



BUILDING HOUSES, BUILDING HOPE

HOMEFRONT



FALL 2014

Celebrating 30 Years

October 1983 marked the official incorporation of the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County affiliate. With the appropriate paperwork filed, in early 1984, a group of dedicated volunteers launched an unstoppable movement to raise awareness in support of the critical housing issues facing the Centre-Clearfield-Clinton county region of that time. It took a little more than one year to raise funding, secure a property, identify a qualified partner family, and recruit hundreds of willing volunteers to provide the hands-on volunteer labor needed to fully renovate their first home. The home, in Bellefonte, was dedicated in 1985.

Since then, the organization has built, renovated or repaired 60 homes in the Tri-County area, with a specific emphasis in Centre County in more recent years. Additionally, as part of HFHGCC's affiliation with Habitat for

Humanity International, we have helped to serve another 86 families internationally through our annual tithe contribution. That means 146 families served in our 30+ year history!

As we look forward to the remainder of 2014 and to early 2015, we aim to add another four families to our roster and rehab three homes in Patton Township and fully renovate a home in the Bald Eagle area. [Help us achieve our goal – 150 families total – by supporting HFHGCC today.](#)

What Your Gift Will Buy:

- \$25 - A box of nails
- \$100 - A window
- \$250 - An exterior door
- \$500 - Tub/shower surround
- \$1,000 - A stove and refrigerator
- \$1,500 - Roof shingles
- \$3,000 - Flooring
- \$5,000 - Drywall
- \$10,000 - Foundation



Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County. Each year, hundreds of volunteers provide countless hours of service to build and renovate houses and support our general operations and the ReStore. This gift of time saves HFHGCC tens of thousands in labor costs each year, and helps to carry our mission to the greater community. *(continued on page 6)*

HOMEFRONT is an informational newsletter produced for donors, sponsors, volunteers, and friends of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County (HFHGCC) partners with working families and volunteers to build affordable, quality homes and to provide services that promote successful homeownership.

Many Thanks to Event Sponsors and Participants

In the Spring, HFHGCC hosted **HouseWalk**, its non-competitive 5k run/walk. Thanks to event sponsors – Minitab, Restek, Elizabeth Dupuis, CDT, Pizza Mia, The Coca-Cola Company, Foxdale Village, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Warriors Mark UMC. In addition to the walk/run, participants enjoyed loads of entertainment from Centre LifeLink's Linky the Ambulance, Discovery Space, Kids Workshop from The Home Depot, A Step Beyond Massage Therapy, pre-event warm-up with Ki'netik Fitness and music by Scott Mangene.

Next up, HFHGCC participated in the Centre Foundation's annual **CentreGives** campaign. The '36-Hour Giving Challenge' took the region by virtual storm, and helped more than 90 local nonprofits secure funds. Including gifts received and matching funds, HFHGCC's raised nearly \$5,000. *We live in an incredibly generous community!*

And, this year's **Bricks & Sticks** was a huge success! Held August 1 at the PSU Golf Courses, 192 golfers gave their all on the greens.

Many thanks to our 2014 sponsors – *Platinum*: Fulton Bank and CB Flooring; *Gold*: ABC Supply Company, America's Carpet Outlet, Atrium Doors & Windows, Babst Calland, Centre Concrete, Kohl Building Products/ Simonton Windows, Rex Energy, S&A Homes; *Silver*: 84 Lumber, Barash Media/ Town & Gown Magazine/Centre County Gazette, Best Line Equipment, Bricks & Stones Supply/Glen-Gery Brick,

Cisney & O'Donnell, Keystone Real Estate Group LP, Kish Bank, Nittany Settlement Company, PennTerra, Restek, Susquehanna Bank, Urish Popeck & Co. LLC.

Thank you to all for supporting HFHGCC to raise much-needed funds and awareness of housing issues in our region.

Thanks, Valspar!

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County recently benefited from improvements to its own "home."

Thanks to Valspar Paint® and Lowe's Home Improvement (State College), HFHGCC has received a generous donation of exterior paint used to refresh our Administrative Offices, Warehouse and ReStore facility in Bellefonte, PA.

Many thanks, too, to the volunteers who prepped and painted throughout the month of September. And especially to the "Friday Crew," who helped with some of the detailed tasks. Our "home" looks great!



Introducing the Swartz Family

HFHGCC is eager to announce a new rehab project, scheduled to start Saturday, October 18. As many supporters know, HFHGCC took a short hiatus from construction efforts a little more than a year ago. With new people and processes in place, the affiliate is ready to actively work to provide affordable housing solutions for income-qualified Centre County residents, while continuing to support our many existing partner families in their efforts to be successful lifetime homeowners.

We are excited to introduce our newest partner family, Kyle and Cheyenna Swartz.

Kyle and Cheyenna started the application process with HFHGCC after hearing about the program



through their church. They attended a workshop in early 2014, and were excited to learn details. They were most excited for the opportunity to build equity for their future.

The Swartzes have a 2 year-old son and are expecting a family addition in the New Year. They like that they will have something to call their own, and

will have ample space for their growing family.

To volunteer at this build, please visit habitatgcc.org/volunteer/calendar to register.

Welcome HFHGCC Staff

In May 2013, the HFHGCC board announced the hiring of **Jill Redman** as the organization's Executive Director. Having worked nine years with a leading Habitat affiliate in Atlanta, GA, Jill brought a wealth of experience in fundraising, board interaction, and staff management. She developed a strong passion for community development and civic engagement, and saw first-hand how a few committed individuals could change the lives of so many during her early Habitat days. During her tenure, she secured pledges that translated into almost 500 families housed, dozens of in-town neighborhoods improved, 125,000 volunteers engaged, and just under \$25 million raised.

Stephanie Clevenger joined the HFHGCC team as the ReStore Manager in August 2013. Stephanie had prior retail experience, and also served as an AmeriCorps Member with a Habitat affiliate in the Chicago, IL area prior to relocating to Centre County. The ReStore has experienced an increase in sales and improvement in the quality of donations under Stephanie's leadership.

Construction is one of the most visible aspects of any Habitat affiliate's work. **Larry Lucas** began volunteering for HFHGCC in late 2013, and was officially hired as the group's Site Supervisor in September 2014. Larry's carpentry and volunteer management skills will be put to good use as HFHGCC starts a rehab project in October.



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ReStore

ANNIVERSARY Sale-A-Bration!

The ReStore is celebrating Habitat's 30th year of partnering with working families and volunteers to build affordable, quality homes and to provide services that promote successful homeownership.

- Throughout the month of October, watch for:
- 30% discounts on merchandise
 - DIY workshops – learn how to re-purpose ReStore goods
 - Weekly prize drawings
 - Customer appreciation events

OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 - 30% off paint	2 - 30% off cabinets	3 - 30% off roofing	4 - 30% off hardware
	8 - 30% off countertops - gift card drawing	9 - 30% off electrical	10 - 30% off home décor	11 - 30% off tools
	15 - 30% off plumbing - gift card drawing	16 - 30% off furniture	17 - 30% off windows	18 - 30% off doors - DIY: broken tile
	22 - 30% off lumber - gift card drawing	23 - 30% off lighting	24 - 30% off flooring	25 - 30% off appliances - donation drop-off promo
	29 - 30% off masonry - gift card drawing	30 - 30% off fasteners	31 - 30% off WILDCARD!	

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 Wed – Thurs – Fri – Sat
 9am til 4pm

1155 Zion Road
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www.habitatgcc.org/restore



Shop. Save. Donate. Deduct.

ReStore ReStyle

Do you have a flair for design? Can you see gold in another's garbage? Are you the Ultimate Repurposer? The ReStore may be a great shopping destination for you!

Repurposing old into new is all the rage these days, and the ReStore is becoming known as local DIYers' preferred place to look for great old items and parts for conversion into super cute shabby chic pieces.

ReStore finds like old shutters, used windows, weathered doors, and mismatched tiles, can get re-styled into awesome new decorative and functional works of art like those pictured to the right.

On October 18, the ReStore will host the first of many (we hope!) DIY Workshops to help you jump start your own repurposing projects. At 11am, Cheryl Bohn, regular ReStore shopper, will lead a hands-on "how to" session on using broken tile to make mosaic flooring.

The ReStore continues to provide an inexpensive shopping outlet for other home improvement and building materials, too. Watch for sales and promotions throughout the year, but in particular this October.

Regular merchandise includes: appliances, cabinets, doors, windows, lighting, plumbing fixtures, lumber, hardware, tools, and more!

Check out more ReStore ReStyle projects at habitat.org/restores/blog or "like" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/habitat.org) to see local customers' finished creations.



Repurpose a Chandelier

An easy spray paint and tea light makeover that converts old and drab into fun and new!



Old Doors = New Bench

Weathered doors get new life as a unique conversation bench.



Year-round Growing with Old Windows

Get creative when planning for a mini greenhouse! Use old windows to create something special.

PSU-HFH Rent-A-Worker is Back!

Penn State's Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter offers a unique service to State College and surrounding communities. Through the **Rent-A-Worker** program, you can get help for household jobs! If you need help moving, cleaning, raking up those piles of leaves, or just about anything else college kids can do, they are your way to get it done. All PSU-HFH asks for in return is a donation toward their annual fundraising efforts upon the completion of the work.

The PSU-HFH Chapter raises funds to support local house building in Centre County, as well as Alternative Spring Break trips to build homes across the U.S.

For more info, or to schedule a worker (or workers!), contact (925) 324-9579 or pennstatehabitat@gmail.com.



Call for Volunteers (continued from page 1)

You don't have to lift a hammer to help!

In addition to construction site volunteers, HFHGCC regularly needs volunteers to serve on committees, work in the ReStore, and support various special events and community activities.

- The **Family Services Committee** reviews every application that comes in to ensure a partner family will succeed in homeownership. Once a partner family is selected and approved by the Board of Directors, the Family Services Committee works with the family during the construction of their home to monitor sweat equity hours, make sure the family is attending required training sessions and be available to answer questions.
- The **Fundraising/Community Development Committee** oversees two major events: HouseWalk and Bricks & Sticks Golf Classic. These events raise critical funds and awareness for HFHGCC.
- HFHGCC benefits from local communications professional assistance through the **Marketing/PR Committee**. Help spread the HFHGCC story with press releases, social media, radio promotions and more!
- Detailed information about **ReStore** opportunities can be found on our website, habitatgcc.org. Volunteers with skills and interest in retail operations and merchandising are in high demand.

If you have interest in serving on a committee or helping in the ReStore, please contact Jill Redman at (814) 353-2390 or jill@habitatgcc.org today!



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