



Habitat Happenings

Cleveland Habitat brings 'Triple L' Model to life on Grandview

Cleveland Habitat once again began building newly constructed houses in Cleveland in 2019 as part of its 5-year, 375 house strategic plan. The plan outlined Habitat's goals of helping 375 families (125 houses for new homeowners, 200 repairs for existing residents and 50 houses in Zambia). The work focuses on 2-3 neighborhoods and has a budget of \$16 million.

Grandview Avenue on Cleveland's east side is the site of Habitat's new "Triple-L Model" ranch that incorporates lower-level living in a modern, open and highly desirable floor plan. Cleveland Habitat started building six of the ten homes slated for Grandview and also had several rehabs underway when COVID-19 hit, thus significantly slowing down construction work. In mid-May, construction returned to full staffing, though volunteer levels have not returned to pre-COVID levels.

"We had planned on building/rehabbing about 20 houses in 2020," said Jerry Smith, Construction Director. "Although we won't reach that number, we believe that 14 houses will be completed and sold to Habitat homeowners," he said. The first homeowners are anticipated to move into their new Grandview homes in early October.

Grandview homeowners, Harold and Georgetta, eagerly await the completion of their Triple-L model. "We drive by the house every morning with our coffees and just imagine our lives in this house. Even though we will be first time homeowners in our fifties, it still feels just as special." Harold and Georgetta are raising their 10 year-old granddaughter, who will have her own bedroom in their new home.



Habitat's Model of Racial and Economic Inclusion Works

Much of the modern housing/wealth disparity between white and minority families stems from federal housing policies in the post-depression 1930's, and further advanced by post-WWII America's urgent need to house returning soldiers and their families. Overly simplified, white families received subsidies to own homes via mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions; minority families lived in subsidized rental communities (public housing), which became a multi-generational cycle.

Habitat, one of the nation's largest home-builders, traces its roots to 1942 in Georgia where two families started Koinonia Farm to form an interracial community in which all people are treated equally, with resources shared, and emphasis on being wise stewards of land and resources.

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Because of Koinonia residents' views on racial equality, they were ex-communicated from their local church. The church's actions – and sanctions – gave way to a boycott of Koinonia Farm products by the local community. Gunshots rang regularly. Martin Luther King, Jr. later wrote a letter of encouragement. “God grant that this tragic midnight of man’s inhumanity to man will soon pass and the bright daybreak of freedom and brotherhood will come into being.”

In the 1960’s, and on the backs of the racial, political, and war protests, a young couple, searching for a new purpose, arrived at Koinonia. Millard and Linda Fuller transformed owning affordable homes into a powerful tool to combat racial and economic inclusion.

Out of humble beginnings, Habitat for Humanity emerged in 1977 with a belief that all people have a right to safe, decent housing. Habitat went further: it worked to advance economic and racial inclusivity in both urban and rural areas through affordable

homeownership. Habitat’s view is that you cannot address inequality – whether racial or economic – without affordable housing that enables families to stabilize, grow roots and wealth, and pursue self-improvement.

Since 1987, Cleveland has been a local partner of this international movement. Our approach to affordable homeownership and neighborhood revitalization has been a vehicle for reconciliation that breaks down barriers between people and economic and racial isolation. Imagine, 3, 4 and even 5 family generations knowing only segregated public housing and the culture of treading water and never getting ahead. We are doing work the results of which are inspiring, energizing, and most importantly, serves as a catalyst positively impacting generations.



Affordable housing more important than ever.

John Habat, President/CEO Bryan Dardis, Chair, Board of Directors

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well.

With any disaster – a storm, disease, a financial crisis – it is always those who struggle most who suddenly find themselves struggling even more. During the COVID 19 crisis, “shelter in place,” was the urgent warning to stay healthy. For many, this isn’t healthy, either.

Houses already not healthy because of leaks, mold, deterioration and rodent infestations. Homes already overcrowded because the only way to afford rent or save money is for extended family to stay together in overcrowded spaces that shelter, but only just.

These families are our partners. They need our hand up more than ever. And now more than ever, our work – much like flattening the curve – will require all of us, together.

And so, if there is ever another need to shelter in place, our families can safely do so in their own Habitat homes.

News & Updates

2020 Annual Meeting & Volunteer Celebration

With the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in large groups is not allowed. We will virtually host our Annual Meeting on Zoom. The event will take place on November 18, 2020.

Look for emails related to the event in a few weeks.

Faith Partners Celebrate Milestones

Cleveland Habitat would like to wish Old Stone Church - a happy 200th birthday.

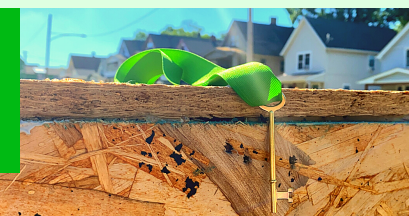
Community of Saint Peter is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Church of the Holy Angels celebrated its 25th anniversary with a house blessing for their sponsored home on E 154th.

Cleveland Groove Concert to Benefit Habitat

The Christmas Groove is an annual benefit concert that seeks to raise awareness and benefit those in need in Northeast Ohio. This year, they will be donating half of the contributions to Cleveland Habitat.

For information on this year's virtual concert and to contribute, visit www.clevelandgroove.org





HUGE BRAND NEW FURNITURE SALE

Local retailer forced to liquidate and now we're able to pass the savings to you!

- Bedroom Sets ■ Dressers ■ Tables
- Furniture ■ Couches ■ Lamps



Last fall, ReStore began to offer paintbrushes and rollers as well as new flooring options including large floor tiles, vinyl flooring, new carpets/remnants, area rugs and more.

In 2020, Habitat expanded even further by offering new pots and pans and now, new furniture – a result of a local furniture store and warehouse liquidation.

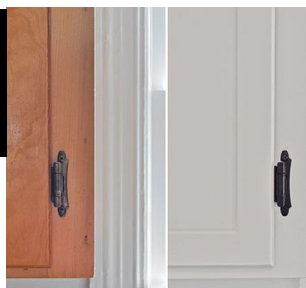


“The additional purchased product serves as an add-on convenience to the donated and overstock products already available at ReStore,” said Kevin Kelly, ReStore Director at Cleveland Habitat. “People can purchase a bed frame and now can get an area rug, lighting fixture, paint and bedding set to complete the look.”

Shoppers can find couches, love seats, bedroom sets, tables, chairs, dining sets, recliners, mattresses and more.

DIY Project: Re-face ReStore Cabinets

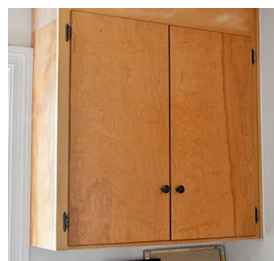
- ✓ Cabinets
 - ✓ Paint
 - ✓ Cabinet Hardware
 - ✓ Thin wood
 - ✓ Glue, caulking
 - ✓ Clamps
 - ✓ Drill and other tools
- Materials may be available at ReStore



STEP 1:

Remove the cabinet doors and hardware.

(Tip) ReStore has cabinets for sale.



STEP 2:

Attach pieces cut from thin wood at your desired width.



STEP 3:

Clamp the wood pieces together and let harden.



STEP 4:

Paint, install new hardware (or painted) and re-attach.



\$5 OFF \$25

VALID AT RESTORE LOCATIONS IN CLEVELAND, OH AND NORTH RANDALL, OH. COUPON CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER OFFERS; PHOTOCOPIES NOT VALID; COUPON TO BE SURRENDERED AT TIME OF PURCHASE. EXPIRES DECEMBER 1, 2020

We walked.
We ran. We moseyed.
Apart, but together.



Madeline
Best T-Shirt
Winner

We raised \$82,000 to build a home on Grandview Avenue and help a family have a safe secure place to call home. Thank you to each prayer partner, walker, runner, moseyer and donor. Each penny, each step, each prayer makes the mission possible.



Bell (Left) &
Lamontaz (Right)
Best T-Shirt Winners



Rafi, Silly Walk Winner



Bryan challenged his friends to help him raise \$500 for Habitat. In return, he would run a 5K. Bryan is NOT a runner. Happy to report that Bryan met his goal! Thank you, Bryan!

2020 Virtual Walk/Run/Mosey Recap

Walk Honors John & Mary Evans

Working with Lutheran and UCC churches, John and Mary Evans founded the Habitat Walk in 2002. They created the oldest construction team, serve as friends, supporters and cheerleaders of helping others with a hand up.

2020 marks the 19th Walk and celebrates John's 100th birthday.

To commemorate this milestone, Cleveland Habitat is proud to dedicate this event and home in honor of John and Mary Evans.



Community by
Community:

Cleveland Shades LLC.

Neighborhood by
Neighborhood



Street by
Street



Home by Home CSP/GET
Enza Financial
The H.C. Murray Group
Hyland

Meyers, Roman,
Friedberg & Lewis
The NRP Group

Block by Block CSL Plasma
Cuyahoga Title Services, Ltd.
Mars Electric
McManamon Insurance
Mother Nature's Son, Inc.

Robyne & John Habat
Sievers Security
Third Federal Savings & Loan
Tucker Ellis LLP

Family by Family Benesch
Century Federal Credit Union
C-Town Construction
Cuyahoga Land Bank

First Federal Lakewood
Saint Luke's Foundation
Team Logic IT
Zinner & Co. LLP

Step by Step Armada
Cleveland Lumber Co.
CREnvironmental
Great Clips: Shoppes at Clifton
Independence Presbyterian Church

Thrivent Financial
Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Weston



AMOUNT RAISED:

\$82,000

We walked with our
four-legged friends.

John/Dozer
Best Walk/Run/Mosey
with a Dog



We didn't
forget
donuts.



Kiowa, Best
Walk/Run/Mosey
with a Donut

Interested in next year's event?

We are looking for volunteers, teams, sponsors and more... email kpride@clevelandhabitat.org



Millard Fuller & Ryan

Interview with Cleveland Habitat Alum, Ryan Iafigiola

The Fuller Center supports families and communities where needs are unmet. There are Fuller Centers in many small rural areas and some cities as well as in 20 other countries.

Ryan Iafigiola, VP of International Programs at the Fuller Center, is Cleveland-raised and a former Cleveland Habitat volunteer. After college, Ryan moved to Americus, Georgia, where Habitat was founded, to volunteer for a year as Millard Fuller's Special Assistant.

In Ryan's current role, he supports transformational housing projects around the world, helping families move from mud homes or slums into healthy homes and communities as an expression of God's love. It's truly life-changing work, and the Center works with 500-600 volunteers who travel each year to experience it first-hand.

1) What was your experience like with Cleveland Habitat?

It was a powerful experience, captivating my imagination and sense of calling, which led me to start a Habitat Campus Chapter at Padua Franciscan High School. Later, I helped lead the chapter at the University of Notre Dame. It is where I first heard the inspirational story of Millard Fuller, the self-made millionaire who along with his wife Linda gave it all away to see where God would lead them. We now know their act of faith led to their founding of Habitat.

2) What lessons were learned while working with Habitat founder, Millard Fuller?

Millard Fuller was the most dedicated person you'll ever meet. It seemed like every waking moment he was doing something focused on getting more people to donate or volunteer to help families have a decent place in which to live. He was deeply and authentically motivated by his faith in Jesus and taught me, "You don't have to exclude Jesus to include others." President Jimmy Carter has said he worked harder than anybody and often called him one of his "greatest heroes." His sudden passing in 2009 remains a kick to the gut to this day. He was truly a fearless man who made the most of his time on earth.

3) Thoughts on housing organizations on racial inclusion both currently and historically?

When Millard and his wife Linda gave away their fortune, they had no idea what would happen next. They happened to cross paths with Koinonia Farm, an integrated Christian community founded in the deep south in 1942 by the New Testament Greek scholar Clarence Jordan, who became Millard's mentor. So from their earliest days when they began building, Millard recognized that the work that we do is about more than houses, it's about bringing people together across lines -- especially racial lines -- that for too long divided us. And he knew that families and communities without decent, affordable and stable shelter would inevitably struggle, and for too long that opportunity had been denied to many Black families.

Millard was revered by the Black community in this area and received numerous awards and honors for his efforts. If Millard were alive today I think he'd be leading the way to channel the release of all this suppressed energy into making the world a better place, working side-by-side and together.



Euclid Townhomes

Cleveland Habitat provides affordable, safe and high-quality housing to meet the needs of all sizes of households.

For smaller applicant households (1+), we now offer 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom townhomes with full basements, located in Euclid.



The 2020 Thrivent Faith Build is in full swing in the safest way possible. Huge thanks to Thrivent Financial and the churches and liaisons who have helped raise the funds to make this project possible.

2020 Faith Build Update thrivent



"Love begins at home,
and it is not how
much we do... but how
much love we put in
that action."

Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

She is a woman on a mission- to create a stable home for her family. Not only is she working, taking care of her daughters, she is also taking steps to bring her husband and son to the United States. This home will not just be safe and affordable shelter for Marie's family, it represents a new start and a place where her family can prosper for generations.

2020 Partners

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Church of St. Dominic
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plymouth United Church of Christ
St. Basil the Great Catholic Church
St. Joseph Catholic Church of Strongsville
St. Mark Catholic Church, West Park

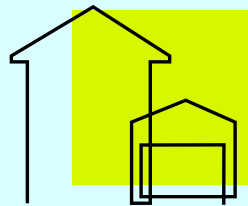
St. Mary of the Falls
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Berea
Strongsville United Methodist Church
The Church of the Covenant
Community of St. Peter
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls
Old Stone Church

The project looks a little different this year, however its purpose has remained the same: provide affordable housing for deserving families by working side by side with our faith partners.

Very excited to announce that the 2020 Faith Build house was chosen by a family. Marie is from the Congo. She spent 7 years in a refugee camp in Uganda and came with her two daughters to the United States through Catholic Charities in 2018.



House Sponsor Recognition



Building 10 homes on Grandview Avenue and 10 on Hulda Avenue are only possible because of our 2020 neighborhood and house sponsors/partners: City of Cleveland HOME funds, Thrivent Faith Build, Church of the Saviour, Swagelok, Bank of America, Quicken Loans, The Cleveland Foundation, Saint Luke's Foundation, First Federal Lakewood, Medical Mutual and Wells Fargo.

For a third year, Cleveland Habitat has partnered with Greater Cleveland Boys and Girls Clubs and Youth Opportunities Unlimited to train a group of 16-18 year olds in basic construction principles and in warehousing. The teens worked to fully-rehab two homes in the Lee-Harvard neighborhood. Holy Angels Church is rehabbing a house on E 154th St.

Words from a child of a Future Habitat homeowner

I want it to stay clean no bugs
no rats. I want a basement
and a Attic. I want my walls
to be blue and green. I want
DRESSER. I want the dresser for
my work and my computer
And also. I want my tv to
be on my walls.



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store**



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cleveland, oh north randall, oh



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in-store**

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fri/sat 8:30am-3:30pm

**schedule
pick-up**

216.429.3631 clevelandhabitat.org/pickup

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ReStore Selling New Furniture (pg. 3)



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Vote
to make the
#CostOfHome
affordable

- Families all across the U.S. are paying too high a price to cover the cost of home. Cleveland is no exception.
- Today, more than 18 million households pay half or more of their income on a place to live.
- That is unacceptable. Pledge to vote. Every candidate should prioritize making the #CostOfHome affordable.

Register to vote at VOTE.GOV



**Special Coupon
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