

Habitat Times

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Who We Are

Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County (HFHDC) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), a non-profit Christian organization which strives to eliminate poverty housing by building simple, decent homes.

We aim to provide houses for low-income partner families, who themselves, alongside volunteers, invest hundreds of “sweat equity” hours in the project. Funding and materials are generously provided by individuals, churches, and corporations. While offering their time and abilities, the needy as well as the affluent work together to build a home while at the same time raising community spirit, discovering new talents, and creating profound new relationships.

“We offer a hand up. Not a hand out!”

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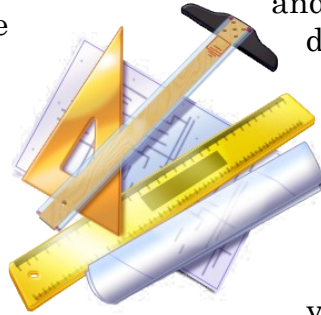
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Upcoming Build

Ready to start building?

Our thirteenth build is just about to get started! The site for the next Habitat house is 1039 Madison Street, just off of Ayersville Avenue in Defiance. And we are looking for volunteers!

Would you be interested in lending a hand? Our volunteers come from all walks of life and have varied interests and talents. You don't need to know a thing about construction or even how to swing a hammer. Assistance can come in the form of painting, office



work, cooking, and keeping the project in your prayers.

If you have some time to spare and you want to make a difference in your community and the lives of so many people, please consider getting involved with Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County. To become a volunteer, or simply to learn more about us, please visit us online at www.habitatdefco.org. And, of course, we look forward to working alongside you in our mission to eliminate poverty housing!

Golf Outing

There's still time to sign up for the 2009 Golf Outing to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County. The cost is down to \$60.00 per golfer and \$240.00 for a foursome, and includes door prizes, great contests on the course, and a steak dinner with all the trimmings to follow.

When: Saturday, July 18th,
1:00pm to 6:00pm

Where: Auglaize Golf Club in
Defiance, Ohio

Signup Deadline: July 9th

This is a great chance to spend an afternoon with a group of friends or colleagues or to meet new people out on the golf course, all while supporting the building of area Habitat houses. Our title sponsor this year is Southtown Market – Marathon in Defiance. Also, because HFHDC is a non-profit organization, your contribution is tax-deductible!

To get signed up, call our office today at (419) 782-2172, and additional details are also available on our website.

Hot Rod Lincoln

This 1949 Lincoln could be yours! This marvelous car, still running and quite drivable, was donated to us by John Sindel of Southtown Food Market-Marathon of Defiance, and will be raffled off on September 26th at the Defiance Downtown Rib Fest. All proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity Northwest Ohio ReStore program.

Win This 1949 Lincoln!



Tickets

One for \$10
Six for \$50

If you are interested in purchasing tickets please call our office at 419-782-2172.



You can also find the '49 Lincoln and pick up tickets at these area car shows and events:

June 27th – Bryan Ohio Day in the Park
 June 28th – Ford and Mustang Show, Westchester, Ohio
 July 3rd – Fort Street Fest/Lions Club Cornhole Tournament, Defiance Library Grounds
 July 4th – Hospice Car Show, Defiance Library Grounds
 July 5th – Class Car Show, Woodville Mall, Toledo
 July 12th – Delta, Ohio Chicken Festival

July 18th – Habitat's Annual Golf Outing, Auglazie Golf Club
 July 19th – Arnold Rock and Roll Car Show, Decatur, Indiana
 July 26th – Henry County Fairgrounds, Napoleon

And we will be at even more events in August and September!

You can also purchase tickets at the following Defiance locations:

- Nelson & Bobs Auto Care
- Southtown Food Market - Marathon
- Mark Moats Ford
- Farmers and Merchants Bank



And big thanks to Mike Limbaugh for all of his work with HFHDC on this car!

Sponsors

SOUTH TOWN FOOD MARKET - MARATHON
 Corner of Cleveland and Ottawa Ave., Defiance, Ohio

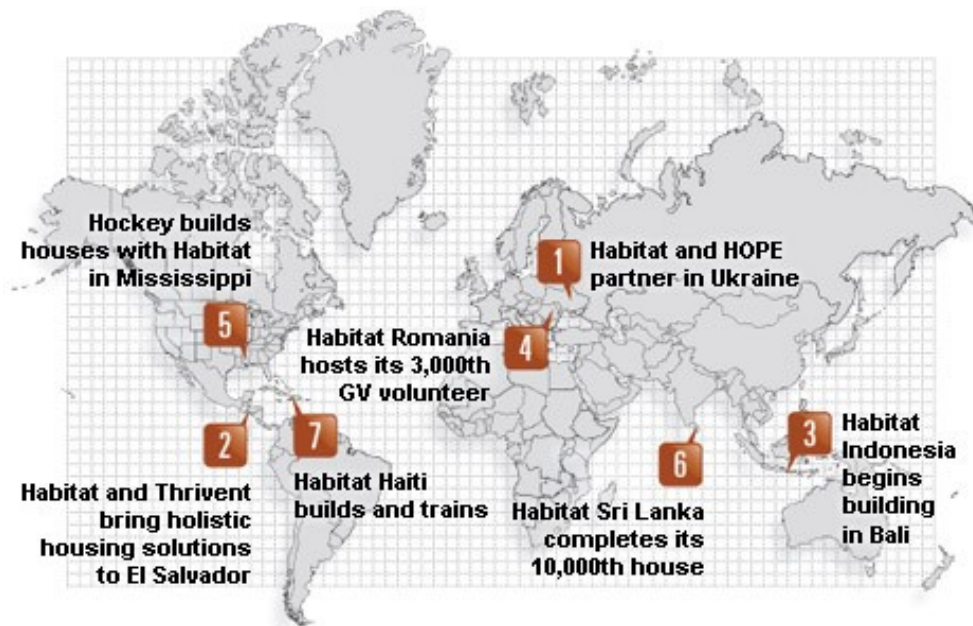
Nelson & Bob's Auto Care
 1723 Upton Ave., Defiance, Ohio
 nelsonandbobsauto.com



FARMERS & MERCHANTS
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News from International

A feature called “HabitAtlas” can be found in Habitat for Humanity International’s publication Habitat World. All around the world volunteers are giving their time and sharing their talents in the ongoing effort to provide simple, decent shelter to those in poverty-stricken communities. Here we include some of the highlights included in June’s edition. More can be found online at www.hfhi.org/hw.



Excerpt from “Four-Star Stewardship” by Pam Campbell:

“On average, Habitat serves a low-income family somewhere around the world every 10 minutes through new house construction, major house rehabilitation and house repairs.”

Mybackyard.tv Feature

Brought to you by Butler Mohr GMAC Realty, www.mybackyard.tv is an online video blog of Northwest Ohio real estate. Featured on the site are three videos about Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County, including one focusing on the ReStore effort and another on the '49 Lincoln.

ReStore Program

Of late the Habitat of Humanity organizations throughout the counties of northwest Ohio have been collaborating with the common goal of opening a Habitat ReStore in the area. In a ReStore specific meeting held May 19th, Dave Diehl was designated as the leader of a committee which will see this program through to fruition. But, you might wonder, what does the ReStore program involve? Here we present some relevant answers to the questions which might arise.

What is a Habitat ReStore?

A ReStore is a retail business which sells new and gently-used home building materials at affordable prices. The future ReStore of Northwest Ohio will also perform a valuable community service by diverting large amounts of reusable materials from landfills and providing these products to customers at generously-discounted costs.

Will the ReStore be open to the public?

Yes! Anyone and everyone will be welcome to shop at the ReStore. We will be located at 919 Grove Street in Defiance, Ohio, and open several days a week.

What does the ReStore sell?

Sales items may consist of, but are not limited to: home appliances, cabinets, lighting and plumbing fixtures, carpet and padding, lumber, tools, windows, doors, various household items, and assorted furniture.

Where do the proceeds from the sales go?

Proceeds earned from ReStore sales support the mission of the various Habitat For Humanity organizations in northwest Ohio, helping fund the construction of new Habitat houses within the local community.

For more information on getting involved with the ReStore of Northwest Ohio program, please contact Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County at (419) 782-2172.

Where do items come from?

All merchandise will be provided by donations from contractors, suppliers, individuals and organizations.

How do I go about donating an item?

Whether you are an individual or a business, we are appreciative of all contributions. If you have a donation that you'd like to make to the ReStore, call please contact Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County at (419) 782-2172 to schedule a drop-off time.

Is there anything else that I can do to help?

Absolutely! In these early stages of ReStore planning, we are most in need of donations of sellable merchandise with which to stock our shelves. Your donations might even be tax-deductible! Keep us in mind when you're cleaning out your house, moving, or simply tell your friends, family, and coworkers. Upon opening the store, we will be in search of helpful, trustworthy volunteers to assist in its operation. Of course, the simplest way to support the ReStore once doors are open will be to shop with us!



Habitat by the

83 number of countries that HFH operates in

1976 year that HFH was founded by Millard and Linda Fuller

1.5 millions of people around the world that have been provided with safe, decent shelter by HFH

60,000 average dollar amount of a Habitat house built in the USA

13 number of the Defiance County HFH house which we will begin work on this summer

Quotes to Build By

If you want to lift up yourself, lift up someone else.

– *Booker T. Washington.*

Whatever you did for one of the least of my people, you did for me. – *Matthew 25:40*

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. – *Edmund Everett Hale*

Meet the Board

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We look to another successful year with our devoted board!



Don Brown, golf outing chairman, and John Sindel of Southtown Food Market – Marathon

Volunteers unload 1000 bails of insulation donated by John's Manville, enough for 35 Habitat houses. Putnam Co. HFH has already accepted 75 bails.



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Deshler has donated their old parsonage for HFH to salvage doors, windows, and other fixtures from. We're looking for volunteers to help in the deconstruction!

Contact Us

Want to get a hold of Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County?
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Be sure to check us out on the web, where you can download our volunteer application, review past newsletters, and learn more about what we do in the Defiance area:

www.habitatdefco.org

You can also find Habitat for Humanity International's website at:
www.hfhi.org

We're looking forward to getting to know you!