

# Homefront

## Newsletter

Summer 2021



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



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**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

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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 virtual 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](http://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



# You Know We Build Homes, Did you Know...



## Our Homes Are Not Free

We concentrate all our building efforts right here in Lake and Geauga County, typically building 3-4 houses annually. Nearly all our labor is donated by volunteers, including 300 sweat equity hours from the homeowners themselves.

Future Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers. They pay an affordable, zero-interest mortgage, along with their own utilities, taxes, and all other housing expenses.

## We perform critical home repair work.

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity's Home Repair Program is a locally-operated program serving low-income homeowners who need help maintaining the exterior and interior of their homes.

The program ensures that families live in safe and well-maintained homes. The program is designed to revitalize the appearance of the neighborhood, encourage connections within the community, and most importantly, help preserve affordable housing stock.



## We have ReStore

ReStore resale outlets provide an environmentally and socially responsible way to keep good, reusable materials out of the waste stream while providing funding for Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity's community improvement work.

## Stay Informed

We know that you give generously to Habitat for Humanity International, but you might want to stay up to speed with what your **local Lake-Geauga Habitat organization** is doing in your area.

Sign up to receive our newsletter and announcements at  
**Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org**

Choose your local area Habitat to impact **your** community.

Email [info@LakeGeaugaHabitat.org](mailto:info@LakeGeaugaHabitat.org) to find out more!

## 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**

# 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.



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

**Call now to schedule  
440.226.3212 ex. 1**

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](http://Lake-GeaugaHabitat.org/ReStore)**

## **Schedule a Safe, Free, Friendly Pick-Up Now**

## **Your stuff can do good things.**

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## **Find your next Upcycle Project at the ReStore**

# WELCOME

## Meet Chad Collins

We welcome Chad as our new ReStore Director who joined us in June. Chad has 8+ as a ReStore Manager.

Here's a few questions we asked Chad to get to know him better.

**Someone you'd like to meet?**

I'd love to meet Stevie Nicks

**What three traits define you?**

Adventurous, Helpful, and Reliable

**What are your favorite pizza toppings?**

Veggies and Extra Cheese.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sale

## August 5, 6, & 7

**Follow us on Facebook or sign  
up for our newsletter for  
exciting details!**

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# NDCL Campus Chapter Update

## Shed Build



**Our NDCL Campus Chapter has completed their very first project as a group!**

They fundraised the dollars necessary to build a shed for Chris and Danielle, the owners of our 94th home! Not only did the students fundraise diligently for the project, they also came out on June 11th to put the entire shed together with four of our dedicated construction volunteers (Jim Troha, Jim Breitenbach, Kent Majewski, and Ken Mantey)!

Donate to help the Campus Chapter continue to complete projects for our families by visiting: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/lake-geauga-habitat-for-humanity/ndcl-campus-chapter>.



# Day of Service



**Before**



**After**

On June 7th a group of 15 volunteers came out to our 94th Home in Montville to complete a Day of Service! We cleaned up flower beds, planted shrubs and flowers, and mulched! Not only did our volunteers play an important role in the day, but all of the materials for the day were donated by generous companies within our community! Thank you to Home Depot, Chagrin Valley Nursery, Van Ness Stone, Lowes Greenhouse and Gift Shop, and Breezewood for your generosity!

Check out the transformation of the home above!



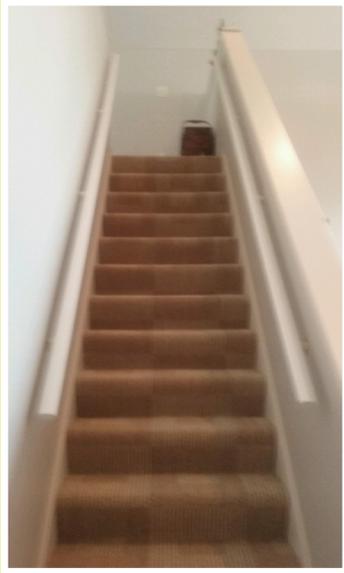


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## Home Repair Program

Our 3rd Home Repair project of the year was completed on June 8th in Middlefield, Ohio. We installed handrails for a family and will return in early Fall to install another one!

If you're in need of a Home Repair or want more information regarding our Home Repair Program, give us a call at 440-226-3000 x 103!

# Looking for Volunteers



every  
volunteer  
helps build a better future



Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity

Did you know volunteering with Habitat is more than just swinging a hammer?

**Call Today 440.226.3000**

# 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.



## Learn more about Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity

Visit our website at **Lake-Geauga Habitat.org** to learn more about our philosophy, our work, and ways to get involved.



## Volunteer

Go to **Lake-Geauga Habitat.org** and register to help out at one of our builds, an upcoming event, or in either of our ReStores.



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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](mailto:SFisher@lakegeaugahabitat.org)!

**Go Out and Make a Difference**  
Volunteer with Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity



**Call Now**  
**440.226.3000**



## Mission Statement

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

*Hello Spring!*  
**Goodbye Clutter**



**Call today to schedule a friendly, FREE pick-up!**



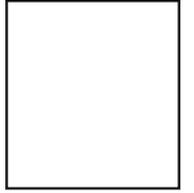
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# *Upcoming Events*