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### Elida Build



The lot at 207 W. North Street, Elida, OH is waiting for a Habitat family to be selected, so that we can start building. This will be the first time that the Lima Area Affiliate has built a home in Elida. Our other 54 houses have been constructed in Lima, Delphos, and Spencerville. Currently our Family Services and Selection Committee is busy meeting with possible families for this new home. Once the family has been selected, then plans will be drawn up for the appropriate size house to fit the family: 2, 3, 4 or more bedrooms. The selection will hopefully be finalized by late spring. All of our committees are busy planning for this event as we will need to raise funds for the build, find sponsors, recruit volunteers, collect supplies, procure sub-contractors and more. Many of the Elida area churches are working together to consider creating an Interfaith Build Consortium.

### ONU Volunteers



The Ohio Northern University Habitat for Humanity Student Chapter continues to partner with us at the Lima Area Affiliate. On Saturday, February 2, 16 students volunteered at the ReStore. This was the third time this academic year that the ONU student chapter has sent us volunteers. They have contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours since August. Projects from this visit included clearing a huge mound of snow and ice from the parking lot and sidewalk by the Habitat office, painting many of the walls of our new volunteer breakroom/offices in the ReStore, cleaning household items, and repairing donated furniture to be sold on the floor. The energy and enthusiasm was contagious as the ReStore and surrounding area was transformed. We will partner with ONU again on April 6 during their LOVE (Living Our Values Everywhere) Day.

### Build a House through Your Donation



Through grants, volunteer labor, and gifts-in-kind (goods and services provided free to the affiliate), we are able to keep the cost of our Habitat homes at a very affordable price. However, we also need capital to cover the other costs of each build. Perhaps you are unable to volunteer your time, but you can generously share your monetary resources. Dollars are just as important as being on the worksite itself. For every \$62 that is given, one square foot of the house is secured. Please join our efforts to build this new Habitat home for a family in need of a decent, affordable place to live. You can give directly to the Lima Area affiliate online at [www.habitatlima.org/donate/](http://www.habitatlima.org/donate/) or give by sending a check to our affiliate at the address on the bottom of this newsletter.

### Volunteer Needs & News



The new break room is now finished, thanks to many volunteers and our construction manager. Pictures of this process can be seen at the Habitat for Humanity - Lima, Ohio Facebook page.

The ReStore is now holding a monthly “Tailgate” meeting for our volunteers on the last Friday of every month. We are looking for groups to provide a meal for these approximately 30 volunteers that meet together to enhance the work of the ReStore.

If you are interested in volunteering for any part of our affiliate (ReStore work, providing food for our volunteers, serving on a committee, helping with our build), please fill out a volunteer form at [www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/volunteer-interest-form.html](http://www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/volunteer-interest-form.html) or call us. Whatever you are able to offer will be a gift to us, and especially a gift to those needing affordable, decent housing.

#### **Our mission**

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

#### **Our vision**

*A world where everyone has a decent place to live*

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