# **monthly** news & updates

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#### Wanda's Mortgage Burning

#### Paying off her mortgage!

Way to go, Wanda! Wanda paid off her mortgage and now owns her home in full! Wanda states, "I feel so blessed. I was the first person in my family to become a homeowner and now just paying if off, my whole family was just so proud of me. Having my family see me make it after all these years, and finally owning my home was a big, big accomplishment." Join us in congratulating Wanda on achieving her dreams!

## staff spotlight

### Introducing our new staff!

We are excited to announce the addition of 7 new staff members to expand our Construction/Home Repair & Rehab team! Meet Home Repair and Rehab Site Leads, Rick Smith, Ray Gates, and Paul Derhammer.

Additionally, we are excited to introduce our Site Assistants: Aiden Dixon, Devon Thompson, Hailey Chetner, and Cole Selders who will be assisting our Site Leads and Site Supervisors. Hailey, Aiden, and Devon are recent graduates of Towpath Trail High School and are now helping the Construction & Home Repair staff full-time.

It's very exciting to watch our team grow! Make sure to give a warm welcome to our newest staff members!

## East Akron Neighborhood Reborn

Last month, our staff participated in the East Akron Neighborhood Reborn Event. During this volunteer day, our staff and volunteers completed home repairs, provided landscaping assistance, installed solar powered security lights, and made public space improvements. This event took in the East Akron area. We would like to express our gratitude to Summit County Public Health and all our funders for making this event possible. Stay tuned for our next Neighborhood Reborn event coming to Cuyahoga Falls!



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**Paul Derhammer** 











Apply for Habitat Homeownership

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

Thank you to Towpath Trail High School for helping with this project! Homeowner application available online or pick up at our offices.

Affordable

environment

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Homeownership

fostering child development providing a healthy, safe

investing in a brighter future encouraging community

more than a house



## **Neighborhood Network Updates**

### **Trash pickups in Summit County!**

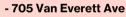
Every week, our Neighborhood Network team goes out in the community to pick up trash, helping to clean up our neighborhoods. They are first targeting neighborhoods where we are currently working on construction projects. The first few weeks they have visited the streets where we are working on Preserve a Home rehab projects.

When we build or rehab a home in the community, our goal is to not only provide an affordable, safe home for a single family, but to also have a positive impact on the community as a whole. When the community works together to invest in one home at a time, the value of the entire neighborhood rises.

We are dedicated to not only building homes but also building community and hope. We are invested in building trust with neighbors and working together to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

#### Little Library East Akron Locations

Check out these little libraries located around East Akron. Stop on by and take a book and leave some for your neighbors to read! Thanks to our Neighborhood Network team for stocking up on some fun books!



- Arlington Church of the Nazarene on Lindsey
- EANDC/Let's Grow Akron Community Garden Chittenden





Steve, Jim, and Michael are Habitat Heroes! Watch their story on our Youtube page! voutube.com/ @hfhsummitcounty/videos

# HABITAT HEROE

Habitat

Meet the Loyal Volunteers Steve Lux, Jim Mungo, & Michael Juppe

# June 2024

Wednesday, June 5th **Partner Family Class Neighborhood Network Overview** 6PM-7PM **Training Room HFH Summit County** 

Wednesday, June 12th **Partner Family Class Fire Safety** 6PM-7PM **Training Room HFH Summit County** 

Wednesday, June 26th **Partner Family Class Financial Fitness** \*required class must attend 7/9 classes 6PM-7:30PM **Training Room HFH Summit County** 

### **Volunteers Needed Cuyahoga Falls Neighborhood**

We are looking for passionate neighbors who are eager to make a positive impact in their community! No experience necessary!

#### Walk Audit Volunteer Sessions

real improvements on your

For all those who attend an session!

neighborhood!

FREE

SCAN ME

gift card

Attend this guick info and training session with your fellow neighbors to learn about walk audits: what they are, and how your participation can turn into

20 JUNE

Walk Audit Training Session 1 6PM at Preston Park

No experience necessary! Please bring your own lawn chair

25 JUNE

Walk Audit Training Session 2 11AM at Preston Park

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#### Things you will learn & achieve:

- efficiently advocate for community improvements
- collect the data needed to make a change
- submit data to local leaders, asking for action
- see positive results in your community

For questions contact Jessica Goldbourn at jessicag@hfhsummitcounty.org or 330-745-7734 ext 255.





#### 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





