

Homefront Newsletter



Lake-Geauga
Habitat
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Spring 2021

We're Ready! Are You?

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We're breaking ground
this spring in
Painesville, Ohio!

Our Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live

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letter
 from the
**executive
 director**



Dear friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year! I have exciting news to share with you in this issue.

First, we are launching our first vitural fundraiser, Framing the Future, on April 24th, 7:00 p.m. COVID has changed a lot of things for everyone and this virtual event is no exception. I ask you to join us for a well rounded hour of music, silent auctions, a special fundraiser geared towards our next builds, and a Q&A with me. You'll find everything you need in the pages to follow.

Secondly, we will be breaking ground on new homes in Painesville, Ohio. I am thrilled to be building in Painesville again and look forward to meeting you on the build site this year.

This project will be lead by our newly hired construction manager, Steve Kandrach. The very next page will share a bit about Steve and the upcoming builds. Please join me in welcoming him to our team.

Finally, as always, we can not do this without you! As you find yourself doing some spring cleaning, please keep our ReStore in mind as place to donate. To see a list of what we can accept visit Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/ReStore. Once there, you will be able to request a pick up of your gently used items.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year and sharing it with you!

Be well.

Jim Thie, Executive Director
 Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity



We're breaking ground this spring in Painesville, Ohio!



We're Ready! Are You?

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity continues to push forward during these ever changing and challenging times. We will be breaking ground on Stage and Lexington Avenue in Painesville, Ohio this spring. A lot of what we do depends on the surrounding communities, business partners and our volunteers. If you would like to be involved with our mission, visit LakeGeaugaHabitat.org for more information or send us a message at info@LakeGeaugaHabitat.org.

How you can help

- Sponsor a Team Build
- Volunteer with us on a build site or at our ReStore
- Attend one of our fundraisers for our future families
- Financially support our builds through a donation or House Sponsorship

Meet Steve Kandrach

We welcome Steve as our new construction manager who joined us this month. Steve has 30 + years in the construction industry, which includes safety and extensive training.

He is a proud member of I.B.E.W. Local #38 and a member of Knights of Columbus #310 & a 4th degree Sir Knight at assembly #800. Please Welcome Steve!



Giving Local Stays Local!

When you donate to Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity, you are directly investing in your community. We couldn't do our work without you. And why would we?

We're stronger together.

DONATE NOW



FRAMING THE FUTURE

JOCKEYS AND JULEPS

the race to build

April 24, 2021

Framing the Future 2021: Jockeys and Juleps - the race to build is an opportunity to learn more about Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity's commitment to providing decent,affordable housing for our neighbors in Lake and Geauga county. Guests will also learn how they can play a role in moving our mission forward and help us bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

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PRESENTING

DREAMBUILDER

FUTURE FRAMER

GOLD

SILVER

**SPONSORS RECEIVE A FREE GIFT TO
USE THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT!**

**How are we going to pull this off?
so you don't miss it do these things**



Like our affiliate Facebook page
(@Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity) to see the
event.

If you want to attend or bid on our auction items, email
Samantha Fisher at
SFisher@lakegeaugahabitat.org or visit
Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/fff to register!

Registration is free of charge.

What to expect

Though this year's annual signature event looks different, our guests and sponsors will still have the event experiences through:

**a silent auction
a virtual gala with
a full program
the call to the heart
musical entertainment
from a local band**

*Have You
Registered?*



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REGISTER NOW

DIY UpCycle It!

*You Never Know
What You'll Find
at the ReStore!*



Project: Candle Tray

Before: Vintage Mirror

Past-prime mirrors are a dime a dozen at thrift stores and yard sales alike. Pick one up at ReStore and transform it into a centerpiece for your coffee table. Hey, we might have the coffee table too.

After: Candle Tray

A delicate candle tray will look so chic in any farmhouse, boho, or traditional home.

DONATE - SHOP - VOLUNTEER
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Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org 440-226-3212



**For donation pickups,
items must be placed
outside or in your garage.**

Call now to schedule
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Drivers are practicing social distancing and not permitted to enter homes. Please do not approach the drivers.

Do you get our weekly emails?



We send out weekly emails with highlights of new merchandise and previews of our new inventory. **Sign up today!**

Sign Up on our website
Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/ReStore

Schedule a Safe, Free, Friendly Pick-Up Now

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Find your next Upcycle Project at the ReStore



Declutter with Habitat ReStore

Spring Cleaning Checklist

Bedroom

🏠 Surfaces

Examine items on all flat surfaces – the tops of dressers and nightstands, for example – and make sure they all are something you use regularly.

🏠 Closet

Take a close look at your clothes and shoes. A good rule of thumb is that if you haven't worn it in a year, you probably won't wear it again.

🏠 Under the bed

You never know what's accumulated under there – *and it's time to find out.*

Kitchen

🏠 Cabinets

Perform a thorough cabinet sweep. Match containers and lids. Take stock of the dishes you need (and those you don't). Remove expired items and be sure to check that all spices are fresh.

🏠 Refrigerator

Clean out any old or unused items in the fridge and the freezer.

🏠 Drawers

Is the infamous "junk drawer" located in the kitchen of your house? If so, take out all items to assess what you really need.

Kitchen items accepted by most Habitat ReStores
Refrigerators | Other appliances | Small appliances

Living room

🏠 Entertainment center

Sort through Blu Rays, DVDs and CDs and donate any you no longer watch or want. Recycle any empty cases you find.

🏠 Drawers

Go through any drawers to remove trash and other unneeded items.
Shelves
Organize all shelves, getting rid of any unneeded items.

Living room items accepted by most Habitat ReStores
Furniture | Antiques | Rugs | Bookcases

Garage/basement/shed

Everyone's garage or basement or shed is different, and we've put them all together because what we are really referring to is the place in or around the house where extra stuff tends to pile up. This can be a closet, a finished basement, an outdoor shed or any place in between.

🏠 Donation piles

These spaces can seem overwhelming, so start with the easiest of all: donation piles.

You've spent all year collecting items you need to donate, and it's finally time to load them up and take them to the various donation centers around town.

🏠 Categories

Divide everything left into categories and go through each category one by one. Tools, building materials, cleaning supplies, whatever it may be. Check for duplicates and get rid of anything that's broken – throw away if necessary but donate or recycle if possible!

🏠 Reorganize

For everything that you are keeping, organize by the same categories to help keep them organized year-round.

Garage/basement/shed items accepted by most Habitat ReStores
Doors | Lumber | Windows | Tools | Building materials

Other items accepted by most Habitat ReStores

- Bricks
- Pavers
- Doors
- Lumber
- Windows
- Tools
- Light fixtures
- Building materials

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Why I Give –

A Discussion with Jill Zupon



At Habitat it is our responsibility to ceaselessly invite people to join our mission. We are partners in creating awareness and collaboration and we recognize that the motivations for supporting our mission are unique for each of our partners. In this issue, we sat down with long time volunteer and supporter Jill Zupon to get an inside look at why Habitat is important to her in seeking meaningful engagement.

Tell me about yourself?

“I grew up in Bedford Hts., with a family of 8. We lived in an 1100sq. ft home in a middle class neighborhood at the time. Fortunately for me, I never felt how small that house would feel to me today. I lived in a wonderful community, houses well cared for and I always felt safe and taken care of.

I have been married for 36 yrs. and I have 3 children. I was a working mother until 1999, a couple of years after the birth of my third child. After retiring, once my child attended school, I looked for volunteer work with the Geauga County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. I started by helping out with a fundraising event and soon became a volunteer director of Youth United. My passion for working with kids helped make the program a success. By building 11 playhouses over a 2 year period, we raised over \$150,000. I continued to work with Youth United until 2008 to start a business of my own, *The Attention Center*. The center was a behavioral health facility that provided diagnostic and medical care

for the treatment of ADHD, learning issues and Autism. Currently, I am retired with my husband, Larry and living in both Ohio and Arizona.”

What interests me most about the Habitat for Humanity?

“I recognize that through partnership with Habitat, there is a sense of value added to each other’s work. Helping to find or build affordable housing for families in my community is something that is very important to me.”

Why did I first give to this organization?

“I began by supporting my own efforts with Youth United and the playhouse build program. It helped provide a source of revenue for the affiliate but it did so much more – it provided an opportunity for the youth of our community to learn about service and the important of meaningful work.”

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What are the most critical results you expect our organization to produce?

“To provide expert support to families as new homeowners and remain committed to them and the communities we build in for the long term. Also, to make sure we are good stewards of gifts and resources provided to us by our community partners.”

What do you believe would most transform our nation’s problem with affordable housing?

“This is a tough question and one I have no immediate answer to. During this unprecedented time, perhaps consideration of using funds we have to help carefully vetted families with their current monthly payments. Also, just continuing the tireless efforts of reaching out to more partners so we can serve more families in need of that ‘hand up’”

If you had five minutes with our CEO, what message would you share?

“Strive to engage more young people in the mission of Habitat. Parents, grandparents, etc., tend to support a child’s volunteer mission. Through engagement with Habitat young people learn to become passionate for other’s needs, especially in the area of affordable housing.”

NDCL Campus Chapter Update



Our NDCL Campus Chapter has launched their fundraising efforts for their summer project!

What will they be doing? Building a shed for Chris & Danielle at their new home in Montville! To launch their efforts, they’ve held a Coin War and are going to be selling NDCL branded masks.

If you’re interested in supporting them or learning how to start your own campus chapter, email Samantha Fisher at SFisher@lakegeaugahabitat.org!

Thank You!

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Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

Habitat for Humanity of Portage County

Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio

Thank you **ARHAUS** for building homes with Habitat for Humanity.

- 1 Arhaus donates furniture to Northeast Ohio ReStores.
- 2 People shop at ReStore for new and gently used items.
- 3 Proceeds help local families build decent, affordable homes.
- 4 Families purchase their homes with an affordable 0% mortgage.

Thank you to Arhaus for an incredibly generous donation of brand new furniture!

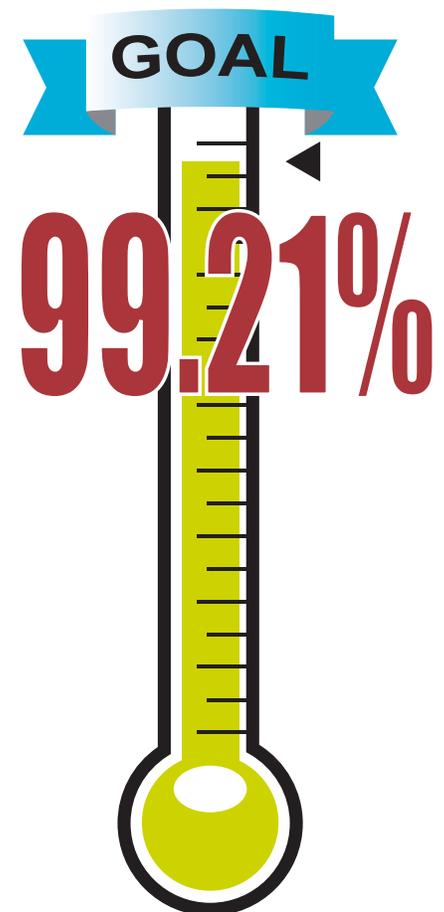
Stop by the ReStore Thursday through Saturday (9 AM to 5 PM) to check out our everchanging inventory!

The results are in

On November 1st we launched our End-Of-Year Appeal “More than Brick and Mortar” where we showcased the story of Chris and Danielle who moved into their Habitat home at the beginning of 2021. Your generosity blew us away as we reached **99.21% of our goal!**

Throughout the last 4 months, supporters donated and shared our mission. As we begin to look forward to new beginnings in the spring, we are pleased in knowing that you, our beloved donors, continue to partner and show your generosity.

On behalf of the families we serve, thank you!





1st Annual Golf Classic

June 21st 2021
Fowlers Mill Golf Course

Event Details

We hope you'll join us on June 21st for an exciting new event!

Fowler's Mill

13095 Rockhaven Rd, Chesterland, OH 44026

Event Activities Include:

Shotgun Start

Lunch

Dinner and Award Reception

50/50

Silent Auction

Golf packages are now available • Sponsorships beginning at \$100

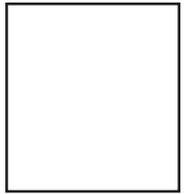
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Upcoming Events

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