



Habitat for Humanity®

of Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin

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Habitat Happenings

Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Letter from Russ

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15

There was a very brief period when the world was perfect and undefiled. God makes it clear that we are to work by this placement of Adam in the garden. Habitat for Humanity fully follows this commandment not only by building and repairing homes for deserving people in our community but also by raising funds through our Habitat ReStores.

Unlike many secular non-profit organizations, we use the gifts that God has provided to run home-improvement thrift stores in our service area. By doing so, we provide good-paying jobs, reasonably priced new and used items, and keep tons of waste out of our landfills on an annual basis.

Most importantly, we use the proceeds to support the life and ministry of Habitat for Humanity in our community by serving the ones that God calls us to serve.

The best description of a ReStore is merging Goodwill and Home Depot. It's the store that builds houses, both literally and figuratively.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit one of our three ReStores, please stop by today. Not only will you be pleasantly surprised by the shopping experience, but you will also be putting your faith into action and serving a neighbor in need.

Blessings – Russ Wanta, Executive Director



Habitat works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, more financially stable life. With our help, homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and for their families.

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YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Habitat for Humanity ReStores VS Thrift Stores

Both are retail establishments that sell used or donated goods, but there are some key differences between them:

Mission and Purpose:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore: ReStores are specifically operated by a local Habitat for Humanity, which are nonprofit organizations dedicated to supporting families in need of decent affordable housing. The primary purpose of a ReStores is to raise funds to support Habitat's housing programs. ReStore sales directly contribute to building strength, stability and self reliance through shelter.

Thrift Store: Thrift stores are typically run by various organizations, including for-profit and non-profit entities. Their primary goal is to resell donated or secondhand items to the public. The profits generated from thrift store sales may support various causes or organizations, but their primary mission is not necessarily focused on housing or community development.

Merchandise:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore: ReStores primarily sell building materials, home improvement items, and furniture. This includes items like doors, windows, appliances, plumbing fixtures, lumber, and construction materials. While they also carry home decor and furniture, the emphasis is on materials and products related to home construction and renovation.

Thrift Store: Thrift stores typically sell a wide range of used items, including clothing, electronics, books, toys, and more. The inventory can vary greatly depending on donations and the thrift store's specific focus.

Customer Base:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore: ReStores primarily attract customers who are interested in home improvement and construction projects. Homeowners, contractors, and DIY enthusiasts often visit ReStores to find affordable building materials and supplies for their projects.

Thrift Store: Thrift stores cater to a customer base that primarily includes individuals looking for affordable clothing and various household items. Their customer base is generally not interested in home improvement or construction needs.

Impact:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore: ReStores have a direct impact on housing and community development, as the funds they generate contribute to the construction and renovation of homes for families in need.

Thrift Store: While thrift stores may support charitable causes through their profits, funds generated from sales benefit various causes.

ReStore[®]
Germantown

W190N10768 Commerce Cir,
Germantown WI 53022
(262) 255-7470

ReStore[®]
West Bend

1950 N Main St.
West Bend WI, 53090
(262) 334-1801

ReStore[®]
Beaver Dam

1022 Madison St,
Beaver Dam, WI 53916
(920) 885-4518

Habitat NEWS

Summer 2023 Recap

Builds began in West Bend:
429 Kilbourn | 417 Kilbourn

Hole-In-One for Builds
Stinger's Golf+ Recreation
on Paradise took place on
Friday, June 23, 2023 and
\$15,000 was raised for the
affiliate!

GERMANfest at Regner Park
was held Thursday, August 24th
through Sunday, August 27th,
2023

RED Friday American Legion
Post 36

Women Build Week
417 Kilbourn Street
West Bend

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2 & 3: Home Builders Show
- Washington County Fair
Grounds

Feb. 9th: Volunteer
Appreciation - Kettle Moraine
Ice Center

March 7: Annual Celebration

Find more information about
our upcoming events by
checking
our website:
www.hfhwashco.org

Save the Date

March 7, 2024: Annual
Celebration
West Bend Mutual Prairie
Center
1900 S 18th Ave. West
Bend 53095

Summer Builds and Events

Hole-In-One For Builds June 23, 2023

Stinger's Golf + Recreation on Paradise
in West Bend hosted our inaugural Hole-
In-One for Builds event this past June!
The day brought 80 Habitat supporters
together for a day of fun and fundraising!
Thanks to Mortenson Go Thrivent and
Milwaukee Tool for their support!



GERMANfest August 24-27, 2023

Regner Park was the venue for our 2023
GERMANfest and fun was had by all who
attended our largest annual event! The four days
was filled with beautiful weather, great food, live
music, and over \$50,000 raised for Habitat's
house builds in our community for 2024.



RED Friday 2023

Honoring Veterans and those who serve,
Habitat alongside Milwaukee Tool, spent the
day at American Legion Post 36 landscaping
on Friday, September 8th and will return in
November for another event to honor our
Veteran friends!



Women Build 2023

The 2023 Women Build was a huge
success. Building one wall at a time to
support another family in Washington
County. Check out the photos below and
also our social media, and websites.



In Memory of Jim Yoost

A GENTLEMAN A SERVANT A FRIEND

Our Habitat affiliate is mourning the loss of a valued member of our family, Jim Yoost.

Jim spent countless hours with Habitat volunteering on our build sites then at our West Bend ReStore. All of our staff, our volunteers, and our customers will miss our friend.

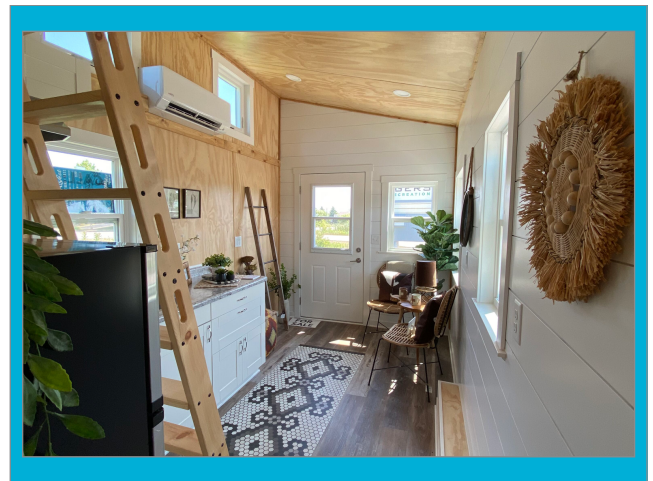
Words cannot touch the sadness that we all feel for his wife Marlene and his family.

May his soul rest in Peace.



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Tiny House Build 2024



Habitat for Humanity has been partnering with West Bend and Kewaskum High Schools since 2020 for our Tiny House Build. It's a unique program that allows high school students to learn construction skills and apply them to a project that benefits the community. After the Tiny House is completed and sold, the funds go directly to our current build projects where we partner with families to provide affordable housing. We're now in our 4th year and the Tiny House enrollment program keeps growing!

