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Volunteers needed for yard

# Habitat Happenings

## ReStore Celebrates Earth Day Spirit Everyday!

When it comes to "green," the Habitat for Humanity ReStore sets a stellar example. Virtually everything in the store has been "recycled," and the recycling continues every time an item is sold.

The ReStore is a home improvement discount outlet that sells new and gently used building materials and home improvement items to the public at 50% to 75% off the retail price. The inventory is driven by donations and changes daily.

The ReStore benefits the community - and the environment - immensely by recycling and reusing building materials, while keeping them out of a landfill. In addition to "being green," the ReStore also helps area homeowners save some "green" by providing affordable products for home maintenance and improvement projects. It also raises some "green" to help fund the construction of more Habitat homes in north central Iowa.

So next time you go to remodel your home, think of the ReStore - both to donate materials and shop for them - the Earth will thank you!

The store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. It is located at the end of Commercial Park Road off of South Taft in Mason City.

For more information on the ReStore, call 641-423-1688.



## Help Us "Raise the Roof"

Music lovers looking for a fun night out - and who want to support Habitat for Humanity - have an opportunity to do both at the upcoming "Raise the Roof" concert!



work! Get some fresh air, make some friends, and help a great family at the same time!

Habitat will soon begin a new house build in Belmond. Volunteers of all skill levels will be needed.

To get involved, call the office at 641-424-8978 or click on "Sign Up Now!" and put your preferred project in the Subject line.

[Sign Up Now!](#)

## Mark Your Calendar!

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Looking for a fun family night out? Come to the "Raise the Roof!" Concert

Sunday, May 2

6:30 p.m.

Music Man Square  
Mason City

With music by area bands, soloists, church groups & praise bands.

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The concert will be held at **Music Man Square on Sunday, May 2nd at 6:30p.m.** Music will be provided by bands, soloists, church groups, praise bands and other musicians from throughout the area.

Admission to the event will be a freewill donation and all proceeds will go toward Habitat NCI's mission of providing area families in need with safe, affordable housing.

A night filled with joyous music, yummy baked goodies, handmade crafts, and fun fellowship will be had by all. We hope to see you there!

## Trenda and Daughters Enjoy Life in New Habitat Home After Dedication

Trenda Roppe and her daughters, Harley and Kayla, are enjoying life in their new Habitat for Humanity home after a dedication ceremony held on March 22.

The home, built through a partnership between Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, is located on North Pennsylvania Ave. The dedication included an open house for family, friends, donors, volunteers and the public; followed by a brief dedication ceremony during which the home was blessed, gifts were presented, and the house keys were turned over to the Roppes.

This is the second home Habitat has built in the neighborhood near Gooch Park. The lot was donated to Habitat by the late Alan Dodge and his wife, Margaret, in 2007. Construction began last summer.

Thrivent Chapter Specialist Steve Meyer and Habitat construction supervisor Chuck Myhre spearheaded the work, leading volunteers that included the NIACC Building Trades class, members of area churches, the NIACC Girls Volleyball Team, work teams from businesses such as Wal-Mart, Principal, Target and Best Buy, and individual volunteers - including a family who worked on the house as a family reunion project.

To date, Habitat for Humanity NCI has provided 36 families in its six-county service area with homeownership opportunities. Work is planned this summer on homes in Mason City and Belmond. Applications are being accepted now for Partner Families.

For information about donating, volunteering, or applying for a home with Habitat for Humanity NCI, call the office at **641-424-8978** or visit [www.habitatnci.org](http://www.habitatnci.org).



*Life!*

## DONATE NOW!

Your investment in Habitat can help buy:

- \$10 = Box of nails
- \$35 = Roof shingles
- \$75 = Window
- \$100 = Kitchen sink
- \$150 = Front door
  
- \$300 = Lighting
- \$500 = Bathtub
  
- \$1,000 = Siding
- \$2,000 = Flooring

## BE CREATIVE!

Help Habitat purchase needed office supplies by donating your used ink cartridges or Staples Rewards points.

*or*

Include [Goodsearch.com](http://Goodsearch.com) and [Goodshop.com](http://Goodshop.com) on your Internet homepage as your search engine and designate Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa as the recipient.

*National  
Volunteer  
Week!*

## Staff Spotlight: Monte Kloberdanz, ReStore Manager

The manager of the ReStore in Mason City brings years of experience with non-profits to his role with Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa.

"The bulk of my career has been associated with the non-profit sector," says Monte Kloberdanz. "My chief work was establishing and maintaining foundations for various organizations throughout the country. Immediately prior to returning to Iowa, I established and worked with several foundations in the Southwest."

The foundations included the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Mesa Verde World Heritage Cultural Center, Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association and the Foundation for Students and Athletes Deserving Opportunities, among others.

Monte came back to Iowa in 2001 for family reasons and served as director of the Mercy Medical Center Foundation for almost two years before retiring from that position to oversee his family's farm and estate matters.

He came on board with Habitat as an AmeriCorps worker in September, 2008. AmeriCorps is a federal program that partners workers with nonprofit groups nationwide. AmeriCorps workers receive an education award and are limited to two years of service.

"I view this role as grassroots/hands-on marketing and fund-raising and one of the most rewarding and satisfying jobs of my career," Monte says. "I have admired Habitat for Humanity since its inception and jumped at the opportunity to fill some role with it."

Monte's daughter, Kristin, of Modesto, California, spent two weeks in New Orleans on a Habitat mission while she was in college. He also has a son, Michael, in Phoenix, Arizona, and three grandchildren.

When he's not helping customers at the ReStore, Monte has a variety of hobbies, including historical, environmental and archaeological interests, as well as sports.

Monte and his wife Sarah Knudsen, a director with the Area Education Agency, live in Osage with Sarah's eighth-grade daughter, Jae. Sarah's son, Kully, serves with the Army Reserves.



## ED Corner

Spring has arrived, and with it, new opportunities to provide homes for area families are blooming! It is an exciting time here at Habitat and there is definitely a lot going on! Soon you will be able to see our next home opportunity "rolling down the road" as we move a Mercy house to its new location on 6th St SW and S. Tyler. We will also begin building our first home in Belmond, sponsored by Thrivent Financial and the Eaton Corporation. In addition to these great home opportunities, we hope to



## Thank You!

**You, our sponsors, donors & volunteers, help us fulfill our mission:**

Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa believes everyone deserves a decent place to live. Habitat does this by working in partnership with families to build simple, decent, affordable housing for those who might not otherwise become homeowners.

**We couldn't do it without you!**

see you at our upcoming "Raise the Roof" concert on Sunday, May 2nd. This will be a free will donation concert and give you and your family a great chance to enjoy area musicians, delicious baked goods, crafts, and fellowship... all while raising funds to support Habitat's efforts. To celebrate "Earth Day," we will spread the word of the contributions that the ReStore makes to recycle good usable building materials and keep them out of the landfill while we participate in the "Green Expo" in Clear Lake. Finally, we want to pause during this "Volunteer Week" and thank all of the wonderful supporters who have given of their time to help Habitat and the families that we serve. We couldn't fulfill our mission without you, and we appreciate all of your efforts from the bottom of our hearts!!

*Melissa Schoneberg*

*Executive Director*



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