



The Hammer Times Spring 2022



Letter from our Director

Happy spring everyone! I hope you all are as excited as I am for the spring and summer seasons. We have some amazing things planned for the remainder of this calendar year and I invite you to get involved in some capacity.

Included with this newsletter is our Square Foot Club Appeal, which aims to raise funds for our newest home rehab project! Yes, you heard that right! We just kicked off our newest home rehab project in the City of Cheboygan. This will be our 25th project through our Homeownership Program. We are also working on plans for project 26! Your support is needed to help us continue to grow our ability to serve community members.

While we are going to be busy with our home rehab project, we will also be working on home repair projects throughout the entire county. We have projects from Wolverine up to Indian River and Cheboygan and even over on the Cheboygan/Presque Isle County line in Onaway. By June 30, 2023, we hope to have 1 home rehab project completed, another home rehab project started, and at least 14 home repair projects completed! We have some big, big plans.

Our ReStore is getting ready to go back to summer hours. Starting June 1st, 2022, the ReStore will be open Wednesday - Friday 9 - 5, Saturday 9-3, and closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. We still prefer you make a donation appointment before dropping off donations, because we are limited on the amount of items we can accept. You can find our current list of acceptable donations online at www.habitatcheboygan.org under the ReStore tab.

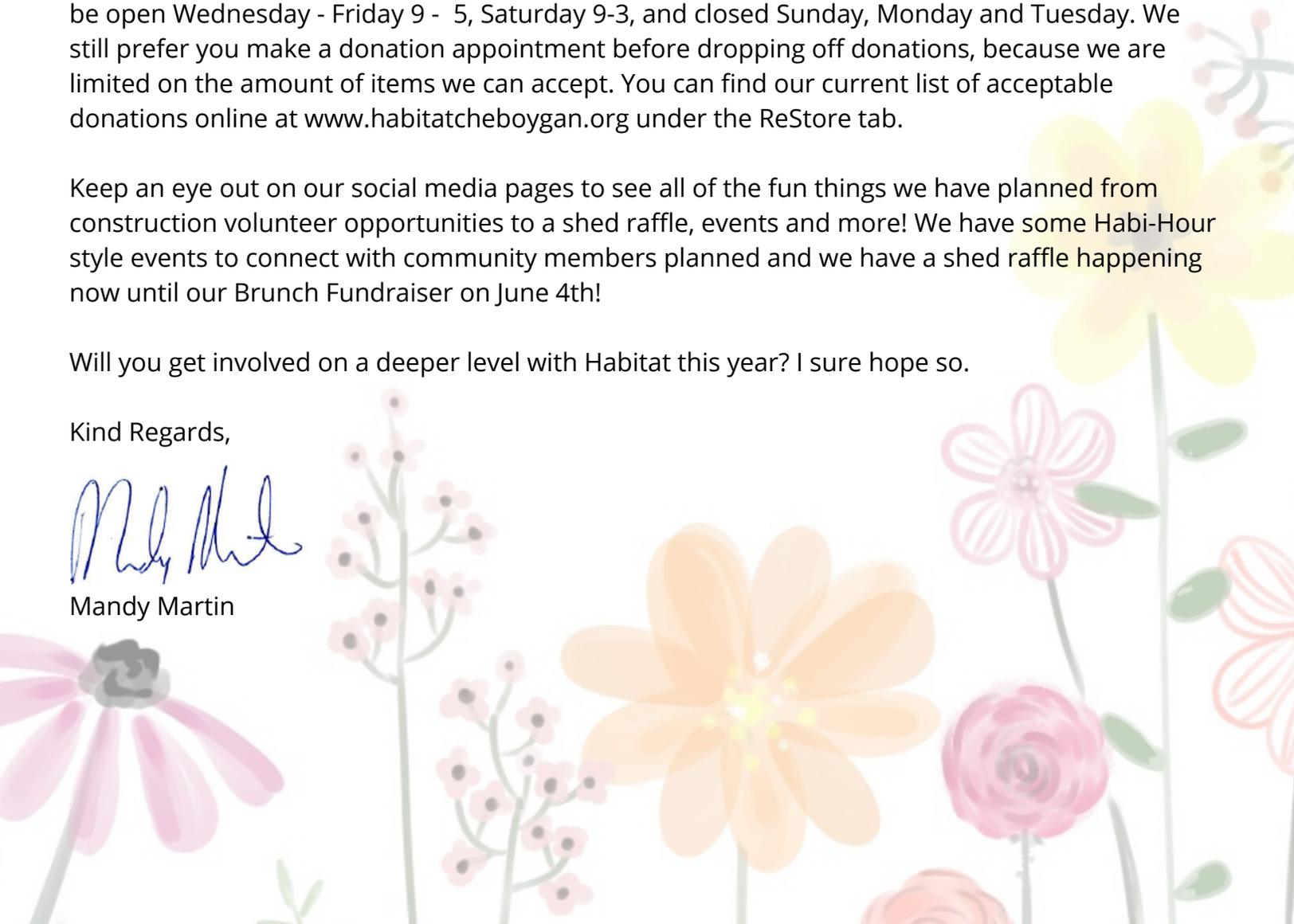
Keep an eye out on our social media pages to see all of the fun things we have planned from construction volunteer opportunities to a shed raffle, events and more! We have some Habi-Hour style events to connect with community members planned and we have a shed raffle happening now until our Brunch Fundraiser on June 4th!

Will you get involved on a deeper level with Habitat this year? I sure hope so.

Kind Regards,



Mandy Martin



Housing Programs

Homeownership Program - As of April 1st, 2022, those interested in our Homeownership Program will be directed to our Affiliate Support Organization (Habitat for Humanity of Michigan or HFHM). HFHM will work with those interested in owning their own home to get mortgage-ready. Mortgage-ready community members will then be referred to Habitat for an application for our Homeownership Program. More information about this process is available at www.habitatcheboygan.org.

Home Repair Program - At this time, we always accept applications for our Home Repair Program. We are currently scheduling out projects for fall 2022. Ramps and smaller projects may have some availability to happen sooner. There are many other great programs we partner with which allow us to provide our services on a sliding scale fee through an affordable loan option. Applications must be requested or picked up through our Administrative Office and ReStore, located at 9385 N Straits Highway or via phone 231-597-4663 Ext. 5.

Ramp Program - We are currently working on developing a ramp specific program for folks entering into hospice care. We hope to announce more in May of 2022. If you wish to support our efforts to loan out ramps for community members during the last chapter of their life, please direct your support to Ramp Program and it will be directed to these efforts.

ReStore Updates

Spring has sprung! As the weather gets warmer and days get nicer, our thoughts often turn to spring cleaning, repair projects and sprucing up our homes and yards. As you clean out those storage areas, update some of your older items or just downsize, won't you consider calling the ReStore to donate those gently used and sometimes new items? Your generous donations and shopping dollars allow us to fund our rehab and repair projects in Cheboygan County.

We continue to accept donation drop-offs Wednesday through Friday, 10am – 3pm. It helps us out a lot if you call ahead so we can be prepared for you and discuss some of the items we may not be able to take at this time. If you have larger items, we can help to schedule a Tuesday pick-up for you instead.

Please don't leave donations for us before or after regular business hours or on days we are not open to the public. All donations must be accepted and approved by one of our staff members so we can process them and get them inside. This time of year, especially with all the inclement weather, donations are easily damaged when left outside and must be thrown away. This only draws funds away from our mission to serve families within our community.

Currently open Wednesday through Friday, 10am – 4pm and Saturday, 10am – 2 pm. Expanded business hours will arrive June 1st. May the warmer days lift your spirit. Smiles are given out daily and always welcome at your Cheboygan Habitat ReStore!

Volunteering on the Jobsite

We will have numerous volunteer opportunities this spring and summer. We are actively seeking volunteers Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am - 3 pm to help with demo work, clean up, siding and general carpentry work on our home rehab project. We also need volunteers to help take photos during volunteer shifts and folks who might want to make lunch for volunteers on the jobsite.

We will have lots of volunteer shifts at the ReStore this spring and summer as well. Volunteers are needed to assist customers, help with donation appointments and processing and put donations on the sales floor. Volunteers are needed any time during store hours!

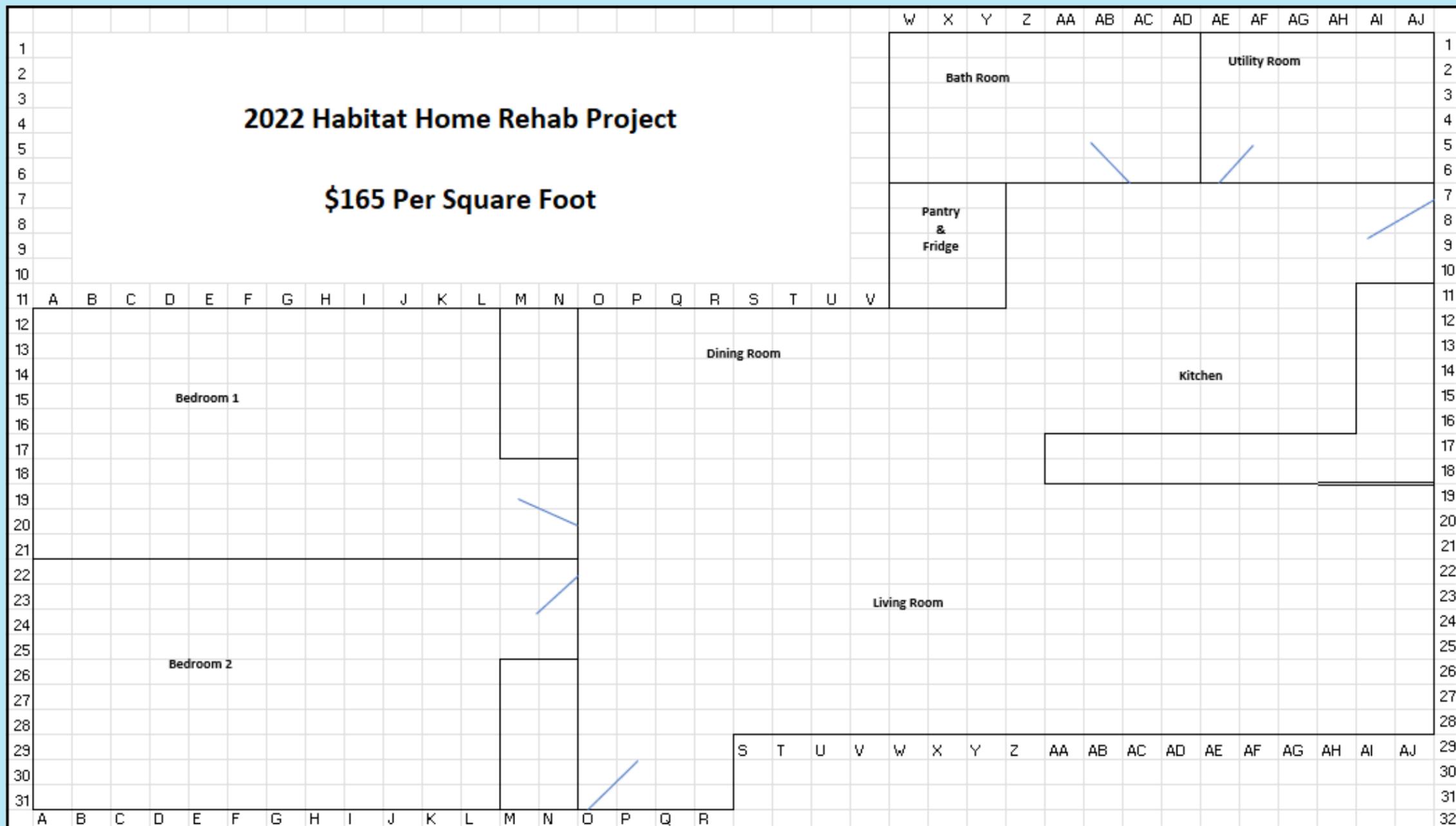
We are seeking volunteers to help with some of our committees that support the work that we are doing in the community.

- We need volunteers who love marketing and would love to lend a helping hand to our team by serving on our public relations committee.
- We need volunteers to join our event committee which puts on fundraising and outreach events in the community.
- We need volunteers to join our program services committee. This committee works closely with our director to assist clients needing services in the community. Some volunteers will act as a mentor to those going through our housing programs and some will assist with home visits and helping clients with paperwork.

If you want to sign up for a volunteer shift, please visit our "Get Involved" tab on our website and check out all of our volunteer listings. Sign up for the shifts you are able to help with here: www.habitatcheboygan.org. If you don't have a computer or access to the internet, you can learn more about the shifts and even sign up by calling 231-597-4663 Ext. 5.

Things to Remember

- Habi Hour 3 - May 12th in Indian River; Location TBD; Join us for a chance to learn more about the great work we are doing in the community and how you can get involved. Cash bar, live music and appetizers will also be available.
- Shed raffle tickets are available at our Administrative and ReStore location and through Board and Committee Members. The drawing is 6/4 at 12:30 pm. More information online about our shed raffle!
- Hard Hats and Hope Brunch - June 4th - Cheboygan Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets available online, www.habitatcheboygan.org. We will have a silent auction, beverages, brunch and live music.



How you can help:

We are actively seeking community members to support our project one square foot at a time. We need gifts of all sizes to reach our fundraising goal for this project and have some funding to start our next project.

We hope to raise \$140,000 for this project, which allows us enough funding to get started with our next rehab project.

When making your donation you can let us know which actual square foot of our home rehab project you would like to support. You just need to let us know the coordinates of the squares you would like to support (A12 - F12). We will be updating our progress on our website, www.habitatcheboygan.org.

Thanks to a partnership with Consumers Energy, all donations made online through our Power of Home Fundraiser will be matched 2:1, so your donation goes even further.

We invite you to call us to learn more if you would like to get involved with this project outside of making a financial donation.



The Power of Home Online Fundraiser - all online donations now through 7/31/22 will be matched 2:1!

Every square makes a difference...

While the recent years have proven challenging for all of us in ways we never expected, Habitat is proud to say we have stayed true to our Mission of investing in our community by building, rehabbing and repairing homes.

We are even more committed to our Mission and are excited to kick off our newest homeownership project. We are doing a complete rehab on a 2 bedroom home in the city of Cheboygan. These much needed updates will help restore the home to a livable condition for our Program Partner.

Every dollar makes a difference...

We can't build, rehab or repair homes throughout the county without the generous support from amazing donors like you. We can't thank you enough for your support to help the good work Habitat does throughout Cheboygan County.

We are still actively raising funds for this home rehab project. With more homeownership projects in our near future, the need for support has increased to allow us to serve even more families with a safe, decent and affordable home. We need your support, now more than ever.

Every one makes a difference...

We can't continue the work we are doing without each and every one of you. Every donation made to this campaign, regardless of the gift size, will put us one step closer to serving this family and ready and able to serve more families very soon!

Every square foot donation, every dollar raised and every one supporting our Mission... You are helping to provide the gift of shelter for community members who desperately need a safe, affordable place to thrive in and call home... a safe place where all their dreams can come true!

Home Repair Projects

In addition to the home rehab project we are completing, we are still aiming to complete at least 7 home repair projects. Through this program, we are providing critical home repairs for the health and safety of the home for the homeowners. You can also support this program through a square foot donation. We estimate the cost to repair a home at \$20 per square foot.



A critical repair to install a ramp so the homeowner could get in and out of their home safely.



Before a 3x3 shower was used for a wheelchair user.



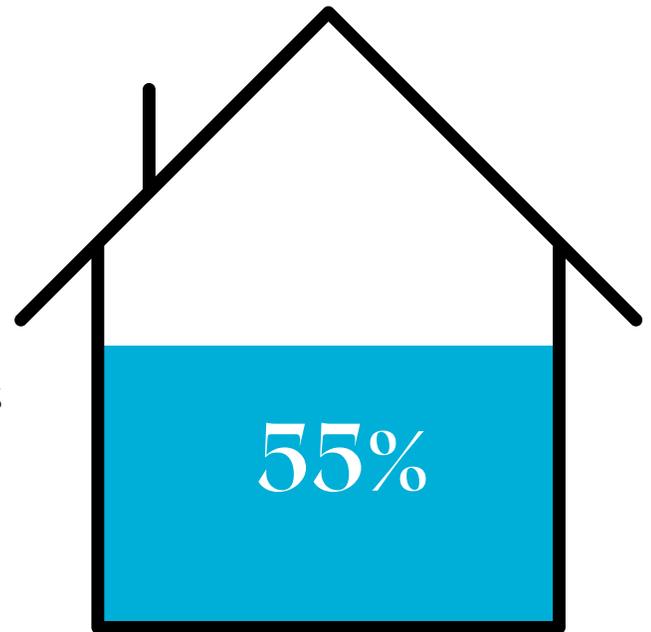
After - a roll in shower was installed during the bathroom remodel for better accessibility.

Your Support is Needed

As we approach this construction season and prepare for the next, we need to raise \$400,000 to support both our Homeownership and Home Repair Programs. This includes 1 home rehab project finished, another rehab started and at least 14 repair projects.

Our main source of funding comes from community donations and grant support. We have already raised 37% of support needed and have grant commitments to bring our support raised to 55%.

Can you help by making a donation today to help us raise the additional 45% needed?



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