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Veteran's Village

Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with Zion Community Network, was awarded \$3 million dollars by the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) to develop a comprehensive community initiative (CCI) as part of its Alcoa Legacy Project. Through the direct support of District 33 Rep Carrie Lewis DelRosso, the award funding will enable a CCI to be hosted at the former Alcoa R&D site in New Kensington, PA. This 17+ acre site will host the CCI that will feature veteran housing along with wrap-around support services from partnering organizations that include workforce development, food bank distribution, broadband access, and counseling services made available to serve vulnerable populations throughout the Allegheny Valley

The Alcoa Legacy Project works to align with Westmoreland County's "Reimagining Our Westmoreland County" comprehensive plan as it utilizes the power of partnership to grow our shared communities. Currently, efforts are focused on finalizing a comprehensive plan and ensuring compliance efforts are in place for fund disbursement. More details to come.



Happy to Be of Service



In the wake of COVID-19 and rapid inflation, families across the

nation have found it more difficult to keep up with monthly expenses, which have in-turn created higher levels of service needs. This is especially true for our elderly population, as COLA increases for SSI and SSD have not caught up the rapid rise in inflation. Yet, it is through the passionate hearts of individuals and businesses in the Allegheny Valley, we have been able to continue our efforts to provide impact and further drive hope and opportunity!

Executive Director John Tamiggi identified how over two decades of efforts and dedication by Habitat for Humanity to our region has established great relationships that have enabled us to connect with local leaders including Senator Lindsay Williams, and Rep. Carrie Lewis DelRosso to help further identify and provide for those most truly in need. Additionally, these relationships have enabled us to network with some amazing home construction companies including Rodden Electric and Build Acres, both of whom have lent direct support and expertise to support our efforts to serve.

We Are ALL Ukrainian

In the darkest moments is where the brightest of lights can often be found. We at Habitat for Humanity hold to hope and our faith in these dark times and are blessed with the opportunity to work directly with the Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Kensington to raise money for orphanages in Ukraine. Julie Martin, member of the church and board member at Habitat for Humanity has launched a fundraising campaign to generate funds that will directly go to orphan children in the war-torn regions of Ukraine. During the month of March, one can visit the ReStore and make a suggested donation of \$10 and receive Ukrainian decorated eggs along with a \$5 Restore coupon.

ReStore Manager Bryan Heyl expressed his heart felt support this effort as people already started giving generously "People already started giving so generously since day one"



Spring Workshops!

Come one and come all! We are so proud to announce that during the months of May and June, Habitat for Humanity and Salvation Army of New Kensington will host free seminars provided by Laurel Legal Counsel. These seminars will feature topics that include monthly household budgeting,

credit repair and restoration workshops along with resource accessibility. We are delighted to have the opportunity to engage with Laurel Legal Services as they share their knowledge to help families across the Allegheny Valley adjust and adapt to these challenging times.

While these workshops will focus on educational strategies for families, they will also be an opportunity to reconnect! As efforts to reconnect have been a long time coming for both organizations since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented type of community engagements and educational workshops for over the past two years. The workshops will take place at the Salvation Army of New Kensington with times and dates soon be announced. Please stay tuned to our website for more details!

ReStore Connection

Business has been brisk for the ReStore this past year. So when we were connected with Unity Community Church of Plum and their "Feed the Flock" program, we wanted to help! To support this program, our ReStore provided over 2,000 golf shirts that will be distributed by Light of Life Mission to those in need around the region! Special thanks to Polyconcepts of North America for their support making such an effort possible!

"God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians





Meet our Crew!

Roger Johnson, a ReStore crew member, was born and raised in West Virginia and moved to New Kensington four years ago for a career opportunity as an armed guard supervisor. Last year, Roger came to the ReStore to provide support to our mission and described himself as a “Has” man “Helping and Serving.”

Along with his dedication to help and serve, Roger loves all of the fun and different donations that come into the store. He especially loves to see the older kitchen utensils and construction tools that come in and learn about their history.

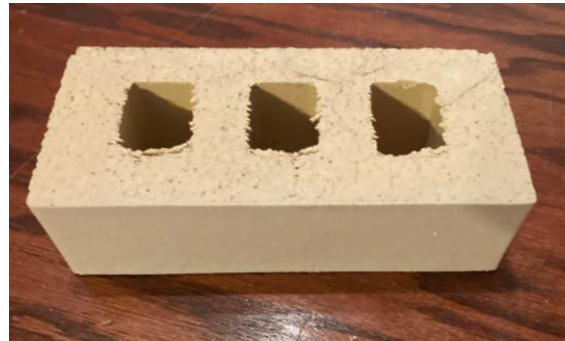
Along with seeing all the history that comes into the store, Roger has been extra busy processing donations and helping customers navigate to treasure. He is excited for the busy environment after spending much of the past two years apart from friends and family during the pandemic. But as things begin to open up again, Roger is grateful for each day to connect and interact with members of the community and the opportunity to share conversation and a smile with his fellow neighbors that shop. Roger is excited we are back at full capacity and stated, “the joint is jumping!” Come on in and see Roger and the other friendly staff members and find your treasure today!

The ReStore is always seeking groups and individual volunteers to help support the organization’s efforts. If interested, visit the website at www.habitatav.org, call 724.337.8347, or stop in the ReStore for details.

ReStore Special

Looking for supplies for the upcoming spring project? Look no further than the ReStore! Come check this month’s ReStore special, currently in stock Glen Gary masonry brick- Brand new glazed brick wrapped on the pallet, 1,000 bricks on a pallet.

Spring Sale- one pallet \$250.00



Upcoming Fundraiser Event: Narcisi Winery

Our annual fundraiser will take place this year at Narcisi Winery on Monday, August 29th. This is the first fundraising event we have hosted since the pandemic started in March of 2020. “We are beyond excited to get out once again and reconnect with our community and the donors that support our efforts at Habitat.” says Executive Director John Tamiggi. The event will include buffet style dining, raffle and basket games, and pictures with a beautiful horse!

Additionally, during this year’s event we will celebrate and recognize those who have donated and provided incredible efforts over the past 25 plus years to support our organization. Tickets, sponsorships, and additional information about the event will soon be listed on our website at www.habitatav.org/events.

All Proceeds from Down Home Derby will support the work of Habitat for Humanity Allegheny Valley – working in partnership with people in need to build and renovate simple, decent, affordable housing.

Ticket costs are \$75 per guest and available corporate sponsorship packages are available. For more information please www.dhderby.com or contact 724.594.1051.



Chris's Construction

Corner Construction
Manager Chris Andrig provides some insightful homeownership tips for this spring maintenance.

- Examine roof shingles to see if any were lost or damaged during winter.
- Check connections of all gutters and downspouts.
- Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled with compacted soil.
- Inspect and seal concrete cracks.
- Remove firewood stored near the home. Firewood should be stored at least 18 inches off the ground at least 2 feet from the structure.



- Check outside hose faucets for freeze damage and conduct annual AC unit maintenance and repair.



Homeowner's Financial Literacy

Stay tuned for our upcoming homeowner financial literacy tips by Habitat for Humanity Board President Rich Kulbacki

Tip of the day:

"Check your credit reports from each credit bureau (there are three) annually using annualcreditreport.com.

Consumers are provided one free annual credit check.

Even if your credit card company offers credit monitoring or reporting, it's a good idea to check your actual reports through this site to get your official reports."

Interested in volunteering?

Come volunteer with us! Whether on the construction home build sites or at our ReStore, we love volunteers that assist us in the achievement of our mission! Come join us today! Visit www.habitatav.org for more details!

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Special thanks to the following groups who have dedicated resources to support our collective community endeavors!

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"We hope our efforts will raise not only walls but awareness of the power we each have to create significant and substantive change."

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