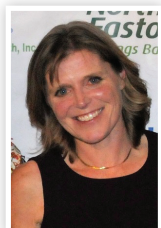




Habitat Happenings

spring 2023



From the Executive Director's Desk

It's been a year full of memorable moments, big and small, for our affiliate! Our 25th Anniversary year was marked by projects accomplished, challenges met, records broken and friendships forged. Through it all, the thread of gratitude wove these pieces together to make for a remarkable milestone year! Whether you volunteered at the build site, made lunches for our hungry crew, helped out at the ReStore, or worked behind-the-scenes on a committee, your support ensures that you are truly making an impact on our organization and the Habitat families we serve. Your link to us makes you an integral part of our past, and by staying connected with your support, you will be helping to ensure the future for Habitat homeowners-to-be.

We also kicked off 2023 with a few changes here on our staff. At the start of January, Jim Middleton transitioned to a new role as Project Director, and I was thrilled to step into the Executive Director seat. I'm delighted to say that Jim will continue to contribute his vast knowledge and experience as he helps to move projects through the pipeline. We also welcomed Kelly DiPersio as our new Director of Development and said a fond farewell to Donna Martin, our dedicated Office Manager & Volunteer Coordinator, as she embarks on her retirement.

It's said that the one constant in life is change. As I look forward to building on the rich history and many accomplishments of our affiliate, I also welcome the chance to hear from you, our friends and supporters, as we shape a vision for growth in the face of an ever-increasing need for stable, secure affordable housing. Please feel free to be in touch.

Stay well,

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UPDATES

One thing we can always count on at the ReStore is that the retail floor looks different nearly every day. Sales have continued to be strong over the past year, with an ever-growing number of new customers discovering the **high quality** products and **great savings** to be found here. Our **ReStore Rewards** program has taken off too! For every \$100 spent, shoppers receive \$10 in Rewards to use on future purchases, and our staff is happy to see satisfied customers returning to redeem them frequently. We hope you'll stop in if you're in the market for a new item for your home, and we encourage you to tell friends and family about us. As we head into "spring cleaning" mode, please keep us in mind if you're looking for a way to give your household items a second life while supporting the Habitat mission. We accept and sell: **furniture, appliances, lighting, doors/windows, flooring, cabinets and more.** To arrange a donation with **free pick up service**, send photos of the item(s) to restoredonations@verizon.net.

NEW!

The ReStore is now piloting a **Cabinet Deconstruction program**. If you're remodeling a kitchen, team members experienced in cabinetry will come to your home and remove your existing cabinets (appliances too, if you wish) and bring them back to the ReStore for sale to the public. So often, perfectly good cabinets wind up getting destroyed and tossed into a dumpster during a remodeling project. Help us spread the word as we get this program off the ground and promote reuse – a win, win for donors and HFHGP!



Check out our new truck! Making it's way throughout the South Shore with FREE pick up service!

Location/Hours:

160 N. Main St. Carver
(next to Tractor Supply)

Tues.: 10 am – 1 pm

Wed. – Fri.: 10 am – 6 pm

Sat.: 9 am – 3 pm

Hope & Independence for an SJS Warrior: Delivered!



In last spring's newsletter, we introduced you to the story of Emma and her family's need for a Brush With Kindness project to make her home safer and more accessible to meet her needs. Now, after consistently working each weekend for over ten months, we're thrilled to say that the project is complete! As a young teen, Emma had a severe toxic reaction to medication and developed Stevens Johnson Syndrome, a devastating rare disease that has stolen her eyesight and reduced her mobility over the last five years.

Our volunteer crews started with putting an addition on her existing Plymouth home to create a new living room for the family, plus additional storage space in the basement. Then, we moved over to the other end of the house to build a first-floor bedroom and bathroom suite which will reduce her fall risk by eliminating the need for stairs. The vibrant colored walls are a perfect choice! A new exterior ramp and concrete walkway to the street rounded out this major renovation.



We are enormously grateful to **all** of the volunteers who participated and helped deliver relief to this family! Business teams, church groups (especially from the Church of the Pilgrimage) and stalwart individuals all gave their time and combined their efforts to bring hope and independence to Emma. ♥



Wish List

Help equip our office and ReStore with donations of:

- Copy paper
- Flipchart paper
- Stamps
- Screw guns
- Impact drivers
- Shop Vac
- Prybar/Flatbar
- Wood Polish/Pledge
- Keurig (Single Cup) & K-cups

Did You Know? Volunteering takes MANY forms here!

When it comes to Habitat, most people immediately think of construction work when they hear the call for volunteers. There's good reason for that! After all, we need LOTS of hands at construction sites. You don't need construction experience to build with us – we'll teach you what you need to know! *But*, we also have many other volunteer opportunities that are critical to our work that do require professional skill. Before we can stick a shovel in the ground, we need help with:

- > Engineering
- > Surveying
- > Architecture
- > Legal Services
- > Septic / Well Services

Plus, we can always use help with fundraising, volunteer hospitality and promotions! To sign up, go to: www.hfhplymouth.org/how-to-help/volunteer.

Are you interested in Board involvement? If so, get in touch with nhaes@prfirst.com to learn more.

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In the Pipeline

We are eagerly awaiting the chance to start our planned total rehab of an abandoned house in Carver. We expected to be underway by now, but unfortunately, we've been put on hold due to necessary site work that is outside of our control and must be addressed before we can begin. We look forward to having more information about this project later this summer.

Our Site Selection Committee, co-chaired by Brenda Sutherland and Beth Davis, is newly invigorated and actively researching parcels in each of our service towns. If you know someone who may be interested in making an enormous impact for a family in need through a tax-deductible donation of buildable land, please contact amy@hfhplymouth.org or call the office.

Brush With Kindness

Do you know someone from our 6-town service area who is in need of a critical home repair? Our Brush With Kindness program is available to help low-income members of the community fix minor problems causing health and safety concerns in the home and addressing weatherization, aging in place needs, and access for disability. Light carpentry needs, stair/window repair, wheelchair access, etc are examples of past Brush With Kindness projects; note, we can not provide electrical, plumbing or roofing work. We are limited in how many projects we can tackle at one time, but we encourage those in need to email info@hfhplymouth.org to learn more and get an application. Habitat labor is free, but the homeowner is asked to pay for materials.



Build hope
Build a team
Build a house



Shaking Up the Gala for 2023!

Our Hearts and Hammers Gala Committee is already hard at work planning for a fabulous night to remember on October 13th! The 2023 Gala will have a new home at Jones River Trading Post in Kingston, as well as a fresh spin on the event experience. We can't wait to welcome all of our supporters there for an evening filled with good cheer, music and giving back. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned to our web page and social media for announcements about ticket sales.

The Gala Committee is made up of a fun and creative group of volunteers and we always welcome new hands to help. To get involved, please contact Gala Chair Sandy Sanderson at workmail2020@gmail.com.

Seeking Sponsors and Auction Items!

Want to showcase your business' community spirit? We're actively seeking Gala sponsors and donations of auction items now. Businesses and individuals who can contribute through either of these opportunities will help us to meet and beat our fundraising goal of \$100,000! To learn more about the sponsorship levels or to offer an auction item, contact Kelly DiPersio, Director of Development: kdipersio@hfhplymouth.org.



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Give Back to the
80'S

SAT., APRIL 22ND | 7 - 11 PM
American Legion
199 Federal Furnace Rd. Plymouth

DJ // FOOD & CASH BAR // RAFFLES
Retro 80s attire encouraged!

TICKETS: \$35
ONLINE: <https://givebutter.com/Habitat80sNight>
Sponsorships from \$250 - \$5,000 are available.
For more info, contact: cherylphelan@gmail.com

Join fellow supporters for a *fun-filled* Back to the 80's Night on April 22nd! Break out your leg warmers and bomber jackets, throw on your fav 80's garb and have a blast with us while we re-live a *rad* decade to remember!!

There's nothing like teased hair and acid wash to bring back memories, and a live DJ will spin those popular 80s tunes we all know and love! Plus, enjoy good food, cash bar, raffles & more!

Get stoked for a totally awesome trip back in time, all for a great cause! Tickets are \$35. Grab yours today at <https://givebutter.com/Habitat80sNight> or scan this



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Bigger Thanks
to you!*