

# Homefront

Newsletter

**It all  
begins  
with  
home**



## **Our Vision:**

A world where everyone has  
a decent place to live.



Lake-Geauga  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

# Homes, communities and hope.



**Families need affordable housing more than ever, so we're building more than ever.**

As a grassroots Christian ministry, we partner with families who need a hand up not a hand out, through decent, affordable housing. Future homeowners invest "sweat equity" hours by completing courses in financial literacy, home maintenance, and personal development, and building their home and the homes of other families.

Donors contribute the financial resources that help Habitat purchase building materials while volunteers build side-by-side with

future homeowners. When homes are complete, they're sold with 0% interest mortgages.

As the need for affordable housing grows, Habitat has grown. While we're known for building homes, we also restore, and, repair. At the end of the day, Habitat for Humanity is all about bringing people together to strengthen communities and offer hope to families through a decent, affordable place to call home.

**Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.**



Volunteer and Services Opportunities



Homeowner and Community Education



New Home Construction



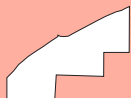
Affordable Home Advocacy



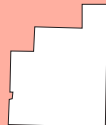
Home Repair Projects



Job Creation Partnerships



Lake County



Geauga County

# 96 houses

Since 1987, we've built and rehabbed 96 homes, helping hundreds of individuals and children through the power of decent, affordable housing.

# Zero

Habitat homes are not given away. Every family who partners with Habitat for Humanity will purchase their home with an affordable, 0% interest mortgage.

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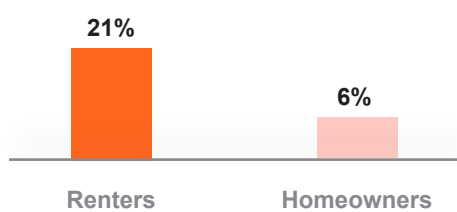


# The need has never been greater.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

Homeownership offers families stable housing costs because mortgage payments on fixed-rate loans don't increase, unlike rents. Since much economic inequality is rooted in the racial gap in homeownership rates, it is critical to launch a renewed effort to boost the U.S. homeownership rates among people who have been shut out of this important means of building wealth.

Households spending half or more of their income on housing in Ohio



# The journey home.

## HOW HABTAT FAMILIES BUILD

The path to homeownership with Habitat for Humanity is a process, but it's well worth the investment. When families partner with us to build and purchase their homes, they commit to a process that takes time, but ultimately builds a strong foundations for the future.

- 1 Meet eligibility requirements and apply for the program.
- 2 Complete the application process and get accepted.
- 3 Complete 300 of hours of education and sweat equity.
- 4 Build or renovate their future home.
- 5 Purchase the home with a 0% interest mortgage.
- 6 Maintain and pay off the home over time.

Habitat homes are not free gifts for families. Each family builds then purchases their home with an affordable 0% interest mortgage.



## Build with Habitat.

We need your financial support to do more. Scan the code or visit [Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/donate](https://Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/donate) to make a gift that helps Habitat build hope with more families – when home matters more than ever.

# How we build a home

**House Sponsorships**  
Churches, businesses, organizations, and people like you invest financial gifts and volunteer labor.

**ReStore Proceeds**  
When people donate and shop at the ReStore, they help generate funds that help build every Habitat home.

**House Payments**  
Habitat families pay their 0% interest mortgages and help fund even more Habitat homes.

**In-Kind Donations**  
Businesses, organizations, and individuals donate goods and services to save on building costs.



# Welcome Home.

*'Having a Habitat home has changed our lives! My kids now have a safe space where they are free to move about. I see a change in them. They are happier, have a greater sense of stability and are less burdened having a place to call home.'*

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Learn more about applying for a home with Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity. Visit [Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org](https://Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org)  
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When Mariza learned about Habitat for Humanity she felt a glimmer of hope that homeownership and an opportunity for a brighter future was in reach. A widowed, solo parent in need of housing, Mariza was running out of options.

It took a village to complete the homeowner requirements. Family pitched in to swing hammers, or paint walls to help Mariza with sweat equity hours.

An outpouring of love from an army of volunteers, giving generously of their time and

talents, gave Mariza an up close and personal view of Habitat's mission in motion. Mariza and her four children moved into their Habitat home in January 2022.

Now, Mariza and her children have a safe, affordable home that offers them an opportunity to thrive and build a brighter future. She no longer must choose between rent or paying a utility bill. Mariza is filled with hope and her home is filled with love, right down to their newest addition to their family, their fur-baby, Rosie!



# Reduce. Reuse **THE STORE THAT** ReStore **BUILDS HOMES.**



Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity ReStore is much more than just a place to find great deals on furniture, appliances, home decor, and building materials.

ReStore is all about building homes with local families while building a stronger local community. When you donate and shop at ReStore, you're starting a chain reaction of community investment that will make a real and lasting difference. When you shop, you get a great deal. When you donate, you make a big impact through affordable housing. That's why we say ReStore is the store that builds homes. Learn more at

[Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/restore](http://Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/restore).

## We need your stuff.



Drop off your items or schedule a **FREE** pickup.

Scan the code, call 440.226.3212, or visit **Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/restore** to give a new purpose to your unneeded home goods and building materials at ReStore in Eastlake.

## You donate stuff, Habitat builds homes.

### HOW UNNEEDED ITEMS MEET NEEDS

- ▶ Antiques
- ▶ Appliances
- ▶ Books
- ▶ Building Materials
- ▶ Cabinets
- ▶ Vanities
- ▶ Dishware and Glasses
- ▶ Doors
- ▶ Electrical Items
- ▶ Flooring
- ▶ Furniture
- ▶ Hardware
- ▶ Home Décor
- ▶ Housewares
- ▶ Lawn & Garden
- ▶ Light Fixtures
- ▶ Plumbing Materials

**AND  
MUCH  
MORE!**



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You donate home goods and building materials to ReStore. **FREE** pickup is available.

Items are sold to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

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Proceeds build decent, affordable housing with local families in need.



## Generosity makes a Difference

### HOW HABITAT FAMILIES BUILD

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity wishes to thank Crile Hardware and Joughin Hardware for their donations of paint and supplies to complete our most recent builds in Painesville. While both businesses are situated in Lake County and have been serving customers – collectively – for more than 200 years, the items donated from Joughin Hardware had special meaning for owner, Doug Wilbur.

*"I am happy to donate paint supplies to assist with the Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity home build. One of my employees is a Habitat homeowner and I know how much having an affordable home changed their life."*

Thanks again to Crile and Joughin Hardware. Your generosity makes a difference!

# 417 TONS

Total amount diverted from  
landfills



# community update



Look for our  
spring mailer  
and sign up to  
support our  
mission.

In Ohio,

**1 IN 9 HOUSEHOLDS**  
spend more than half of their  
income on housing.

Make the cost of home something we can all afford.

# GIVING TUESDAY

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On November 30, 2021, the whole world united for a celebration of generosity. Whether it was making someone smile, helping a neighbor out, or showing up for an issue you care about, on GivingTuesday you transformed the way we think about and act on giving all year long.

At Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity, we build strength, stability and independence in both Lake and Geauga counties by partnering with families and helping them achieve homeownership. Through your generosity, we exceeded our GivingTuesday goal and raised \$7,969.72 to advance our mission and promote the social movement to provide affordable housing in the communities where we live, work, and play.  
Thank you!



# construction update



**AVERY  
DENNISON®**



"I am really proud to work for a company like Avery Dennison that gives back to the community. It's especially great to see the impact we are able to make right here in Lake County where we have many of our plants."

— Jon Switzer, Avery Dennison

Learn more about partnering with Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity. Visit [Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org](https://Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org)



## The journey home

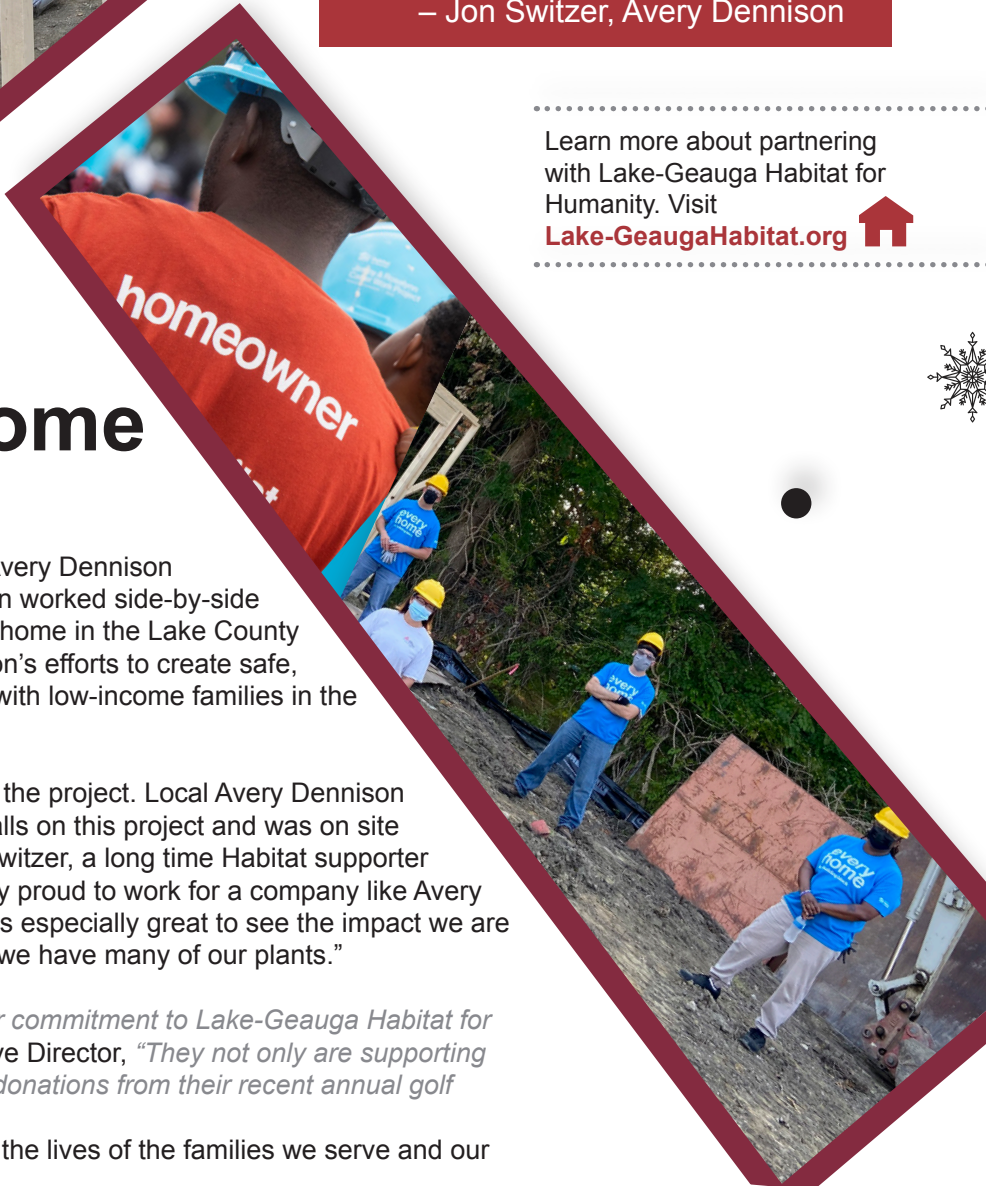
### TAKES A COMMUNITY

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity and local Avery Dennison volunteers, and the Avery Dennison Foundation worked side-by-side with a Habitat partner family to help build their home in the Lake County area. This new home continues the organization's efforts to create safe, decent, and affordable housing in partnership with low-income families in the Lake and Geauga County area.

Avery Dennison donated funds to help finance the project. Local Avery Dennison volunteers joined the effort to help raise the walls on this project and was on site helping during the construction process. Jon Switzer, a long time Habitat supporter going back to his college days said, "I am really proud to work for a company like Avery Dennison that gives back to the community. It's especially great to see the impact we are able to make right here in Lake County where we have many of our plants."

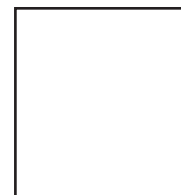
*"We are so thankful to Avery Dennison for their commitment to Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity," says Jim Thie, now former Executive Director, "They not only are supporting our current build, but we were the recipient of donations from their recent annual golf outing."*

This support makes an incredible difference in the lives of the families we serve and our ability to fulfill our mission."





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# Want to do more?



## Individual Donation

No amount is too small! To give immediately from your phone, text **EVERYONE** to 44321 and follow the prompts. Or call **440.226.3000**.



## Corporate Donation

We partner with companies large and small to help eliminate substandard housing and improve our communities.



## Sponsor a Build

A win-win for your company: A team building day, with a chance to do good. Call us at **440.226.3000** to learn more.



## Spread the Word!

Tell your friends and family about the great work we are doing here in Lake and Geauga Counties.

