



Merry Christmas from all of us Wolf River Habitat!

Winter 2023

Wolf River Habitat Celebrates Silver Anniversary Golf Outing

Kevin Culhane, Vice President

On August 17th, North Star Mohican Casino Resort and Pine Hills Golf Course hosted our 25th annual golf outing. Our friends at North Star Mohican have been organizing and sponsoring our largest fundraiser for us every year. We are so very thankful for their remarkable generosity, along with the support of the participating sponsors, vendors, fellow golfers and volunteers.

The proceeds from this year's event, including a generous donation from North Star, totaled over \$23,000! We will use these funds for building a new home with a local family in the Gresham area in 2024. Thank you, North Star!



It's always great to see new and old friends participate in the annual golf outing. Pictured above is the team of Dick Kohls, Mike Boyd, Bob Hermes and Tom Ittner.



It takes the work of numerous volunteers – like Dolly & Bob Burdick – to make the golf outing a success each year.

Let the spirit of love fill our hearts and homes. In this loveliest of seasons may you find many reasons for happiness! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Creating More Local Housing Opportunities

Mark A Flunker, Executive Director/Site Supervisor

The construction side of our affiliate stayed busy this past year. Volunteers and our partner family helped complete an extensive rehab of a home in Shawano, and the family was able to move into the home in August.

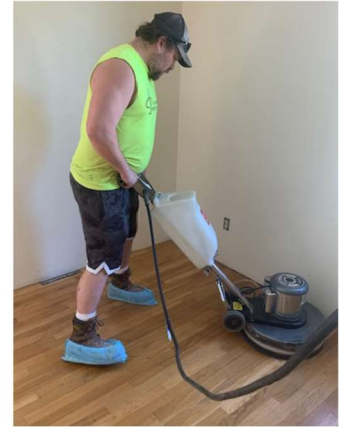
We have started another rehab project in Shawano and hope to have a family in the home in early 2024. We are also planning for a new home build in Gresham in 2024, so we are excited to be creating more decent housing opportunities in our communities.

We also have done a lot of work on our store and warehouse building. We have some new windows and entry doors installed along with some LED lighting which should help our energy efficiency and help the utility bills.

As always, we are looking for more volunteers to help on our home building. If you know anybody who would be interested, or if you might be interested, please contact me at 715-584-5995, through our website (wrhabitat.org), or store manager Laurie at 715-524-3007. **We can use volunteers of all abilities for whatever amount of time you have available!**

I would like to thank all the people who volunteered in the last year, my regular crew of volunteers and especially Premier Bank and ThedaCare and their volunteers.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



The partner family and volunteers worked hard to rehab a home on South Lafayette Street in Shawano.



Volunteers helped install new windows at our store and warehouse.



Special thanks to our Premier Bank and ThedaCare groups for volunteering their time and talents.

Partner Families Needed!

We are always in need of families to partner with. To qualify, applicants must have **1)** a need for housing (currently living in inadequate or unsafe conditions), **2)** ability to pay the monthly interest-free mortgage, taxes and insurance, and **3)** a willingness to work with us on the home (“sweat equity”) for 250-500 hours. Plus, there are income limits for eligibility, which are posted on our website at wrhabitat.org. (For example, for a family of 4, gross income for the household must be between \$25,500 and \$51,000.)

If you know of interested families, please direct them to our website.

STORE UPDATE

So Much to be Thankful For

Laurie Wilkinson, Store Manager

We want to extend our continued appreciation and gratitude to all our supporters:

- Those who generously donate new or gently used items to be sold at the store.
- Our customers, who with their purchases, are contributing to positive change in the communities and the lives of our partner families and getting great deals.
- Our volunteers, who selflessly give of their time and talents and are critical to our mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.



"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors — in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver." — Fred Rogers

A Few Reminders...

Here are a couple points to note to help make your Wolf River Habitat Store shopping or donation experience a great one!

- Store hours:
Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Donations are accepted during open store days/hours or by scheduling an appointment with staff. Please do not drop off items if the store is not open and staff is not available to receive.
- Acceptable items for donations – most are noted on signs posted at the store and also online – but donation criteria is subject to change. Some donations may be declined due to safety concerns or marketability. Please call the store with any questions.
- Pickup of donations may be available – please contact the store to schedule and more information.

Drop off of items can only be during store hours
with Habitat staff present.
Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Drop off is at warehouse overhead door area
(on North side of building) located at 414 East Elizabeth Street.

WE ACCEPT:

- Appliances • Furniture • Household Goods
- Building Materials • Countertops & Cabinets
- Light Fixtures • Hardware • Doors & Windows
- Carpet & Flooring • Millwork

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT:

- Items in Poor Condition
- TV's, Computers, Monitors
- Doors or Windows Painted Pre 1975
- Single Pane Windows • Asbestos Based Materials
- Anything Broken or Unframed Glass
- Mattresses & Box Springs
- Paint and Paint Thinner
- Hazardous Chemicals • Sinks and Dishwashers
- Hot Water Heaters
- Or Anything Staff Feels is Not Acceptable

Questions?

Contact the store by phone: 715-524-3007, email: store.wolfriverhabitat@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook, or check out some of our available inventory on Craigslist (Habitat for Humanity Shawano).

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Donate, reuse or recycle?

Do you have gently used home goods or leftover building materials you don't need? You might be able to donate them to a local Habitat for Humanity ReStore! Ask these questions to find out if your item could be donated, reused or recycled.

Is it in good condition and full working order?
Your item should be fully functional and have no missing or broken parts, deep scratches, chips or cracks, stained or torn fabric, strong odors or other major damage.

1 These donation guidelines help lower waste removal costs so more proceeds can go to support Habitat's work.

Thank You to God's Givers

We extend a sincere thank you to all who have donated time, treasure or talents this year, especially the individuals, groups and organizations listed below.

- ThedaCare
- Bleser Family Foundation, Inc.
- Carolyn & Alan Lamia
- The Wilkinsons
- Martha Hinshelwood
- Hilgenberg Realtors
- Sundrop Dayz
- Ross Fugill
- Stephen & Mary Swanson
- Ann Long
- Lisa Gast
- The Daun-Kuehl Family
- The Burdicks
- Joshua Vande Hey
- Gerald & Carol Vande Hey
- Jean Mycynek
- Shawano Woman's Club
- Paul Paddock
- Robin & Terry Van Zeeland
- Radtke-Reuter Electric LLC
- Bob & Maribeth Klopke
- Craig & Julie Aderhold
- David Schwobe
- Mary Sutter
- The Roloffs
- Tim & Claudia Ploeger
- Gary & Kathy Lewandowski
- Annabell Herzfeldt
- Audrey Fenske & Christopher Knopf
- Mrs. Carol Cantwell
- Brady's Septic Service, Inc,
- Fr. David Barrett
- The Alexanders

Consider a Charitable Donation

Costs for building homes have gone up significantly. If you are in a position to donate funds to help offset these costs, please consider a tax-deductible donation to Wolf River Habitat for Humanity. We can also accept appreciated securities or mutual fund donations, which allow both a tax deduction and avoidance of capital gain taxes on the appreciated value of securities. Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD) are a good way to gift, if you are able, and also avoid excessive income tax for those age 72+ while still satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from retirement accounts. For more information, contact Kevin Culhane at info@wrhabitat.org.

Did You Know?

Did you know ... Wolf River Habitat tithes 10% of its income to our partner affiliate in Mexico? Due to the low cost of home building in Mexico, we have tithed enough money to build 60 homes there.

Did you know ... Habitat mortgages are interest-free? We never charge interest to our homeowner families as they payback the principal on the house over 20-30 years.

Did you know ... Wolf River Habitat for Humanity has a very dedicated group of volunteers who are passionately involved in recycling efforts? To date, they have sorted, cleaned and prepared more than **18 tons** of various metals for scrapping. Scrap metal is a valuable resource because of its many potential uses. We are blessed by the time and talents of many people – our amazing volunteers. Want to join us? Give us a call. We love our volunteers!

"If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest."

Exodus 22:25

Reuse – Recycle – Reimagine – **ReStore**

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