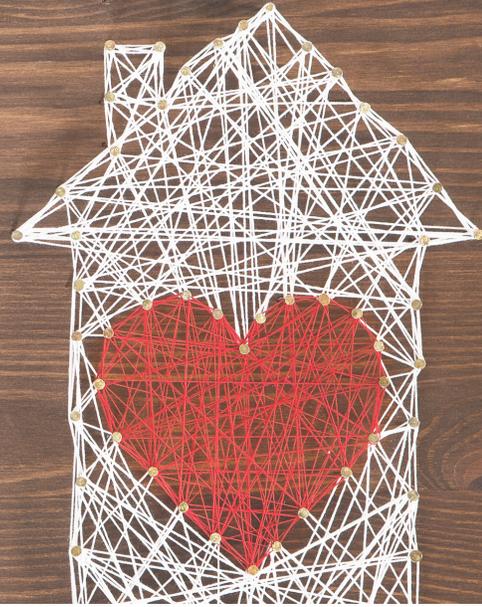


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Words from our Executive Director

As we head into the Holiday Season and I reflect back on my 7 months as Executive Director, I can't help but feel so blessed to be leading an organization that works so hard to provide strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. We are working to increase our capacity to serve by expanding our Home Repair Program to include 2 additional types of repairs, increasing our marketing and brand awareness, and looking at new fundraising models to increase program support. Our ReStore is working hard to provide new and gently used items to the public with proceeds supporting safe, affordable homes in our community. We are also working with several community partners to address housing issues and barriers and advocate for fair and just housing policy locally and around the state.

We have a lot of work ahead of us to make sure everyone has a safe, affordable home in our community, but we are hopeful. With amazing partners like you, we can make a dent in the housing issues throughout Cheboygan County.

Sincerely - Mandy Martin

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of our Staff and Board of Directors, we would like to wish you a wonderful Holiday Season. The end of the year is a time of year for remembrance. We take stock of where we came from and have a moment to think about where we are going as we pursue the future with hope. May your new year be all that you hope for, and may it be sprinkled with love and friendship. From our families to yours, Happy Holidays!

Mandy Martin-Executive Director, Bob Bruce - ReStore Manager, Melissa Tallman- ReStore Assistant Manager, Jason Rocco, Peggy Turbin, Tony Whitmore, Richard Kowalczyk-Board President, Carol Sherwood-Vice President, Betty Schaefer-Treasurer, Mattie Blaskowski, Amy Carter, Melissa Bridges, Elinore Barney, and Nicole Drake.



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HAPPY TURKEY DAY!

ReStore and Affiliate Holiday Hours

The ReStore and Office will be closed November 28th – 29th for Thanksgiving. The ReStore will re-open Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m.

We will be closed from Monday, December 23rd – Wednesday, January 1st for Christmas and New Year's. We will re-open again on January 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



ReStore News

Snow Day/Snow Delay Policy: If Cheboygan Area Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, the ReStore will open at 10:00 a.m. in order to allow our staff and volunteers to arrive safely and prepare the store for opening.

Upcoming Sales: We will have a Black Saturday Sale on November 30th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Everything in the store will be 50% OFF if you take it with you that day. Mattress sets from Clare Bedding and MaxLite bulbs are excluded. Shop the store that builds homes this Holiday Season.



Our Annual 12 Days of Christmas Sale will run from December 9th until December 21st. New categories are added daily and the sale builds on itself. Check us out on Facebook for updates each sale day and leading up to the sale.

Winter Hours: We will be changing to new Winter hours when we re-open Thursday, January 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Our new Winter hours will be:

- **Monday- Closed (No donations accepted)**
- Tuesday - 9:00 – 5:00 (Accepting donations 10:00 – 4:00)
- Wednesday - 9:00 – 5:00 (Accepting donations 10:00 – 4:00)
- Thursday - 9:00 – 5:00 (Accepting donations 10:00 – 4:00)
- Friday - 9:00 – 5:00 (Accepting donations 10:00 – 4:00)
- Saturday - 9:00 – 3:00 (Accepting donations 9:00 – 2:00)
- **Sunday - Closed (No donations accepted)**

******We will go back to being opened on Mondays on April 6th, 2020******

Please call us at (231) 597-9463 if you would like to schedule a Thursday donation pickup.



Everyone at Cheboygan Habitat would like to thank our generous Affiliate and ReStore donors, customers, volunteers, and community partners for another wonderful year!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are a crucial part of our organization, helping to keep labor costs down so services can be offered at an affordable rate. We are currently seeking volunteers to help out in the following capacities:

- Board Members are needed to help set the vision of the organization and achieve our Mission and goals. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month in Cheboygan.
- ReStore Volunteers are needed to help assist customers, clean, inspect and test merchandise and help with other retail related projects. A 4 hour commitment is preferred.
- Construction Volunteers are needed this upcoming Spring to help with home repair projects throughout Cheboygan County.
- Committee Members are needed for our Event, Finance, Program Selection and Support, and Faith Relations/Fund Development Committees.

Volunteers from all sectors and all skill levels are needed. Call to learn more information, 231-597-4663 or check out our website.

Housing Advocacy Group

The Human Services Coordinating Body of Cheboygan County is looking to form a Housing Advocacy Sub-Group in partnership with Cheboygan Habitat and the Housing Commission. If you have an interest in housing in Cheboygan County and would like to learn more, voice concerns and/or help shape the future of housing, please email cheboyganhsbc@gmail.com to express interest in becoming part of this group.

Organization Wishlist:

The following items can be purchased to help support the work done at Cheboygan Habitat for Humanity and ReStore:

- Vacuum for the Office and ReStore, Winter Shovels, Stamps, Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Copy Paper, Cleaning Supplies, Ice Melt and Black Sharpie Markers.

Home and Land Appeal:

In order to keep new builds and rehabbed projects affordable, Habitat seeks out donated or deeply discounted vacant lots and homes to be used for affordable housing in Cheboygan County. If you have any affordable homes for sale or that you are willing to donate to Habitat, a 501 (C)(3) non-profit, please reach out to Mandy at 231-597-4663.

A gift of land is one way to not only transform the lives of local residents, but also promote a thriving and health community and economy.



New Home Repair Program

In order to better serve the needs of our community, we have launched a new more inclusive Home Repair Program that encompasses minor exterior repairs, weatherization concerns and critical home repairs. This program would offer a zero to low interest affordable loan payment for qualified applicants within Cheboygan County.

The three types of repairs categories are as follows:

- *A Brush with Kindness:* Exterior work that includes painting, patching, minor repair, landscaping or replacement of materials for the purpose of maintaining good or sound condition of a home. A third-party energy audit is not required for this type of repair.
- *Weatherization:* Designed to improve the energy efficiency and overall indoor air quality and comfort of the structure. Weatherization is a systematic repair process to an existing home based on a comprehensive energy audit, resulting in a defined scope of work.
- *Critical Home Repair:* Extensive interior or exterior work performed to alleviate critical health, life and safety issues or code violations; including a change to or repair of materials or components, a reconfiguration of space, a modification for accessibility, installation or extension of plumbing, mechanical or electrical systems on an existing structure. Note: Painting is not a critical home repair. A third-party energy audit is required for this repair type.

Program Eligibility: As with our homeownership program, applicants must have a need for the repairs, have the ability to pay an affordable loan and a down payment, and be willing to partner with Habitat throughout the project. These other criteria are also required for the Home Repair Program:

- Applicants and household members will be subject to a sex offender registry check in accordance with our Background Check Policy. Applicant households with registered sex offenders will be immediately disqualified from the program.
- An applicant must occupy the home and be the owner of the home as evidenced by the Warranty Deed and a tax document.
- CCHFH will disqualify applicants if the home is in a condition that it should or could be condemned.
- CCHFH will disqualify applicants that identify their intention to sell the home following completion of the repair.
- CCHFH will disqualify applicants if repair costs exceed \$15,000 and the proposed work can't be split into phases to reduce costs to an affordable amount.

Seeking Home Repair Program Applicants:

Applications will be accepted for Spring 2020 projects during the month of February. Interested applicants can pick up an application from the Habitat Office or ReStore or print one out online. Applications can be submitted in person on the first business day of February or via email or fax at info@habitatcheboygan.org or 231-597-0496. You can also visit www.habitatcheboygan.org to learn more about this program ahead of time.

Home Repair Program Support: This program is not possible without the generous support of community donors as it is mainly a community funded program with minimal grant support. Once established, loan payments are put into a revolving "Fund for Humanity" to support repairing more homes in Cheboygan County.

To support this new program, please include Home Repair Program in the memo line of your check. Your support for this program will help struggling homeowners (at least 42% of community members) regain the dignity needed to maintain their home after they receive a hand up not a hand out.

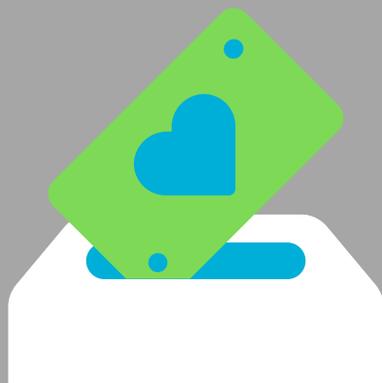
Giving Tuesday - Tuesday, December 3, 2019



This Giving Tuesday, we are partnering with the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and our local Straits Area Community Foundation to raise funds for our new Home Repair Program!

Giving Tuesday is an online giving opportunity encouraging people to do good and support local non-profits. No gift is too small when it comes to repairing and advocating for housing.

#GivingTuesdayNEMI #housingforall #safehomes



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COMMUNITY STRAITS AREA FOUNDATION

Support

Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity

@ sacf.net

Save the Date

\$15 for Adults

**\$5 for Kids
under 12**

Let's Build Homes!

Hard Hats and Hope Polish Dinner Fundraiser

May 6th, 2020 at the K of C Hall - Cheboygan

Doors open at 5:30

Silent Auction 5:30 - 7:00

Dinner and Program 6:00

If you would like to purchase tickets, sponsor, or volunteer for this event, we welcome you to learn more at www.habitatcheboygan.org/news-and-current-events.

Tickets on sale January 2020 online, in the ReStore or Admin Office, or by any Board Member!