



# BUILDER Habitat

**BUILDING HOMES. BUILDING COMMUNITY. BUILDING HOPE.**

**NEWSLETTER**  
Fall 2015

## In 2015

4 new houses  
4 rehabs  
1 repair  
\$810,161 ReStore

## 1989-2015

208 families in the US  
263 in the Philippines  
471 worldwide

## Individuals Served

763 in the US  
1,415 in the Philippines  
2,178 Worldwide

**365 nights a year**

## 2016 Goals

4 new houses  
5 rehab houses  
25 repairs  
\$850,000 ReStore

## Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

## Neighborhood Revitalization

You know what it is like when that one house on your block is vacant. The grass gets ratty, weeds grow wildly, and the house is dark. You hope other houses around you don't end up the same way. As people struggle with their house payments and other issues, their house loses out. So does the local community.

You are invited to partner with Habitat to patch, prime and paint houses that need attention. Perhaps your green thumb can improve the yard of an elderly person or someone with a disability.

Calls are coming in from low-income homeowners in our target neighborhood in Waukegan that need your help! With your time, talent and financial support we can revitalize the neighborhood house by house.

Our AmeriCorps VISTA member, Michael Hickman, is in our office every day focused on this work. Thrivent Builds Repairs offers \$2,500 per house to cover some costs. Valspar donates paint. Now we need your hands and your heart.

Our Neighborhood Revitalization Program may also include clean up days around the area as we learn more about residents' priorities.

Can you give a day to improve a community?

Contact: 847-623-1020 or info@habitatlc.org



## Veteran Repair Program

- Are you a veteran with a DD-214?
- Do you own your home?
- Does your home need health/safety repairs?
- Do you live in Waukegan, North Chicago, Zion or Beach Park?

Contact: 847-623-1020 or info@habitatlc.org  
Our Home Depot Veterans Grant may be for you!

*"Thank you so much for what you are doing in our neighborhood!"*

**Lyons Court Neighbor**

*The Power of Love  
Gurnee Center Club*

*February 12  
6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Cycle-a-Thon*

*February 13  
11:00am to 1:00pm  
Fit Fest*

*February 13  
7:30pm to 11:00 pm  
Live Music  
Catered Hors d'oeuvres  
Silent Auction*

*Watch for details  
www.habitatlc.org*

### Board of Directors

President Joe Garnett  
Vice-President Germain Castellanos  
Treasurer Rocco Losch  
Secretary/Legal Alison Vance

Ray Burg Vera George  
Sharon Byrd John Goebel  
Joe Cavaliere Pierre Robinson  
Nikel Cleaves Brian Tauke

### Staff

Executive Director Julie Donovan  
Business Manager Kathie Geraghty  
Family Services Eunice Bridges  
Volunteer Coordinator Cassie Bertke  
Marketing Manager Tim Biondo  
VISTA Development Mike Hickman

Construction Manager Ted Ramai  
Site Foreman Brian Jozwiak  
Construction Assistant Corey Flowers  
AmeriCorps Crew Leader Travis Jones

ReStore Manager Tim Ammons  
ReStore Floor Manager Edgar Lara  
Asst. Floor Manager Pam Clarke  
Warehouse Manager/Driver Open  
ReStore Cashier Erin Glover  
VISTA Volunteer Coordinator Alberto Hernandez



AmeriCorps/VISTA members serve for a year. They receive an education award of over \$5,000 upon completion of their service.

Habitat for Humanity Lake County  
315 N Martin Luther King Jr Ave  
Waukegan IL 60085-4207

847-623-1020  
info@habitatlc.org  
www.habitatlc.org



Like us on Facebook



Join us on  
LinkedIn

## A Word From the Executive Director



Julie Donovan

*"Behold I am making all things new"*

Revelations 21:5

Ugh! As I walk up to the old run-down house, I want to turn around and pretend I don't know anything about the house. Why am I doing this?

Tall grass, weeds gone to seed, peeling paint, cracked windows and cracked walkways do not lift my spirit.

Then I meet the people living inside. Elderly moms or dads who don't have anyone to help, even for a day. People with disabilities, growing more depressed by the minute, not able to get things done by themselves. Low-income families struggling to stretch their dollars for food and medicine.

Over our visit, we learn more about the homeowner and what is happening in their life. We make a list. We buy materials. Volunteers fill in the schedule.

Workday arrives and we're still not sure what we can do. Then we see the small smile. The homeowner sees us and finally believes we really will help them.

Eager hands unload the truck and get working. At lunch break teens laugh with the homeowner and stories are shared. Before we know it the day is over.

And the house shines. And the homeowner smiles a genuine smile. So do we.

God does not give up on any of us—no matter how old we get or if our life doesn't go as planned. He is simply there for us, always ready to help make us new through His love.

I am grateful that we can serve God on this earth by making things new—houses and people. I pray you will join Habitat for Humanity in making all things new.

*Julie Donovan*

## **Use Your Talents to Build**

**What is your talent? Will you share it with us?  
*Build your Skills and Build our Organization***

**People Skills | Organizational Skills | Project Management  
Legal | Financial | Marketing | Communications**

**You will meet new friends and learn new skills!  
We welcome your support**

**Join a team to support our families and neighborhoods  
Volunteer behind the scenes electronically or in our office  
Weekends, Evenings and Weekday Opportunities  
You'll be glad you did!**

**Contact: 847-623-1020 info@habitatlc.org**

# Habitat. We Build.

## Repair Homes

We are identifying owner-occupied homes in target neighborhoods in Waukegan that need exterior repairs. Our goal is to complete 25 homes in this fiscal year.

**Can you sponsor a Repair House?** A donation of [\\$2,500](#) brings 2 work-days and the satisfaction of getting a job done with a low-income homeowner who really needs your help!



## Rehab Homes

We accept donations of some older homes in our target neighborhoods in Waukegan for rehabilitation. After testing for lead, asbestos and radon, we rehab the house. Work may include improvements to the roof, windows and siding, and plumbing, electrical and HVAC. We fix the insulation and walls and more!

**Can you sponsor a Rehab House?** A donation of [\\$50,000](#) brings 20 work-days on site and the joy of an improved home and a happy family!



## New Homes

We still build new homes. If we receive donated property with a blighted home we demolish it and rebuild. We accept vacant parcels in target neighborhoods also.

**Can you sponsor a New House?** A donation of [\\$100,000](#) brings up to 40 workdays and the fun of building a house with our Partner Family.



## Build With Us

847-623-1020 [info@habitatlc.org](mailto:info@habitatlc.org)

[www.habitatlc.org](http://www.habitatlc.org)

## Volunteer at the ReStore

*"It is fun to go on the truck to pick up donations. I never know what I'll see!"*

*"I look forward to my ReStore days. The time passes so quickly. We laugh and get things done. I love knowing my time helps a family get a house."*

*"I feel good knowing I'm keeping tons of stuff from the landfill."*



### How can I Help?

- Sign up for once a week, once a month or even once a year. We can use you.
- Half days or full days are fine with us.

Contact Cassie Bertke at [cassie@habitatlc.org](mailto:cassie@habitatlc.org) or 847-623-1020



# ReStore

**Location:** 3545 Grand Ave, Gurnee 1/4 mile east of Hwy 41/south side of Grand Ave

**Hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9am to 6pm Saturday 9am to 5pm

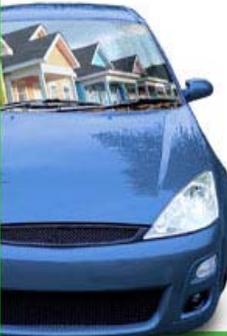
**Donations:** 847-249-3160 or [www.habitatlc.org](http://www.habitatlc.org) for drop-off info. Limited pickups available

**DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER.**



315 N Martin Luther King Jr Ave  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4207

Address Correction Requested



**Habitat for Humanity**  
Cars for Homes™

**Make every day Earth Day.**  
Recycle your vehicle and help Habitat build homes.

Start your donation ▶

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle to help local families have a decent place to call home. Your tax deductible donation is quick and easy. Within days of your email or call, your vehicle will be picked up and the paperwork completed.

Toll free:  
1-877-277-HFHI (4344)

[www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org)

**Building ON! Habitat. We Build.**