

The Hammer Times

Spring 2023



Cheboygan County
Habitat
for Humanity®



Words from our Leadership Team

Spring in Northern Michigan is an iffy thing. The calendar says that spring arrived on March 20th, we have already switched to Daylight Savings Time, and yet there is still snow on the ground! We can see the little signs of the new season in the crocuses and tulips peeking through the snow, birds returning from their winter homes and new growth sprouting on shrubs and trees.

Habitat, too, is changing in response to the arrival of Spring. Habitat is beginning two new home builds in Indian River this spring. As an organization we just broke ground on these projects last Wednesday, April 5th, where I offered the benediction and Rev. John Wallace spoke on behalf of Cheboygan County about these new projects.

We are able to return to our Home Repair Program, where there are many families in Cheboygan County needing Habitat's hand up to help make their homes safer and more comfortable.

There are so many positive things blooming at Habitat and I invite you to get involved today!

*Shirley Barney
Board President*



As I think back to our February home closing on my first homeownership project since I became Executive Director, I had feelings of joy that we could be serving another family with safe, affordable housing. I also had hope for the future and gratitude towards those who have stepped up for Habitat this year in new and exciting ways.

Thanks to my awesome team, our amazing volunteers, dedicated donors and customers and the wonderful community we serve, we are about to make our biggest impact in a single year since we were founded in 1994.

There are many ways you can step up in 2023 for Habitat. I hope you join me as we work harder than ever to build more homes and serve more community members through the Habitat mission where we bring people together from all walks of life to unite for a common goal - so that everyone has a decent place to call home.

I look forward to speaking with you about how you can get involved this year and sharing our stories of mission success.

Happy Spring!

*Nandy Martin
Executive Director*



The Power of Home Campaign 2023

We're kicking off our third annual Power of Home fundraiser in partnership with Consumers Energy on April 10th. For every \$2 that the public donates, Consumers will match \$1 on every donation up to \$10,000 until match funds run out! Last year the match funds (\$100,000) ran out in 3 days!

Here at Cheboygan Habitat, we have set a goal of raising \$10,000, which means an additional \$5,000 from Consumers to help us complete our newest builds in Indian River! Starting at 8 am on Monday, April 10th, until 8 pm - we are pushing to get our goal met, so we can benefit from the match funds!



Donate here starting at 8 am on April 10th: <https://give.classy.org/ChebHFH>

Here at Cheboygan Habitat, we have seen the negative impacts of unsafe, unlivable and unaffordable homes in our community. Our non-profit was founded to help provide real solutions to low-moderate income community members needing a hand up, not a hand out.

On the flipside, we have seen firsthand the power that a home has on a family.

The power of home changes lives for generations!



Housing Programs

Home Repair Program - Since we have expanded our repair program in 2021, we have been able to provide critical repairs to 14 homeowners needing a hand up not a handout. We even went back and completed a second phase of work on three projects. As we start 2023, we anticipate serving one Program Partner with a second phase of work and will complete an additional 8-10 new repair projects.

We accept Home Repair Program applications the following months each year: February, March, August, September and October. We may hold additional application periods as needed.

Homeownership Program - On February 17th, we sold our 25th Habitat for Humanity home to Michael Jenkins! Michael is settling into his new home nicely and we are excited to finish the landscaping work this spring!

We are embarking on three homeownership projects starting this build season. We are building two new builds in Indian River and rehabbing a home in Cheboygan! This will be by far the largest impact we will have made in our community in the 29 years since we were founded.

We are actively seeking community members who lived or worked in Cheboygan County for the last year who are interested in homeownership through Habitat to get connected with us to start the process to determine if you are mortgage ready and if not take the appropriate steps to get mortgage ready. Our new process looks like this and more information can be found online at www.habitatcheboygan.org:



Call Habitat Michigan for an Intake Appointment



Complete Financial Coaching to get Mortgage Ready



Once Mortgage Ready - apply for Cheboygan Habitat Homeownership Program



Approved Partners work along side Habitat to build or rehab projects and then homes are sold!



Hospice Ramp Program - Through this program, we installed and removed 2 temporary ramps. With amazing support from the Straits Area Community Foundation and the 4Front Foundation we are securing more funding to provide temporary ramps to community members in hospice care in our community.

We are always seeking more funding to help us offer these services at an affordable rate to community members during the last chapter of their life.

Volunteer Corner

"Habitat makes it possible for us to work side by side with families and help them improve their lives so that they cannot just survive but thrive in the world. Helping a family in need move into a home is the primary mission of Habitat for Humanity. Yet, because of the unique way in which Habitat operates, the organization accomplishes much more. It brings together people of different backgrounds and stations in life to create an environment in which everyone is equal." - Jimmy Carter



There are so many ways to get involved with Habitat this year. We are always updating all of our volunteer shifts on our website. You can visit, www.habitatcheboygan.org and review all of the different shifts you can sign up from including some of these great options:

ReStore

Lunch
Provider

New Build and Home
Rehab Construction

Social Media
Committee

Volunteer
Committee

Board Development
Committee

Board
Members

Outreach
Committee

Faith Relations
Committee

Photographer

Program Services
Committee

Home Repairs

Event
Committee

Jobsite Volunteer
Greeter

Construction
Committee

As we just celebrated our 29th birthday, we are hoping to engage 29 volunteer groups from now until March 2024. Volunteer groups consist of up to 6 volunteers coming out for one or multiple shifts in our ReStore or on the jobsite!

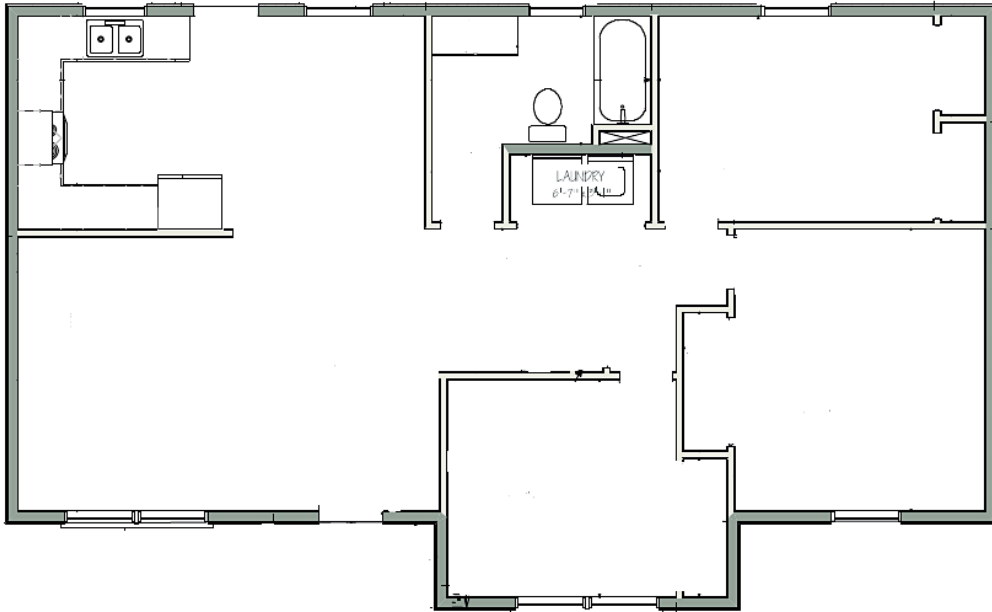
- Our friends at Citizens National Bank have committed to sending teams out to our sites!
- Our friends at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Cheboygan have committed to another group volunteer day!
- Our friends at Bandi Builders have committed to helping this build season!
- Our friends at Indian River Beat have also committed to photographing our build progress!

What will you and/or your business commit to this year?

Square Foot Club Campaign

Every year as we approach the new build season, we put out our annual square foot campaign. This campaign works to raise funds for our upcoming projects by purchasing one square foot of building materials or individual items needed for upcoming projects. You can support this campaign by purchasing a square foot for \$175 or purchasing anything from our list of materials below.

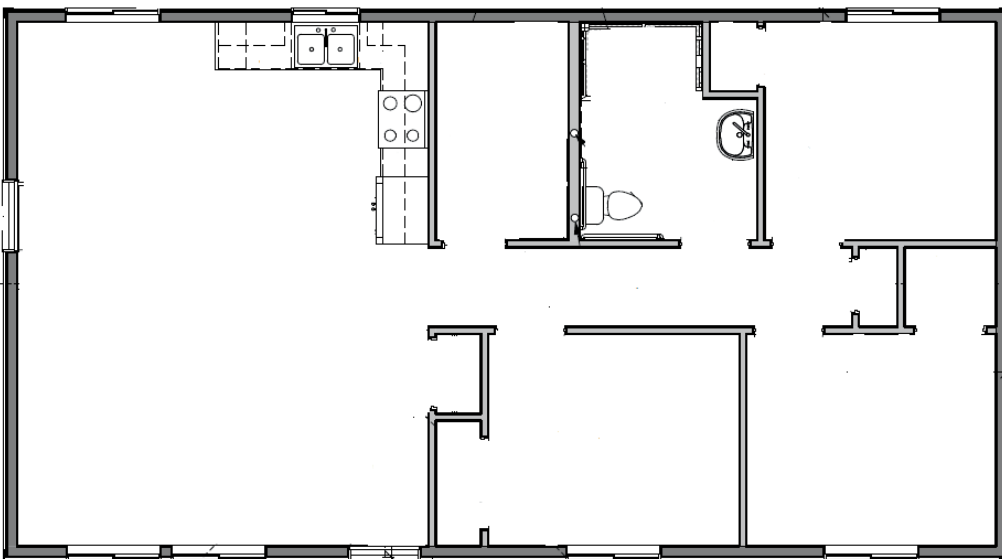
Lot 14 Indian River - 2023 New Build



Building Materials Needed:

- Toilet \$199
- Sinks \$269 or \$89
- Plants \$1,000
- Stove \$600
- Window \$500
- 10 - 2x4's \$35
- Furnace \$5,000
- 10 - OSB \$125
- 5 gallons of paint \$105
- 10 boxes of flooring \$150
- Drywall screws \$25
- Box of siding \$500
- Shower \$750
- Cabinets \$3,500
- Fridge \$900
- Mulch \$150
- Roof \$12,000
- Septic \$3,500
- Ceiling fan \$160
- 1 gallon of paint \$25
- Caulk \$100
- Insulation \$4,000
- Door knobs \$50
- Shed \$2,500
- Roof trusses \$5,000
- Fasteners \$250
- Interior Doors \$175
- Exterior Door \$500
- Blinds \$150
- Trim \$500
- Dow Board \$30 sheet
- Drywall \$15 sheet
- Microwave \$240
- Other:_____

Lot 13 Indian River - 2023 New Build



Cheboygan Home Rehab 2023

Ways to support

Last year we set a goal to raise \$400,000 to help us complete a home rehab project, start a second one and complete up to 14 home repairs. We are excited to let you know that we were able to raise that goal through donations, grants, a home sale and special events.

This year as we tackle 3 Homeownership Projects and 14 plus Home Repair Projects, we need to raise \$600,000 to support these efforts. Our goal is to also make the same impact with projects during the 2024 build season!

You can support these efforts in many ways including but not limited to:

- Donating property, services, and/or materials;
- Provide a match donation to help us make donations go even further;
- Donate to our new Homeownership Program Fund at the Straits Area Community Foundation;
- Donate to our Power of Home 2:1 match campaign;
- Set up monthly donations online;
- Donate items, services or gift certificates to our events;
- Become a sponsor of an event, program, or sponsor our new ReStore truck;
- Donate stock;
- Purchase items from our Amazon Wishlist;
- Host a dinner party fundraiser for Habitat;



Your support makes a huge impact in the work we are doing. Look at the impact these three donors have made at Habitat over the past year:

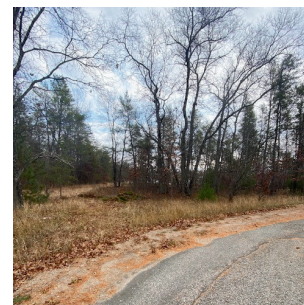
- The Martin and Patricia Jahn Foundation provided a \$100,000 endowment for Habitat to start a Fund Account within the Straits Area Community Foundation so their gift can leave an impact for generations to come.
- Mark Melvin donated 3 parcels of property to give us land to build on over the next 2 years.
- Darrin and Trisha Deeter provided support of donated auction items, annual donation matched by their employer, and provide volunteer support to grow our mission.



Darrin and Trisha Deeter attending and supporting our Brunch Fundraiser!

Cheboygan County
Habitat for Humanity
Homeownership Program
Fund

This fund will help support more homes being built or rehabbed through our Homeownership Program.



One of 3 lots donated by Mark Melvin on Will Drive in Indian River.

2023 Fundraisers

In order to increase our capacity to serve, we have to raise even more funds to support our mission. We rely heavily on local support and are excited to have our two annual fundraisers taking place this year:

Sunday, May 14th – Mother's Day Brunch at the Cheboygan Knights of Columbus Hall – this kid friendly event will include so many fun things and will be a great day to spoil the mothers, grandmothers, wives, significant others, and the other amazing humans who should be honored this Mother's Day.

You will enjoy wonderful music by Sam Schneider, delicious brunch foods and snacks, a 50/50 raffle and a large raffle with 3 awesome prizes. 1st prize is an 8x8 playhouse, 2nd prize is a doghouse with goodies, and 3rd prize is \$250 cash. You will also have the opportunity to bid on lots of great silent auction items.

New this year, we are having a flower pull. We will have 30 beautiful hanging baskets that you can pay \$20 to pull a mystery number associated with a hanging basket. We will also have 20 vases of beautiful flowers that you can pull a mystery number associated with a vase of flowers. The flower pull is a win/win for everyone! Also new – we will have a kids area set up with some fun kids' activities for those in attendance.

Event tickets are on sale now at www.habitatcheboygan.org, \$25 per adult, \$10 kids 6-12 and kids 5 and under free. You can also purchase tickets from the Habitat office, the ReStore or through any board member.

Raffle tickets, \$20 each or 6 for \$100, can be purchased at our Habitat ReStore, Habitat Office or through any board member. We can work with you if you want tickets, just give us a call at 231-597-4663. Enclosed are our event and raffle flyers!

Save the Date - Homes for the Holiday 2023

Friday, December 8th – our 3rd Annual Homes for the Holiday Ball will take place at the Cheboygan Knights of Columbus Hall. Join us for dancing, appetizers, a cash bar, a catered dinner, our famous alcohol pull and so much more! New this year we are going to do a cash raffle – tickets will be on sale 2 months prior to the event.

We will keep our website updated with more details and event tickets will be available soon. Four VIP tables of 8 will be available for purchase for \$800, which includes being the first tables to the food line, a cash raffle ticket, 2 drink tickets and a swag bag per guest. General tickets are \$50 each. Check out this event on Facebook to stay up to date on all of the fun things planned!

We hope to see you there.



ReStore Corner

The team at the ReStore would like to wish everyone a happy spring!! Days are slowly getting longer, and warmer, and our thoughts often turn to spring cleaning, organizing and down-sizing. The ReStore is the perfect place to help you get everything ready for all of the beautiful weather, fun and projects to come. We've been busy starting our own spring cleaning to prepare for the busy season that is fast approaching!



If you haven't visited with us lately, you've missed our updated shelving and the new look of some of our departments.

We've recently upgraded many of our shelves with newly built, matching shelves to better display our books, music, movies and games.

We have organized and streamlined our departments to make it easier for you to find what you are looking for.



We've reorganized the toilet and sink area to better display these items to make them accessible for customers.

We have added a splash of color to some of our displays and started the prep work for some new flooring.

But for those of you who still like to come hunt for treasures - there are lots of areas to dig in to see what treasures you can find.

Habitat ReStores are independently owned reuse stores operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. ReStores accept donations and sell a constantly changing inventory of diverse, high-quality merchandise to the public at a fraction of the retail price, while diverting reusable household items and building materials from area landfills.

Donations allow the Habitat ReStore to resell high-quality items at a lower price, providing families in the community with an affordable option to furnish their homes. Proceeds are used to help more families locally and globally build, rehabilitate and repair their homes, working toward Habitat for Humanity's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Sales of donated items help Habitat for Humanity partner with local families to build, rehabilitate and repair safe and affordable homes in your community and around the world — a good deal for you, your community and the environment. Together, we can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better future while creating stronger neighborhoods.

Earth Week Celebrations and Events

Celebrate
Earth Day with us!
Visit us at the



Cheboygan Public Library
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

10am-2pm

Donate to our
ReStore from April
18th to April 22nd
to receive an extra
savings of 10% off!

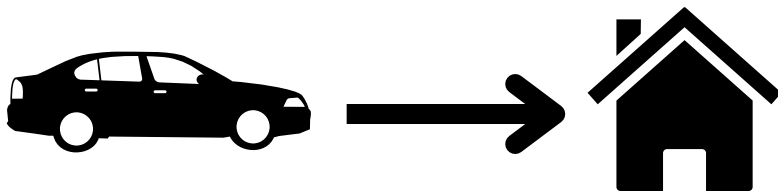
*Does not include MaxLite,
mattresses or paint supplies.



With Earth Day just around the corner, we invite everyone to recycle their used cars and vehicles to help low-income families realize the dream of homeownership by donating to Habitat's Cars for Homes program.

Every year, the steel industry recycles an impressive 14 million tons of steel from end-of-life vehicles. (WorldAutoSteel.org) That's like recycling almost 13.5 million cars! Make a difference and donate your old car today to help fund affordable housing programs in your local community.

When you call or donate online, make sure to use your Cheboygan County address so funds come directly back to our local Habitat.



**WE HAVE KEPT OVER
1,500 TONS OF
WASTE OUT OF
LANDFILLS!**

We will be having a week-long Earth Week celebration. If you donate items to the ReStore the week of April 18th – April 22nd you will receive a 10% off coupon good on any purchase at the ReStore – excluding mattresses, MaxLite bulbs and orange sticker paint supplies.



Every day is Earth Day at your Cheboygan ReStore!

**Shine Up
Cheboygan**
Saturday,
May 6th, 2023

We hope to see
you there!



If you have good, gently used items to donate, we have two options for you. We currently accept donations Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 3pm. Appointments are no longer needed. You can call ahead to discuss your items or stop in at the front counter when you arrive at the store. We are closed to the public, but in the building on Tuesdays, so you will need to call us when you arrive.



We are currently doing Tuesday and Thursday donation pick-ups. We have a list of donations we are currently accepting on our webpage www.habitatcheboygan.org.

From there you can even start the donation process by filling out a form and we will reach out to you to schedule a pick-up or you can call (231) 597-9463, Ext. 1 to schedule ahead.

Are you selling your home, planning on buying a new one or doing a major remodel? Or moving? The ReStore can help you find a new home for your extra furniture, household items, tools, appliances, etc. that you can't take with you. We can work with you to schedule a whole house pick-up to help ready your home for sale or to make room for all the things coming in to your new home. Just by calling (231) 597-9463, Ext. 1, we can set up a time for a walk-through where we can create a plan to best help you with your furniture and other donations. During the walk-through, we can discuss exactly what you would like to donate and even mark it for easy pick-up on the date that we schedule for you.

Call ahead to schedule your donation.

Moving or Remodeling?

Did you know that the Habitat ReStore will work with you, your realtor or your contractor to collect any acceptable donations from your home.

Call in advance to schedule a walk through appointment and get your whole house pick up scheduled.



Deconstructing a Home?

Habitat will consider taking donations of homes to be relocated off property. Donated homes like this can help make it more affordable for us to rehab homes.

Our ReStore will also consider taking usable items out of your home if you are deconstructing it to build a new home!

Are you planning to tear down a house to make room for a new build? Doing a complete remodel on a current structure? Or want to donate the entire house from your property? Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity can help with that!

The ReStore is a great place to donate your good double pane windows, doors, kitchen cabinets, fixtures and appliances. Why send these good, reusable items to a landfill when they can help us further our mission to provide safe, affordable housing to people in our community? Just by calling (231) 597-9463, you can help a family realize their dream of homeownership.



Our box truck was purchased in 2009 and it is nearing the end of its drivable life. The box truck is the livelihood of the ReStore. We pick up on average 50 pickups a month and a new truck could help us double that number. We also use the truck to help pick up and deliver construction items to and from jobsites.

We have already secured some grant funding from Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op – Thank you PIE&G. We need one \$10,000 sponsor or two \$5,000 sponsorships to help us purchase a truck. These sponsors will have their names and logos included on our truck design.

Sponsor this truck!

The ReStore truck is 14 years old and in disrepair! We are seeking sponsors to help us purchase our new ReStore Truck!





Board and Staff Members

- Elinore Barney, Board President
- Nini Sherwood, Board Vice President
- Darrin Deeter, Board Treasurer
- Marily Galloway, Board Secretary
- Steve Evoy, Board Member
- Todd Charboneau, Board Member
- Beth Smith, Board Member
- John Turner, Board Member

- Mandy Martin, Executive Director
- Ron Hart, Construction Supervisor
- Baylee Herron, Administrative Assistant
- Jason Dobias, ReStore Manager
- Melissa Tallman, ReStore Operations Manager
- Logan Vallance, Sales and Warehouse Associate
- Judy Croft, Truck Driver and Warehouse Associate

This could be you! Seeking board members for a 2 year term!



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