



September celebrations included the dedication of Demara's Habitat home, a partnership with In His Hands Orphans Outreach and Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association.

Changing Challenges to Celebrations

Providing affordable, sustainable housing to Habitat families drives Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. In a year we weren't sure we'd build, collaboration paved the way for changing challenges into celebration.

On September 9, Demara's family was joyfully welcomed to the neighborhood and their new home. Thanks to your generous donations, Habitat was able to partner with *In His Hands Orphans Outreach* and *Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association* to make this house Demara's home. All three organizations used their unique talents and resources to put this plan in motion, but donors also empowered Habitat to make the plan work.

Thank you for helping Demara, who, like other Habitat homeowners, worked hard building up sweat equity hours and helping alongside volunteers doing the renovations. Now that her home is complete, she will pay an affordable mortgage, which is reinvested back into our program to build more homes for more families in need. Thank you for helping us build houses and build hope throughout our community!

Ramping Up Access & Spirits

Habitat volunteers are ramped up about providing accessibility and helping low income Sangamon County homeowners stay in their homes! To date, 18 ramps have been completed.

Would a ramp make mobility possible for someone you know? Volunteer or get an application online at www.habitatsangamon.com or stop by the Habitat office, located at 2744 S 6th Street, in Springfield.

WHAT IS SWEAT EQUITY?

Simply put, it's work. Habitat partner families build sweat equity hours assisting at the ReStore, Habitat office or special events; with clean-up at the sites; and constructing or renovating homes.

They Didn't Drop - Just Shopped ReStore!

August 27, 2016 – 3rd largest sales day since opening

Thank you for spreading the word that Habitat ReStore is a great place to shop, donate, volunteer and take DIY classes. ReStore purchases and donations help HFHSC and our community build better futures.

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Would you prefer to receive this newsletter electronically?

Do you have a story suggestion or a special memory or connection to HFHSC that you would be willing to share? We would love to hear from you! Please contact Shayne Squires at 217-523-2710 or ssquires@habitatsangamon.com.

Empowering Every One

Family by family, Habitat is empowering individuals throughout our community. Fall festivities included kick-offs for updating Habitat homes *and* celebrating a Habitat family that is moving on.

Two more homes were completed in November thanks to our donors, volunteers, and new Habitat Homeowners Deanna and Shawna and their families. What a Thanksgiving blessing!

Families qualifying to become Habitat homeowners are not looking for a hand out, they just need a hand up. Deanna's new home highlights the "hand up" that helped another Habitat family move on. It was their home for the last 10 years. With a stable foundation, they applied for and received a conventional loan to buy a bigger place and move on. That's something to celebrate!

Would you like to join us at future home kick-offs and dedications? Sign up for our monthly "Build Blast" at www.habitatsangamon.com or contact Shayne Squires at 217-523-2710 anytime.



ReStore Donation Center Makes Giving Easy!

Working through sun, rain, sleet, and even snow Habitat volunteers and donors made the ReStore Donation Center come together. It's AMAZING – and makes donating items quick and easy.

Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday, 10am to 5pm, look for the "enter" sign to the ReStore Donation Center and drive in. ReStore staff and volunteers will unload your donated items, quickly prepare your donation receipt and send you on your way with a smile.



When making purchases at the ReStore, pick up is easy too. Pay for your items at the register and then drive to the Donation Center. Habitat's friendly staff will get you loaded up and on your way so that you can come back soon to hunt for more treasures.

We are grateful to our donors and the volunteers who worked day after day to see this project through!



CHAIR-ITY FOR HABITAT

What do you get when you mix 150 donated chairs with loads of enthusiasm and creativity? ReStore's first ever *Chair-ity For Habitat* event – and success!

Individuals and businesses purchased a chair or chairs, which they "reinvented" and donated back to the ReStore for the Chair-ity Auction. Habitat for Chair-ity included more than 130 fabulous and amazing pieces, posting on Facebook, voting for favorites, and an auction. Many thanks to everyone who embraced this event and helped us raise nearly \$5,000!

A similar event will be held in 2017. Be sure to stop by the ReStore, "like" us on Facebook and watch for more details at www.habitatsangamon.com.

Find your treasure at Habitat ReStore! Like our Facebook page and share our video (tinyurl.com/zuxm83a)!

ReStore welcomes pirates – and other shoppers – 10am to 6pm, Tuesday through Friday, and 10am to 5pm Saturday.

Have a passion for Pinterest or DIY? Check out Habitat ReStore!

ReStore ReMix: Two-hour classes are a great way to learn and have fun in a hands-on setting. Fees include instruction and materials for an item you take home.

Chill & Build: Bring your creativity, enthusiasm and any painting or construction skills! Help build and repurpose items for the ReStore, 10:30 am to 3 pm, usually the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Registration is required. Check the calendar of events and sign up at www.habitatsangamon.com or visit the ReStore checkout counter.