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Habitat Happenings

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Hello Friends,

I want to begin by expressing my sincere wishes that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy. I began writing this multiple times during the past weeks; each time I started the words seemed to change based on the happenings of each day. We certainly live in a very different world from what we did just a short while ago. The Habitat for Humanity World, though changed, is very much active and moving forward. To update you, — our administrative offices are open through email and phone access, our ReStore is currently doing curbside pickups and stocking up on donated materials, while also preparing for the moment the Governor's Executive Order is lifted and we are able to open our doors to the public.

Once open to the public, while the orders for safe distancing are in effect, wearing masks and a regimented cleaning and disinfecting schedule will remain in effect. Please bear with us; as we are meeting the compliance regulations, we will require all staff, volunteers and customers to wear face masks. We will ask all volunteers and staff a series of evaluation questions and take their temperatures with a forehead thermometer daily. This measure is for the safety of our staff and our volunteers as well as our customers.

We are currently accepting donations at our donation center and doing curbside pick-ups with our ReStore truck. Please bring your gently used items to our ReStore Donation Center or call us for a curbside pick-up. We need as many viable items as possible. Please see our Facebook Page or this newsletter for information and a complete list of the items that we accept.

During these challenging times, we at Blue Water Habitat for Humanity are here to serve all members of our community. Now more than ever as we make it through this COVID-19 Pandemic, the people of our Community need the services that Blue Water Habitat for Humanity provides. Our newest Programs include the *ReStore Voucher Program*, which matches your dollars with grant dollars to help provide materials and appliances from our ReStore to those who have been hit hardest financially by this crisis and the *Critical Home Repair Voucher*, which is similar in that it provides a relief program for home repairs to the same population. I encourage you to continue to support our affiliate through your ReStore donations and your generous donations to our affiliate for our programs. Without your support we cannot do the incredible work we have done for over 30 years. You are the Key to our success and the Key to every home and family we serve. Thank you for all you have done before today and Bless you for all you will do Today and all of the Tomorrows to come. When you stand with us, we help Families to Stand Stronger — and through this difficult time we will Rise and Stand Together.

I am humbled to serve All of You, Our Families, Our Community and most of all Our GOD.

Warmest regards,
Ernest C. Werth-Toward, CEO



Event Updates:



Due to the Stay Home–Stay Safe Order Blue Water Habitat for Humanity’s **30th Anniversary Celebration** has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

Rock the Block 2020 has been postponed until August 2020, due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic. We are still taking sponsorships and team volunteer registrations . Please contact Kara at 810-985-9080 ext. 200 or kara@bwhabitat.org if you are interested.

COVID-19 Voucher Programs

Critical Home Repair Voucher Program

Essential Home Repairs–

Interior and exterior; such as:
Plumbing, structural safety issues,
Roof repairs, electrical

ReStore Merchandise Voucher Program

Purchase through use of a voucher

home repair products, appliances,
and home goods.

Applications will be available and accepted beginning on Monday, April 27, 2020.

To qualify, be referred to us by a non-profit or human services organization
Then go to bwhabitat.org and fill out the pre-screen questionnaire.
Once the application is completed, please mail, FAX or email a copy to us.

Mail to: BWHFH– Voucher Program
3524 Pine Grove Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

FAX: 810-985-4798

Email: programservices@bwhabitat.org



You can leave a message by phone beginning April 27, 2020 at 810-985-9080 x200.
Calls will be returned.





Cost of Home Advocacy Campaign: Land Use

Optimizing land use for affordable housing: Land is often among the greatest costs encountered in developing homes, whether for rental or for ownership. The Cost of Home campaign will support advocacy for land acquisition, use, and development related policies that bring down the cost to build, and otherwise stimulate the production and preservation of affordable housing, promote fair housing, and fully reflect community needs.

Everyone deserves to build the foundation for a strong, healthy future for themselves and their families – no matter where they live or how much money they earn. Every family deserves the chance to thrive.

Together, we can make the **Cost of Home** something we can all afford. Get involved by visiting habitat.org/costofhome.

Stay tuned for more explanation on the next key area: [Increasing access to affordable credit](#)

A safe home.
Nutritious food.
Health care.
Reliable transportation.

Which would you choose?



Help Habitat make the #CostOfHome something we all can afford.



Help Habitat make the #CostOfHome something we all can afford.

Explore your opportunities



Nail Sale
Many local churches participate in Nail Sales annually. Kits are available for 2020; for more information contact Kara at 810-985-9080 ext. 200.

All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your existing Kroger Plus card! Ready to earn for BWHFH on your next trip and every shopping trip you make to Kroger (groceries and pharmacy) .
Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com .
Please take a few minutes to...**Help BWHFH, Help Others...simply by shopping!**




Through the Direct Your Dollars program, eligible nonprofit organizations can earn \$1,000, simply by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts from any of the **more than 155 SpartanNash-owned retail stores**. Call Kara at 810-985-9080 ext. 200 to learn more and turn in receipts.



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.



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ATTENTION CURBSIDE PICK-UP!

Starting the week of May 11th we will be starting to accept donations and schedule curbside pickup. Please call 810-985-9080 ext. 201 and leave a message or e-mail at michelle@bwhabitat.org to get on the curbside pick up schedule.



Did you know our ReStore carries more than just construction supplies? We have most of your home furnishing needs as well. Everything from furniture and lighting to appliances, even beds!



Donate. Shop. Volunteer.

Please accept the enclosed gift of: _____
Checks may be made payable to BWHFH

I wish to remain anonymous

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please bill my credit card (circle one)

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____ CCV: _____



Gifts can be mailed to:
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