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Habichat



From the President and CEO

I am excited to reintroduce our newsletter *Habichat* to help keep you informed of Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity happenings. To kick it off let me start by introducing myself. I am Randy Gardner, a 24-year Air Force veteran. Post service, I served 3 years as a budget consultant and the past 5 years in nonprofit senior leadership roles. I was blessed with the opportunity to lead this storied organization a year ago and as I reflect on my first year at the helm, I am in awe of the many achievements your local Habitat team has accomplished. We overhauled the store, added a new box truck and affixed a new wrap to our fleet of trucks (see "Where's the ReStore Truck?" page 2) and expanded our pick-up and delivery area to serve more people by including portions of McClain County. We enhanced our relationship with the City of Norman which enabled a significant number of wheelchair ramp builds for low income families (see Habitat is Building page 3). We shut our doors for nearly two months to confront the challenges of COVID-19 but came back even stronger thanks to an outpouring of support from our donors and customers. We partnered with other local nonprofits to make our community better, stronger, safer because we have always been in this together, long before it became the national catch phrase. We expanded our Board of Directors from six to eleven members and I am blown away by this dedicated group of professionals who elected to give of their time, talent and resources to help ensure the success of our organization (see sidebar for Board members). I am especially excited about the recent groundbreaking and the home we are building for a future habitat family (see below). There is far more I could cover here, but looking to the future, I am even more excited about what we will continue to accomplish. So please take a moment to read this newsletter. Learn about the exciting things happening here. Then get involved by donating, volunteering and supporting us. Follow us on social media; share our story; and witness the amazing progress that lies ahead. Visit cchfh.org to learn more.

In Your Service, 

Groundbreaking Ceremony

On September 18, 2020, Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity broke ground for their next new house in Norman, thanks to a sponsorship from Dr. Zach Moffitt (Brick House Dental). There was a great turnout of local and state leadership, businesses, churches, and community residents. These are exciting times for Cleveland County Habitat and Norman with what is planned to be one of several new builds. Habitat is currently reviewing applications recently submitted during the open application period to select the next Habitat homeowner. Habitat works to empower families and help them navigate the road to homeownership, turning dreams into a reality. Stay tuned for exciting updates on the Iowa Street Home Build!



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Good To Know?

- Upcycle Center gives makeovers to gently used furniture using Dixie Belle products
- The ReStore sells a premier line of Dixie Belle products
- We need your donation of gently used furniture and household items
- We build ramps for low income families with independence and access challenges to their home
- Team Building needs? Volunteer for an upcoming Habitat project

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Where's The ReStore Truck?

Have you seen our truck?

- 📷 Post a picture of our truck on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram
 - 👤 Be sure to #FindTheHabittruck & @TheRestoreInNorman
- 🏠 Did you spot the truck at a local business?
 - # Make sure to tag them as well
- 📄 Post for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to your ReStore
 - 🎉 We will draw one winner each week (4 Winners)



Visit cchfh.org or follow us on Facebook for dates and winners.

ReStore Donations

Did you know that just by donating items for resale, you are helping us build homes in Cleveland County for those in need? We are currently in need of all types of furniture, in good resaleable condition. We also make it easy to donate. You can either bring items by our donation center in Norman or we can pick it up! Visit cchfh.org or call (405) 360-7868 for more information or to schedule a donation pickup!



Tax deductible monetary donations can be made online at www.cchfh.org

Exciting Things Happening at the ReStore

By Kendra Martin

What's New?

Lots! We get new and used items in six days a week. So there is always something new to discover in the ReStore and you never know what you might find.

Paint and Paint Supplies

We have long carried Amazon Paint, but did you know we now carry lots of supplies too? From brushes to rollers to plastic drop cloths, get what you need to get the job done.

Small business week

We are helping small businesses promote their product. "Pop-up Shops" will be set up in our store the second week of the month

- October 15, 16 — Sage & Elm Apothecary
- November 12, 13, 14 — Vintage Rose Flower Boutique
- December 11 — Okie Baking Co.
- December 12 — Fancy Cakes and Confections

So shop with us and pick up a special treat while you're here.

Habitat is Building!

By Michaelle Statham

The Mission of Habitat is “Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.” Everything Habitat does and the money it raises is for this purpose. Even when Habitat is not building a house, projects are going on in our area which contribute to safe, clean and strong communities. A favorite volunteer project is building accessibility ramps for elderly and disabled residents of Cleveland County. Over the past year Cleveland County Habitat has built ten accessibility ramps in Norman and Slaughterville with many of these residents also receiving some yard clean-up and minor tree and shrub trimming. If you or someone you know is in need of an accessibility ramp, you may contact us for information. We are currently seeking additional funding in order to expand our program into even more communities. If you feel that accessibility is an important feature for the safety and dignity of neighbors in your community and you would like to support this program, please email construction@cchfh.org or call (405) 366-2813.

Right: Recent ramp build made possible through funding from McFarlin United Methodist Church of Norman and First Christian Church of Norman

Below: Volunteers from McFarlin’s Methodist Men Group provide labor and design expertise to build the ramp



Ramp Requests for Cleveland County Habitat? email construction@cchfh.org

Upcycle Center

- Want a night (or day) out with a fun activity for you and a few of your closest friends? Inquire about our many different private class options.
- Our upcycle center offers classes on painting and repurposing furniture.
- Furniture can include bring your own (size limitations apply) or something from our store.
- Speaking of bringing your own. We offer a BYO food and beverage option to make it even more social.
- Furniture will be redone using our premier Dixie Belle products (included in price of class).
- So, why paint one more picture to be stored away in the attic or garage when you can renew a furniture piece to be admired and used in your home?
- Call your friends then call us at (405) 360-7868 to schedule your class

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Anyone can shop in the ReStore**
- 📦 **We sell new and used goods**
- 📦 **Store sales are reinvested back into the local community to help build homes, community and hope**
- 👮 **We honor our military and first responders, teachers and senior citizens with a 10% discount on designated weekdays**
- 🏠 **Visit CCHFH.ORG to learn more**





Our Story

Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity is a group who, as a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is working toward the goal of eliminating sub-standard housing in Cleveland County, including Norman, Moore, Lexington, Slaughterville, and Noble.

We are a 501(c)3 organization chartered by the State of Oklahoma in July 1993.

Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity

Administrative Office Hours M-F 9a-5p

ReStore Hours

M-S 9a – 6p (Retail Sales)

M-S 9a—5p (Donation Drop Off)

Closed Sunday

Local Organizations Help Benefit Community

Cleveland County Habitat could not uphold its mission without the support of individuals and groups through volunteer work. In the ReStore, at work sites, and in our offices, volunteers are vital. By giving selflessly of their time and talents, we are able to fulfill our vision of providing a decent place to live for all. Recently, we teamed up with United Way of Norman’s Day of Caring (September 18, 2020) and Norman Regional Health System Healers. Volunteers gave up their time off to clean out Habitat’s building on Industrial Blvd. We are truly grateful.



Photo courtesy of NRHS Facebook

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you or your group interested in volunteering? We have several projects coming up that can help with team building and build comradery. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Tim Michaud to sign up. Email volunteer@cchfh.org or call (405) 366-2813



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