women!

### Thank You Ladies!

Our March Build In Style, women's fashion and fundraising event supported future homeowner Emily. She is so excited to have the support of so many local women to help her family achieve their dreams of affordable homeowners.

Save the Date

March 11th,

2025

25% off

blue tags

#### Wednesday, April 10th Akron Pest Control 6PM-7PM

Training Room HFH Summit County Wednesday, April 17th Utilities. Credit & Consumer Protection

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Friday, April 19th ReStore Recycles- An Earth Day Recycling Event 12PM-4PM Habitat for Humanity of Summit County 2301 Romig Rd.

Upcoming events at Habitat

Wednesday, April 24th Financial Fitness \*required class must attend 7/9 classes 6PM-7:30PM Training Room HFH Summit County

### Veterans Discount save 15% everyday

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

# Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

# 2024 pricing system

#### white/red tags are excluded from any discounts



# EVERY WEDNESDAY

ReStore.

Some exclusions apply. Valid only on Wednesdays from April 1st through May 31st. See ReStore associate for details. Offer only at Summit County ReStore located at 2301 Romig Road in Akron, Ohio.

### April, May, June >>>>> pink tags

50% off purple tags

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75% off green tags

### Share your creative up-cycled & repurposed ReStore projects with us!

### SCAN OR EMAIL US

kaylac@hfhsummitcounty.org



Looking for your next creative idea at the ReStore? Check out our new DIY flip project ideas; these flyers are available near the ReStore front counter.