



habitat happenings

fall 2018

Opening Doors and Building Great Futures

National pilot training program demonstrates how teens rehabbing homes can transform futures

Project Goals:

- Provide classroom training on safety, tool usage and home repair
- Provide on-site training in construction trades
- Introduce career opportunities and modeling good work ethics and behaviors
- Educate students on financial literacy and personal stewardship
- Introduce students to homeownership opportunities and responsibilities

Sixteen high school students from Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (BGCC) participated in a ten-week intensive hands-on training experience covering a variety of skilled construction trades, during which they rehabilitated two Habitat houses as part of an innovative youth-workforce development program. Known as Building Great Futures, the program introduced Cleveland students to the careers available to them in the building and construction skilled trades.

Building Great Futures is a two-year, joint venture pilot project between BGCC, Cleveland Habitat, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU), Cuyahoga County, and funded in large part by an anonymous donor.

The program occurred from June 4 - August 10, 2018. Youth Opportunities Unlimited paid students stipends for their participation. They received formal classroom training each Monday from Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC), and applied classroom instruction to the rehab of the pair of Habitat homes during the ensuing weeks. Home Depot provided tools and boots to each student to use on site and to keep for personal use.

BGCC president and CEO Ron Soeder called the program "an opportunity for our teens to learn construction and possibly open a meaningful career path. Our teens have embraced this idea enthusiastically."

Craig Dorn, president and CEO of YOU, added, "We are thrilled to be part of this collaboration. It perfectly captures our goal of providing meaningful training opportunities for youth that put them on a path to economic self-sufficiency."



"It's a good opportunity to learn something new and turn it into a career. It just takes hard work. You have to be able to work."

Greg, participant

"It's mine... being able to have my own space and to say 'it's my yard'. My kids will finally have their own room and everything is new."

Yulonda, future homeowner



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Cleveland Habitat President/CEO, John Habat noted how this “first of its kind” pilot program is already a success: “training teens can be challenging and to do so during their entire summer vacation, is an even greater challenge, which is why it hasn’t been attempted before.”

Later this fall, student participants will be encouraged to attend both of the house dedications, one of which will be purchased by a student participant and her mother.

For the second year of the pilot project, there will be some returning students (those graduating in 2020), as well as a group of new students.

Project Outcomes:

- Rehabbed two vacant, abandoned houses from start to finish
- Achieved an attendance rate of ~100%
- Displayed good, harmonious relationships between staff and students, with very little discord
- Demonstrated good skills development and the general ability to successfully apply training to actual work tasks
- Completed weekly soft-skills sessions – focusing on financial literacy, good work ethics, team building and career education
 - All student participants opened bank accounts
 - All students received OSHA 10 certification



taking affordable homeownership to the inner-ring suburbs

Cleveland Habitat has focused its work almost exclusively in Cleveland, but will be heading to the suburbs

Brooklyn to serve as first project

“Our mission is to provide affordable homeownership opportunities throughout Cuyahoga County and we are expanding our reach to the inner-ring suburbs while continuing our work in Cleveland,” said John Habat, President/CEO of Cleveland Habitat.

Cleveland Habitat’s first inner-ring suburb project will be in the City of Brooklyn. It will be the full-rehab of a home, beginning this fall. The project is being sponsored by Medical Mutual, which will move its operations center to Brooklyn in 2020.

Christine Taylor, Community Affairs Manager for Medical Mutual adds, “Being a part of the communities where our members and our employees live and work is very important to Medical Mutual.”

Brooklyn Mayor Katherine A. Gallagher echoes the excitement, “Brooklyn welcomes the opportunity to partner with Habitat and Medical Mutual on this special project. By taking this step, they are helping people call Brooklyn home and introduce new homeowners to positively contribute to our growing community.”

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Mayor Katherine A. Gallagher, City of Brooklyn

“The program focused on preparing these young people for successful futures; either working in the trades or applying values they learned in another career or eventually maintaining their own homes.”

Larry Vandendriessche, Building Great Futures Volunteer and Habitat Board Member

Re-introducing new home construction in Cleveland and the inner-ring suburbs

Habitat will start constructing new houses again in the City of Cleveland and the inner-ring suburbs. The City of Brooklyn will be the first site for a newly-constructed home. Habitat will continue to do rehabs that are economical.

“We believe a new, quality home in Brooklyn will increase the property values for adjacent homeowners,” said Habat, “and will result in a beautiful addition to the neighborhood.”

Habat complemented the great cooperation of Brooklyn officials, and noted the city’s desire to offer affordable homeownership opportunities - increasing the city’s property tax base.

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Gary E. Robinette, Chairman & CEO, Ply Gem

Cleveland Habitat One of Three Cities Chosen by Ply Gem to Partner on Home for Good Project

Week-long project focused on transforming the exterior of five houses in the greater Buckeye/Woodhill neighborhood.

Cleveland Habitat was one of three cities chosen by Ply Gem, a leader in exterior building products, to partner with the company’s Home for Good project in 2018.

The project focused on exterior work featuring products donated by Ply Gem and concluded with a volunteer appreciation concert at the House of Blues featuring an intimate performance by country music star Lauren Alaina.

Two of the five transformed houses were a part of the Building Great Futures pilot training program. This allowed Ply Gem to provide materials, volunteers and corporate support to the neighborhood and work alongside student participants and people from the neighborhood.

“As a leading manufacturer of exterior building products, helping families across the country have access to safe, affordable housing is important to us at Ply Gem,” said Gary E. Robinette, Chairman & CEO. “Through our Home for Good project, we’re committed to giving back to the local community, utilizing our skills and resources to renovate five homes, while giving back hope to those most in need,” he concluded.



Quicken Loans Family of Brands: Championing a commitment to neighborhood revitalization through continued support

In 2017, Quicken Loans Family of Brands (Cleveland Cavaliers, Bedrock, Amrock, JACK Casino) contributed a record \$1,070,260 in support of our affordable homeownership program.

This year, they have donated over \$371,000, including \$165,186 from the Cleveland Cavaliers’ 2018 NBA Watch Party proceeds. The gift will be used to fully-rehab a house on E. 130th and renew their Neighborhoods Week program.

Neighborhoods Week is a four day spruce up project covering three streets in Buckeye/Woodhill. This year, we anticipate extensive work on 5 Habitat houses and completing 50 modest exterior repair projects for existing residents. Projects range from exterior painting, flower/shrubbery planting to light porch repair.

“The Family of Brands gift ensured that we had enough financial support to complete our 100 Homes in Cleveland campaign by the end of 2018,” noted John Habat, President/CEO of Cleveland Habitat.



every home

Beginning the journey to affordable homeownership requires **courage — and something better.** Each Cleveland Habitat homeowner works hard to complete financial education and perform sweat equity volunteer hours, and it's their commitment and resilience that carries them through to the destination: a home of their own, one they helped build.

“Homes were being torn down and neighbors had nothing to look forward to, but now that Habitat fixed these houses up—our community is going to be flourishing again.”

Bruce, E 130th resident



2018 spruce up sponsors

Apostles Build Project Cleveland Clinic Medical Mutual Quicken Loans Family of Brands



“We're so happy and excited. It's beautiful and it turned out better than what we expected. We're totally satisfied and ready to move in.”

Karmen & Lamonte, future homeowners



Roehl Avenue abandoned street needs your help

Cleveland Habitat is partnering with St. Rocco's Church to transform six vacant houses on Roehl Avenue in the city's Clark-Fulton neighborhood. The street has struggled with blight and abandonment over the past several years. We need the support of our our volunteers, donors and local faith partners to prevent further demolition and fully-rehab six homes for future Habitat homeowners.

You can help transform Roehl Avenue

At present time, Cleveland Habitat has commitments for \$316,665, which represents most of the funding for three of the six house rehabs (~\$120,000 per house). Habitat still needs to raise the remaining \$400,000.

Cleveland Habitat plans to begin rehabbing three of the houses this fall with an estimated completion date of spring 2019 and begin the other three houses shortly after.

Robert Grimm, Vice President/COO of Cleveland Habitat noted, "Habitat has not undertaken such costly rehabs previously, and only does so because of the significant transformational opportunity existing on Roehl Avenue and the increased capacity to serve larger families."

donate online: clevelandhabitat.org/roehl



Photos courtesy of Lisa DeJong/The Plain Dealer

walk/run/mosey 2018 recap

On Saturday, June 16th, **over 425 people** of all ages gathered at Edgewater Park to support affordable homeownership. We ran. We walked. We moseyed. We ate donuts and had fun.

Together, we raised \$43,000 towards a house rehab in the Buckeye/Woodhill neighborhood.



stepping up: over 425 people raise \$43,000

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Want to help us in 2019? Email Kim Pride at kpride@clevelandhabitat.org

In 2015, John Kozminski began volunteering, usually three days a week, with Cleveland Habitat after retiring from working as a controller for over 40 years. So far he has volunteered over 2,110 hours assisting in fully-rehabbing dozens of Habitat houses - including working as a site supervisor for our Building Great Futures project (cover story).

volunteer spotlight John Kozminski

There is no such thing as a typical day when volunteering in construction, but it has infinite and heartening rewards.

On volunteering: "You meet a lot of people and learn a lot of things... It's great seeing a house from start to finish. It's also good to get out and get around," shared John.

“I enjoy doing it!”



apostles build

summer progress & spruce up

For the fourth consecutive year, 17 churches have partnered together for the Apostles Build and have been working weekly to fully-rehab a house in the West Boulevard neighborhood for future homeowner Michelle, mother of two wonderful boys ages 9 and 11.

Michelle knows her house is built with love, "everyone I've met is so nice. It's amazing to see everyone working together to get the job done. These are people I do not know, working on a house for my family...thank you."

The house is expected to be completed this winter.

In August, nearly 50 Apostles Build volunteers joined to complete exterior repairs for 12 families in the West Blvd. neighborhood.



2018 Apostles Build Coalition

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Church of St. Dominic
Church of the Holy Angels
Church of the Western Reserve
Fairmount Presbyterian Church
Forest Hill Church
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Old Stone Church
Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Plymouth Church United Church of Christ
St. Basil the Great
St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Mark Catholic Church, West Park
St. Mary of the Falls
Strongsville United Methodist Church
The Church of the Covenant
The United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls



thrivent financial

built on faith

On July 7th, Pastor Henderson of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, led the house blessing in the Buckeye Neighborhood. The house was donated by the Cuyahoga Land Bank. The previous owner purchased the four bedroom house to be a place of refuge for any family members or friends who either fell upon difficult times or needed a place to call home. The house has been vacant for years.

A family of refugees from Burundi have chosen this house to be their home. Jeremi, his wife Specious and four children previously escaped refugee camps in Tanzania and are finally going to have their very own home. Having their own beds was only a dream for the family, but now it is their future.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial and the churches who came together to fund the home and volunteer time.

"I dreamt to own my own home. Now I will own my own home."

Jeremi, Future Habitat Homeowner

2018 Faith Build Coalition

Buckeye Faith Coalition
Church of the Gesu
Heights Presbyterian
John Knox Presbyterian Church
Mary Queen of the Apostles

Mt. Zion Church of Oakwood Village
New City Cleveland
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Strongsville United Methodist Church
Transfiguration Church

In 2019, Cleveland Habitat is looking for Faith Partners to transform Roehl Avenue - a forgotten street. **Would you or your church or faith organization be interested in participating?**

Email Kim Pride at kpride@clevelandhabitat.org

ReStore

a home improvement store **for good**

ReStore is a nonprofit discount home improvement store selling new and gently used furniture, appliances, home decor, building materials and more for a fraction of retail prices.

Instead of discarding items you no longer need or leaving them in your garage for another year, how about an alternative option? Donate them to a Cleveland Habitat ReStore.

breaking records

ReStore shoppers help set new monthly sales record

In August, our ReStore broke our previous monthly sales record. This would not be possible without ReStore donor and shopper support.

donate/shop volunteer for good

volunteer at habitat

1. Sales, Lighting, Tools, Hardware and more!
2. Signup on our website

how you can help:

1. Donate at our ReStores
2. Call 216.429.3631
3. Request Pick-Up Online

what your donation does:

1. Supports affordable homeownership
2. Protects our environment
3. It is a tax-deductible donation



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w 110th st. expansion

- 10,000 sq. ft. added for more items
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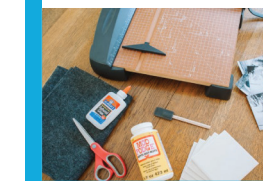


diy: modge podge tile coasters

materials:

- square white tiles
- photos (old maps, bible pages, hymnal music, etc.)
- mod podge (matte)
- glue, felt
- clear acrylic sealer
- scissors (rotary cutter and cutting mat)

1. gather materials



2. clean tiles with rubbing alcohol



3. cut images



4. apply layer of modge podge to the blank coaster



5. apply image and re-apply modge podge, spray sealer



6. attach felt with glue to back





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