

Office Wish List

- Grumpies and Grumpettes! (join our regular volunteer crew!)
- House Sponsors
- Neighborhood Revitalization Volunteer Site/Project Leaders
- Committee Volunteer Members
 1. Homeowner Advocate Committee
 2. Homeowner Selection Committee
 3. Housing Team Committee (for Neighborhood Revitalization Projects)

ReStore Wish List

- Large warehouse space for a larger ReStore
- In-Kind Advertising Donation
- Bobcat Fork Attachment

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Habitat Raffle Coming Soon!

We're in the planning process to hold a Habitat Raffle in 2019!! This raffle will feature a variety of unique, hand-crafted wooden items, all of which have been crafted and donated by a very talented individual.

Items include a restored antique clock, a hope chest with beautiful detailing, a large tool box, tree stump ottomans, a chair and even a dulcimer for the music lovers in your life.

More information about the raffle, including a specific date, will soon be available on our website and social media accounts, so be sure to follow us and check regularly for updates! We will also be previewing individual items on these various channels leading up to the raffle.

All funds raised from this raffle will go towards our construction costs for 2019.



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HABITAT on the HOMEFRONT

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We build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

Since our founding in 1988, Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity has worked hard to help people build or improve the place they call home.

We've accomplished this with hammers and nails of course, but also by partnering with individuals and organizations to make a broader impact in the lives of our homeowners; and more recently, our neighborhoods and our community at large. We know our work is most transformative when we come together and focus on improving overall quality of life, which is why we partner with local community organizations to address a variety of needs ranging from education to community gardens and healthy eating options.

This idea of transformation through partnership has guided our efforts in recent years. We are still committed to building new homes, but we also plan to continue expanding our services to help more families in need.

This year specifically we focused on partnerships with local organizations and businesses which support our vision, mission, and values. We researched new grants and funding opportunities to grow our neighborhood revitalization program. We connected with residents and hosted events to improve relationships between neighbors and community organizations. We supported the community where we work. And, we continue to look forward, hopeful and excited for what the new year will bring.

**Transformative
Community
Partnerships**

Indiana State University to Sponsor 72nd House

In September 2018, as part of her Fall Address, Indiana State University President Deborah J. Curtis announced ISU's plans to sponsor their third Habitat house, which will be the 72nd built by our affiliate.

Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity and ISU have a long-standing partnership and students and faculty from the university regularly volunteer throughout the year, working on our construction site and sitting on our board and committees. Habitat for Humanity also serves as a host site for ISU's annual Donaghy Day, which encourages incoming freshman to get involved in their community. This past year, we led students through a beautification project in the Ryves Neighborhood, which is where the new ISU build will be located.

Construction is set to begin in September 2019 and homeowner selection is currently underway. Fundraising efforts have already begun and many events including a Trivia Night and Craft Brews and Brats Event are currently in the planning process. For more information about the ISU build, check the "Community Partners" section of our website. (wv4h.org)

If you'd like to donate specifically to this build, please see the "Donation" section of our website. There is a specific portal for ISU donations called "ISU Build". Donations made through this link will be restricted to the ISU Build.



Photo Credit: Indiana State University

GRANTS

This year we were fortunate to receive grants for both our Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) Program and our Construction Program.

Grants received for NR were utilized for exterior home repairs (porches, railings, siding, roofs, etc.) in the Ryves Neighborhood. Homeowners must apply for this program, fall within certain income guidelines, and repay a portion of the loan for work completed. They also partner with Habitat through Sweat Equity hours either on the work site or with one of our community partners. Projects completed this year for homeowners included a new porch awning, a new HVAC system (completed by Joe's Mechanical) and new roof (completed by Poplar Roofing). Thank you to the following grantor's who made our NR work possible:

- Vectren Foundation
- Terre Haute Savings Bank
- Habitat for Humanity Int.
- Old National Bank
- Bemis Company Foundation



Before (L) and After (R) Photos Courtesy of Poplar Roofing

EVENTS:

FROM SPOOKY TO SPECTACULAR



We hosted a variety of new events this year including Ryves Resident Meetings, which allowed us to learn about the goals and concerns of residents in our target revitalization neighborhood. We also hosted a Neighborhood Picnic this summer and a Trunk or Treat this fall. Both events allowed us to connect with residents in a fun, safe, informal setting and give back to the community we serve. The Trunk or Treat was especially great because we all got to dress up, decorate our cars and eat candy! Thank you to the following community partners who participated in and made our 2018 events possible: ReThink Inc., Vectren Foundation, Purdue Extension, General Shale Brick, Walmart, Meijer, Lowes, Apple House, Kroger, Baesler's, Tabco, Terre Haute Savings Bank, X97 WEVX, ISU.

MITCHEL HOUSE BLESSING

The Mitchel House was completed this year and blessed on October 23rd. We were grateful for all who showed up to participate in this important homeowner milestone. Volunteers, friends, family and even previous Habitat homeowners showed up to celebrate the new addition to the Habitat family. We were also able to partner once again with Friends of the Vigo County Public Library. A representative from the library attended the blessing and presented our homeowner with a variety of cooking, gardening and home maintenance books to mark the occasion.



We were also blessed this year with a very generous grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the **Wabash Valley Community Foundation**, which was used to purchase a new construction truck. Our construction supervisor had been utilizing his own personal vehicle to pick up and transport supplies to our work sites, which resulted in mechanical issues and extra wear and tear. With a new truck, he now has reliable transportation for all of our materials and a trailer hookup to transport our sheds and bobcat to each work site. This purchase would not have been possible without the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. We are truly grateful for their support. Truck decals created and installed by Integrity Graphics.



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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers! There is a place within our organization for everybody that wants to get involved whether that means swinging a hammer on the construction site, planning an event to help us fundraise, or sitting on one of our committees (advocacy, homeowner selection, homeowner support, etc.). No experience is necessary, just a desire to help.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Heidi at (812) 235-5914 today!

From our Executive Director:

As we approach the end of another year, I am extremely proud of what we've accomplished. Our affiliate continues to build with families in need and has taken on more repair projects in the Ryves Neighborhood this year with the help of our community partners.

In November, I had the opportunity to volunteer at the "ReStoring Our Community" event held at our local Habitat ReStore. The ReStore staff planned an event to serve a hot meal, have free haircuts, and give away blankets, jackets, hats, gloves, socks—simple things many of us take for granted.

I arrived early to help Tina organize the donations and to my surprise, there were piles of blankets and clothing items which had been generously donated by members of our community. As we sat and organized jackets into sizes, I couldn't help but notice the line of people forming outside long before Jason and his crew even had the food ready.

For two hours, we gave warm blankets and served a chicken n' noodle dinner to hungry, cold friends and neighbors in our community. I served hot chocolate and Jesse kept the fire pits outside roaring to make sure everyone stayed warm. It was exciting and heartbreaking at the same time to see so many families turn out for the event. It was very clear that there is a tremendous need in our community, and we have been given the task to provide all, not just our families and friends, with a hand up. Because you, me, we—we are all humans. And every single one of us deserves the opportunity for a better future.

The support from our community never ceases to amaze me. You are the champions that keep our doors open and enable us to do God's work. What I truly appreciate about Terre Haute is the willingness to do the hard work, put our money where our mouths are, and commit to doing what we can today so that someone can have a better tomorrow.



My sincere gratitude to all those who make the miracles of Habitat for Humanity possible. May your holidays be a time of joy and 2019 be a year filled with love, happiness, prosperity and peace!

With my thanks and warmest regards,

Annette Houchin

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Executive Director

The ReStore may be an organization that people give to, but in November, the ReStore became an organization that gave back and restored the community they call home.

In August, Jesse arrived at work and found a homeless individual asleep on a couch outside. He went inside and told his colleague Tina about the situation noting it was not the first time something like this had happened, and it likely would not be the last. In that instant, Tina knew they had to do something for the homeless population in Terre Haute.

A previous outreach mission trip through her church gave her inspiration for her own outreach event. During a team meeting, she asked the rest of the staff what they thought about having some kind of event where homeless individuals would be given warm clothes for winter. To her delight, the staff was 100% on board to move this idea forward.

Within a few days, the buzz of helping was in the air and they began dividing work for the event amongst themselves. Over the course of the next few weeks, donations began pouring in from individuals in the community and local churches and organizations were asking to get involved. Then, Jason joined the ReStore staff and asked to serve a warm meal of chicken n' noodles, mashed potatoes and green beans at the event. DJ Brad McNeil agreed to play music during the event and Alicia Tanner wanted to give away free haircuts. Everything was falling into place and the staff could hardly wait for November 17th to arrive.

On the day of, people began arriving at the store hours before, lining up around the building in anticipation. This line remained constant throughout the event with over 300 people coming through for blankets, jackets, socks, and a warm meal. Over 50 volunteers were on hand to help set up, hand out collected items, serve food and much more!



As the night came to an end, the ReStore staff couldn't believe how smoothly they had pulled off such an event, it was even bigger and better than any of them imagined! And through it all, there were smiles, joy and laughter from attendees and staff alike. They couldn't have asked for a better experience. It was great for the community and the staff bringing both the ReStore team and the community closer together.

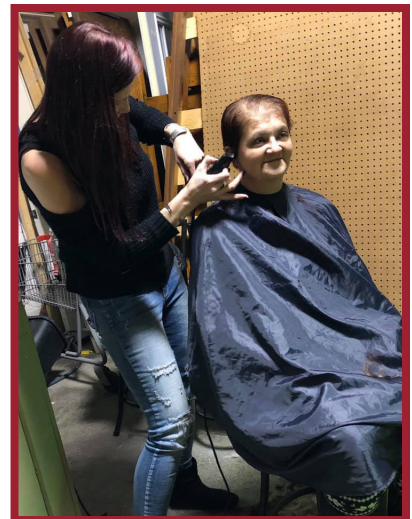
"There's a feeling with this place," says Tina, ReStore cashier, "We all feel like we belong here." And the rest of the staff seems to agree. They've been called to work together and they're making the most of their time, excited for what the future holds.



ReStoring Our Community



Above Left: Attendees line up outside the ReStore to receive blankets, jackets, socks, and a warm meal. **Above:** Donations and attendees fill the ReStore for our community event.



Above: Alicia Tanner gives out free haircuts during the event. **Left:** A hot meal of chicken and noodles is served to attendees. Meal donated by Gordon Food Service of Terre Haute.

LEND US A HAND! GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

Volunteers like you give our stores a unique and friendly environment that keeps shoppers and donors coming back. Whether you wish to learn new skills or just help out, your volunteer hours keep our costs low so more dollars go towards Wabash Valley Habitat's affordable homeownership mission.

Habitat ReStore volunteers help unload donations, stock the shelves, and assist shoppers in the store. No previous experience is required, just a willingness to help and be a part of the team!

Interested in volunteering? Contact Tina at the ReStore: (812) 232-9200 or stop in today!

Shopping and Donating!

Did you know that you can support Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity financially through everyday purchases using your Kroger Plus Card? That's right! Register your Plus Card online and select Wabash Valley Habitat as your community organization of choice using our name and NPO number:

Name: Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity
NPO#: 85940

Every time you swipe your card, we earn a rebate and you help families in need of affordable housing. How easy is that?!

AmazonSmile is another easy way to support Habitat! Every time you shop through Amazon, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

Simply go to smile.amazon.com, select us as your charity of choice and start shopping!

Online:

Network for Good is a secure, nonprofit fundraising website which allows us to reach individual donors year-round through online campaigns. Find links for this resource on our website. (wvh4h.org/donate)

Gifts in Kind:

Did you know that donating is possible without writing a check? If you're a professional electrician, plumber, painter, etc., consider donating your time and talents on our construction site. Great with fundraising or PR! Consider donating time on one of our committees!

Individual Giving:

Our organization relies on donations from individuals that support our mission. Mail a check to our office anytime or drop one off in person Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm. Please make checks payable to Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Donate to Habitat!

NAP CREDITS STILL AVAILABLE!

Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity is a proud partner organization of the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority's Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program (NAP).

What is NAP?

NAP Credits allow donors to receive state tax credits to their state income tax liability at 50% of their donation. For example: if an individual donated \$500 to our organization, \$250 would be subtracted from their state income tax liability for the year in which they donated.

Interested in donating? Contact Heidi at the Habitat Office by phone at (812) 235-5914 or stop by the Habitat office today!

We have a limited amount of credits so act fast! When they're gone, they're gone!

Easy Ways to SUPPORT Habitat!

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Ways to Donate

Fresh Thyme Giving Tag

If you're a Fresh Thyme shopper, you can also be a Habitat for Humanity donor through their community giving program called Giving Tag.

Buy a special bag in store and Fresh Thyme will donate \$1 to a local nonprofit of your choice. Directing your donation is simple!

Go to MyFreshThymeCause.com and submit the unique identifier located inside your bag. Select the cause (Wabash Valley Habitat) you'd like to receive the \$1 donation, and Fresh Thyme will send the donation on your behalf! It's that easy!

Your Community. Your Cause.