



Changing lives, one family at a time

A New Home for our ReStore and Offices

Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County has been awarded a USDA Community Facility Loan which will allow us to move into a much needed, larger space for our ReStore. The building will undergo many improvements to make it more energy efficient before the actual move takes place. Where you see Hotel now, it will soon say Offices. Not only does the property have the 15,000 sq. ft. building you see and its two outbuildings, but includes 10.9 acres of land. So expect to see more great things happening in this area in the future.

The ReStore covers all the operation costs for the affiliate, plus some of the program costs. With more programs now offered through Habitat, the success of our ReStore is more vital than ever to our mission.

There are two other things that keep us going: **Donations** and **Volunteers**. We appreciate each and every one of you and the items that come in to help us serve those in need.

A grand opening date is pending completion of renovations, but you can bet it will be a grand one!



1601 N. Townsend



*Where do I begin? We have so many exciting things going on, as you will discover in this letter. They say you are as good as the people around you. I am surrounded by the best. Together we have created an organization that is able to fill the needs of so many in our community. This holiday season I am thankful for all the Blessing that have been bestowed upon Habitat. Here's a fun fact: **The tree that lights Rockefeller Center is recycled each year. The lumber is used to build a fine home for a Habitat family.** blessings to all,*

Robin Berndt, Executive Director

“Armchair Gala” a Success

Kay and Del Wiesner **“LOVED THE EVENT”** — never having to leave the luxury of their own home.



Tickets still available! Sit back, kick off your shoes and enjoy the show.

We can thank our board for this wonderful idea. This is their creation and was most appreciated by all “who did not attend”. With everyone finding themselves busier and busier with life these days, it doesn't get much better than this...to be able to give to Habitat, yet not having to get dressed up and go out to an event. Thanks to all who supported us in this and those who continue to support all that we do.

A Volunteer Profile



Lila Miller

A MOST VALUABLE VOLUNTEER TO THE ReSTORE

Lila has lived in the Montrose area off and on since 1956, graduating from high school here. She has three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (calling her g-g-ma).

Lila has volunteered at the ReStore for the past two years, eight hours a week or whenever she is needed. When asked why she volunteers, Lila says “it gives me something to do and I get to help people”.

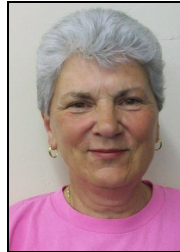
“DO IT! YOU WOULD ENJOY IT! WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS”.

Lila spent much of her professional life in an office as an office manager and secretary, but she has a love for adventure. Riding motorcycles, sky-diving, scuba-diving and skiing are some of her hobbies. You would never know this single lady loves to remodel and refinish everything in her own home and has done so several times. Her philosophy is that you can always learn more!

We so appreciate you, Lila. Don't ever leave!

Making the most of your Donations

Habitat welcomes two new board members



Patty Greeves

Habitat is Blessed with a wonderful Board of Directors



Duber Mayer

Patty Greeves was a co-founder and board member of the Idyllwild HELP Center, in the mountain town of Idyllwild, CA. The center provides help to the homeless and low-income to moderate-income families cope with a variety of needs. Patty has served on many boards over the years.

Duber Mayer has lived in Colorado since 1999. She became a CASA volunteer in 2002, and was an active member for five consecutive years. She has joined the Habitat Board in order to serve the community of Montrose. “I hope we can reach everyone in need of housing and provide assistance to the families that need it the most, including those that may have a language barrier. As a Spanish native speaker, I am happy and thankful for this opportunity.”

Congratulations!

Kim Taylor

Assistant ReStore Manager

Winner of the Montrose ACT Kudos Award and Universal Interfaith Church's Community Gratitude Award for a job well done!



New Homes in the New Year



We are completing the first two out of 14 homes to be constructed in the West Meadows Subdivision. It's a very exciting time for the Serrano family, pictured on the left and the Bernal family, pictured on right.

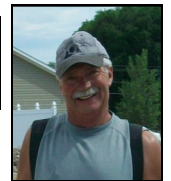
New Home Builds



Bill Bond
Construction Supervisor on New-Builds

Habitat's new-build construction supervisor, Bill Bond, and his crew at Habitat would like to thank several groups and companies that came out to build these homes: Wells Fargo, Montrose Memorial Hospital, Target, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Zion Lutheran Church, Elected Officials, and to all the individuals, too many to mention!

Home Repair Project

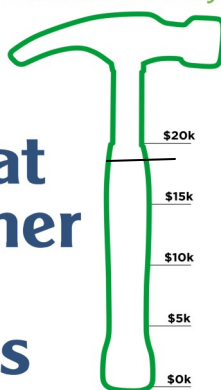


Roger Williams
Repair supervisor

With special thanks to our wonderful grant writer, Habitat of Montrose County has been awarded a USDA Housing Preservation Grant in the amount of \$32,000 to be spent doing repairs on homes for the elderly in Olathe. We continue to do repairs for homeowners in Montrose County in collaboration with the Delta Housing Authority using funds from their multi-county Community Development Block Grant. We are very excited to be helping those low-income families in need. To find out more about our program, call 252-9303.



Help Habitat Hammer for Homes



Celebrating 20 years - We've only just begun

Committees serve Habitat in special ways

Habitat welcomes the community to serve on our committees. They do not take much time and are a very rewarding experience for those who choose to do so. Habitat committees are:

- Family Support
- Family Selection
- Hospitality
- Faith Relations
- Volunteer recruitment and support
- Fundraising & Special Events
- ReStore Grand Opening Committee

We invite you to contact us if you are interested in volunteering for one of these committees. It is a valuable way to spend your time and energy, helping others. Contact us at 252-9303.

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Habitat ReStore

MISS A DAY, MISS A DEAL

Gratitude is defined as thankfulness, gratefulness, and appreciation of gifts given. This is what the ReStore is all about. Especially at this time of year, we would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for countless hours in helping us to run our awesome ReStore. We continue to grow in donations received, increased customers shopping on a daily basis, and sales tracking higher this year than last. We feel immense gratitude for everyone who helps make us such a success.

Come shop early for Christmas gifts and decorations! St. Nick himself would find many presents under the tree at the ReStore.

This will be our last year in this location. Watch for super bargain-basement prices as we clear out items we don't want to move to our new ReStore at 1601 N. Townsend. Again, it is with sincere gratitude that we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Laura Jordan
ReStore Manager

The ReStore
970-252-9304
Open from 9 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesdays through
Fridays and 9 am to
4 pm on Saturdays.



*Christmas has come
to the ReStore!*