



ReStore

A good deal for you, our community, and the environment.

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently-used furniture, appliances, building materials and more at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter in eastern Connecticut.

Volunteer

By volunteering with us, you can be a part of the change you want to see in our community.

We offer many opportunities to build homes with families, in addition to volunteering to work in our two ReStores, or volunteering in our office in New London. We're grateful for your help whenever and however you can provide it.

www.habitatct.org/volunteer

1. Watch our volunteering video
2. Complete the waiver
3. Sign up for your volunteer date!

Donate

Your donation helps families in need of a decent place to build long-term financial security.

With an affordable, stable home, families have more money to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials.

Make your donation with the enclosed envelope.

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82 Boston Post Road
Waterford, CT 06385
860.437.3422

Plainfield ReStore
808 Norwich Road
Plainfield, CT 06374
860.564.7507

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10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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From our CEO



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support throughout another very successful year.

Access to affordable housing remains a pervasive issue in eastern Connecticut. 1 in 10 families live in poverty conditions and 1 in 4 families struggle with housing affordability. Our mission is to provide safe, decent, affordable housing for all in eastern Connecticut, and our work matters more than ever.

We are about to break ground on an ambitious project to build 14 homes in the Greenville neighborhood of Norwich over the next three years. These duplex and single-family homes are part of a larger effort to revitalize the Greenville neighborhood and to create a diverse, decent place to live.

In order to continue to create affordable housing in partnership with future Habitat homeowners, your continued support is crucial.

The Season of Giving is not far off and it's never too early to start giving back. Please consider a donation of any size that is meaningful to you, and consider joining our work by volunteering.

Your support means that local families will have the opportunity to build a future that everyone deserves.

With sincere gratitude,

Terri O'Rourke
CEO and Executive Director

Your support has helped us complete 6 houses with hard-working families in the last year.

Shanette Young-Williams works as a medical assistant and has three wonderful children. Before applying to Habitat they were crowded into a small and expensive two-bedroom apartment and were taking turns sleeping on the living room sofa. They needed a larger home but she couldn't afford anything bigger despite working 50-60 hours a week at a full-time and part-time job.

A colleague suggested she look into Habitat and soon Shanette was selected to purchase a house in Mystic.

When Shanette began her sweat equity hours, the house had been gutted down to the studs ready for renovation. She gained new skills including basic carpentry, sheetrocking, insulating, and landscaping.

"I'm glad I was able to see where everything is in the walls – if I ever have to make repairs in the future I know where everything is and have the skills to fix it myself."

The house was finished in late spring and this summer Shanette and her family moved into their new home. Her children are excited about the school year, and having their own space to come home to.



"This experience means everything to me. Habitat and God have stood beside me and have helped open doors for us."

(Above) The Young-Williams family in their dining room after moving in this summer.

(Left) Shanette and her children outside their new home during their house dedication this spring.

"My kids are so grateful. They feel empowered now that they each have space of their own – it's homeownership in their own little way."

For Shanette's eldest daughter her own space will come in handy – this fall she is applying to Johns Hopkins University as a pre-medical student. 🏠