



At Home with Habitat

Together, we're building a community

FALL 2014

Habitat ReStore Celebrates 10 Years!

Second ReStore Coming to Woodbridge!

Habitat for Humanity Prince William County is opening a second ReStore in Woodbridge! We are working through lease negotiations and permitting required by Prince William County and hope to open a second ReStore in eastern Prince William in early 2015!



It's said that timing is everything. That was certainly the case back in 2003 when a Woodbridge resident decided to donate all of her late husband's tools to Habitat for Humanity Prince William County—before there was a Habitat ReStore.

At that same time, Habitat for Humanity affiliates all over the country were beginning to open discount home improvement retail stores and donation centers to raise money for their home building programs. After hearing about the new concept of ReStores and receiving the large donation of tools, Habitat President/CEO, Traci DeGroat, and volunteers decided to sell the donated tools in Old Town Manassas on the lawn of the Habitat office. As residents passed by on their way to the Railway Festival, they purchased \$1,000 worth of tools—and the rest is history.

In 2004, the Manassas Habitat ReStore

The Habitat ReStore team (l to r): Jim Thompson, Airean Andureal, Debbie Schwarzwalder, Moe Stewart, John Luther, Matt Robba, Stewart Sliger and Alex Forck. Not pictured: Sam Druetzler, Manager, and Chris Butler.

opened in its first location at 10043 Nokesville Road. Donations and customers came flying in, which resulted in quickly outgrowing the small, 2,200 square-foot space.

Movin' On Up

Just two years after opening, the ReStore moved to its current location at 9506 Center Street in Manassas in 2006.

After again outgrowing the space, in 2008 the ReStore expanded into the space next door when Northern Virginia Auto Supply moved out of the building. A donation receiving area was added to the back of the store and a truck was purchased to pick up donations from residents.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION



Greystone Teams Up with Habitat for Day of Service!



Greystone employees volunteered with Habitat to help with a community clean-up project in the Village Gate and Georgetown Village subdivisions in Woodbridge.

On Thursday, July 17, Habitat Hero Sponsor, Greystone Corp., sent 106 of its employees to participate in its annual nationwide Day of Service to help beautify public spaces as part of Habitat for Humanity Prince William County's Neighborhood Revitalization program. Greystone employees rolled their sleeves up and dove into six community development projects including:

Georgetown Village and Village Gate Subdivisions, Woodbridge: Greystone volunteers scraped and painted the yellow curbs, cleaned up and disposed of trash, repaired and painted benches in common areas, sanded and painted the wrought iron railings in common areas, and removed graffiti in the playground area.

D and E Streets, Woodbridge: Greystone volunteers removed foliage, tilled soil, constructed rip-rap check dams to direct water run-off and prepped for fall planting. This work will help mitigate some curb and gutter run off before it reaches Marumsco Creek.

Swale at 7770 Garner Drive, Manassas: Greystone volunteers removed ragweed, saved maple and cattails, placed rip-rap along the swale and constructed two rip-rap check dams in the swale.

Storm Water Pond, Rodes Drive, Manassas: Greystone volunteers fixed and

straightened 40-50 sapling trees that were damaged; picked up litter and debris; and picked up and saved stray tree tubes for future reuse.

Habitat for Humanity's relationship with Greystone, the Prince William County Department of Public Works and the homeowners associations of Georgetown Village and Village Gate exemplifies the Neighborhood Revitalization goal to serve more families by engaging residents and other community partners to revive neighborhoods and make them safe, inviting places to live.

Large volunteer groups that work with Habitat for Humanity are a perfect fit for its community development projects that clean up, repair and landscape communities. Community



A total of 106 Greystone employees volunteered for a Day of Service at six separate locations in Woodbridge and Manassas.

development helps the environment, improves safety and enhances neighborhood aesthetics, resulting in happier and healthier families and a better quality of life for all community members.

Greystone's annual Day of Service engages over 700 employees across 12 cities in the U.S. to dedicate an entire day as community volunteers for various Habitat for Humanity affiliates. Thanks to Greystone for helping us build a better community!

Need home repairs? Habitat can help!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about or applying for our home repair programs, please join us for our upcoming Home Repair Interest Meeting:

**Wednesday, Nov. 12
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

PWC Development Services Building
Room 202A
5 County Complex Court
Woodbridge, VA 22192

To register or for more information, call 703-369-6708 or programs@habitatpwc.org.

Want to Get Involved?

Our sponsors are building hope for families in need throughout our community. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring our programs, please contact Traci DeGroat at 703-369-6708 or tdegroat@habitatpwc.org.

Make homeownership a reality

Get information about our Homeownership Program and how to apply at our upcoming information meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Central Library Community Room
8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas, VA

To register or for more information, call 703-369-6708 or email programs@habitatpwc.org.





Volunteer Connection

Retired Federal Worker Gives Back

After spending 34 years in the federal government, Maggy Machado was ready to spend her retirement doing volunteer work that made a difference in people's lives. While surfing the Internet to find volunteer opportunities, she read about what Habitat for Humanity Prince William County was doing in the community and decided to volunteer at the ReStore.

"When I was working all those years I never had time to do any volunteer work," says Maggy. "When I retired I finally had time to do something productive that would help people but also be meaningful work for me. I really wanted to work with my hands and learn new skills."

Maggy began volunteering at the ReStore in December of 2012 and spends most of her time in the Receiving Department. She also helps with customer service on the sales floor and any special projects that may need to be done.

Not long after starting at the ReStore, other volunteers encouraged Maggy to volunteer on the construction sites as well.

"At first, I didn't think I had the skills to work at the construction sites," says Maggy. "But the other more experienced volunteers assured me that I would be able to learn the skills and be a valuable contributor so I gave it a try and loved it."

Maggy's first experience in construction was during the home rehab on Copeland Drive for the Young family. "I



came in near the end of the project and really dove into the landscaping that needed to be done. It was a great experience."

Since then, Maggy has worked on many home repair and community development projects in addition to volunteering at the ReStore every week.

"I really like volunteering for Habitat," says Maggy. "It's very enjoyable and I get a lot of satisfaction from the work I do."



Sign up today – it's easy to volunteer!

Visit habitatpwc.org/volunteer. For more information, please call 703-369-6708 or email volunteer@habitatpwc.org.



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We've come a long way from selling tools on the lawn! The Manassas ReStore is now a thriving non-profit retail center that receives building materials, appliances, furniture, tools and more that have been donated by corporations, construction companies and individuals and then sells these items to the general public at 40% to 90% off retail prices. All proceeds from the ReStore support adequate housing initiatives and home repairs in partnership with local families in need.

Habitat for Humanity's vision is that everyone has a decent place to live. Your support of the Habitat ReStore is helping us realize our vision.

Free Donation Pick-Up!

If you live in Prince William County, Manassas or Manassas Park, we'll pick up your ReStore donations for free. Just call 703-369-6145 and we'll see you in the driveway!



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Please think of Habitat for your end-of-year giving!

Habitat for Humanity depends on donations and volunteers to fulfill our mission of providing decent housing to those in need in our community. Individual and corporate contributions will make it possible for us to help 20 families in fiscal year 2015. Please think about Habitat while you consider your end-of-year giving this year. There are several ways to give:

Donate by Mail/Phone

To donate by mail, please send a check to: Habitat for Humanity Prince William County, P.O. Box 3111, Manassas, VA 20108. To make a credit card donation, call (703) 369-6708 or online at habitatpwc.org.

Matching Gifts

Ask your personnel office about your company's Matching Gift program.

Workplace Giving

Designate: #7431 for the United Way Campaign, #8426 for the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, and #57578 for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Building and Home Improvement Materials

Schedule a free pick up by calling 703-369-6145 or emailing restore@habitatpwc.org.

Planned Giving

Many of our partners support Habitat through planned gifts, which may qualify for significant tax deductions. Giving options include bequests, charitable gift annuities, and charitable remainder trusts.

Stocks and Bond Gifts

A charitable gift of stocks or bonds provides an opportunity for tax savings while generously sharing with others.

A green banner with white text and illustrations. On the left is the Habitat for Humanity logo. In the center, the text reads "DONATE YOUR CAR TO HELP BUILD HOMES" in all caps, followed by the phone number "877-277-4344" and the website "carsforhomes.org". On the right is an illustration of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) standing next to a red car, with a house in the background.