

Habitat ReSTORE is Open for Business!

The opening weekend for the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE, LLC was a smashing success! The 10,000 square foot warehouse opened its doors to the public on Saturday, January 17th, and was greeted with customers throughout the day. Not only did the patrons arrive to purchase the deeply discount building materials, but many also brought in donations of their own new or gently used items for the ReSTORE. All in all, we concluded the week with sales totaling about \$3,100. Our ReSTORE manager, John Veteto, could not have been more pleased with the outcome of the Grand Opening.

The mission of the ReSTORE is two-fold. PPHFH believes in preserving our environment whenever possible. The store allows more items to be “recycled, reused, and resold,” rather than dumped into landfills. Secondly, the ReSTORE serves as a fundraising entity for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, as all of the proceeds will go towards building more affordable houses for deserving, low-income families of the Pikes Peak region.

The ReSTORE is located at **411 S. Wahsatch Avenue**, at the intersection of Wahsatch and Cimarron, in the north half of the Michael Garman manufacturing facility. Our store is open from Thursday - Saturday from 9:00 - 5:00, however, we **will** accept donations Tuesday - Saturday. For questions, you may call the ReStore at **667-0840** or the Habitat office.



HOW CAN YOU HELP???

First of all, the items that we have in stock are selling FAST! So, if you have excess construction materials, or gently used building supplies, bring them down to the ReSTORE. All donations are tax-deductible and we will give you a receipt at the time of drop off. If you have questions about whether we will accept a particular item, you can call the ReSTORE at 667-0840. Drop-off hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00 - 5:00 pm.

Another way to help is by volunteering! With John Veteto as our only paid staffer, we need an additional 4-5 individuals per day to assist in the store, performing various duties such as stocking shelves, cash register, pick-ups, and providing customer service. Help us keep our costs low by volunteering for a half-day shift on Wednesday - Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Lastly, you can help by opening up your pocketbook and making a purchase! With hundreds of new items arriving weekly priced at 50 cents on the dollar, you can't lose! Although the proceeds from the ReSTORE will help families and children in need, the store is open to everyone. By purchasing from the ReSTORE, you will

not only get a great deal, but you will also be supporting your community and the efforts of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in eliminating poverty housing in the Pikes Peak region.

Mill Street Endeavor Shows Promise!

Thanks to our many wonderful supporters, much progress has been made on our “Mill Street Endeavor” project. As you may remember, our Mill Street Endeavor is the largest affordable housing project that our affiliate has ever undertaken. We have plans to build seventeen affordable houses in the Mill Street Neighborhood for seventeen deserving, low-income families. It is our goal to renovate and revitalize this historic neighborhood making it a better place to live for families old and new.

It is truly a special experience to take a drive down to the west end of Mill Street. You can watch the dedicated volunteers building four new houses, side-by-side. You can often see the families, who will soon be first-time homeowners, taking pride in their houses by working hard to complete their sweat equity. Whether you are watching the volunteers from the Family of Christ Lutheran house, the First Presbyterian Church house, the Saddletree Homes house, or the Habitat for Humanity sponsored house, you are witnessing everyone putting their love for God into action.

On January 18th, we proudly dedicated our 55th Habitat house in Colorado Springs, which is also our sixth house in the Mill Street Neighborhood. The house dedication for the Mulitauopele family was both unique and very touching as two of their five sons closed the ceremony by playing their guitars and drums and leading the crowd by singing, “Jesus Lead On”.

Although Habitat has made great strides in our Mill Street Endeavor project, we still need sponsors to step up and help fulfill the dreams of six more families. Whether you belong to a church who wants to promote fellowship within its congregation by sponsoring and building its own Habitat house, or you are a supplier who can donate valuable in-kind materials, we need your help! Please open up your hearts and reach out to those in the community who desperately need a home of their own. If you would like more information about full or partial house sponsorship, or making a financial or in-kind donation, please pick up the phone and call the Habitat office today at 475-7800. You CAN make a difference in the lives of a family who needs you!