

# The Hammer Times Fall 2022



Cheboygan County  
**Habitat**  
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# Words from the Director



I could have never imagined Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity being where we are right now. We are on the cusp of many great things. The home we purchased in February of this year has helped to open so many new doors for us to grow our capacity to serve.

We have had many community members inquire about donating homes, deconstructing homes to donate materials to our ReStore, donating vacant parcels and so much more! I am so grateful for everyone who has reached out to support our mission.

The phones are ringing constantly from folks struggling with housing insecurity. Far too many community members can't find any place to rent or live in housing that is in disrepair or too expensive. Many more are doubled up, living in campers or are homeless.

The need for our mission is so great in Cheboygan County. Thanks to the generous folks who have reached out to us lately we are able to do more. As you will read throughout this newsletter - we have SO much happening. We are starting to rehab 421 Garfield Avenue, a garage we are rehabbing into a 2 bedroom home. We are finalizing plans for 2 new stick built homes in Indian River and we have so many home repair projects going on. We want to continue doing more work in the community and your continued support is needed.

There are many ways you can support our mission from volunteering on our Board of Directors, planning our annual events, volunteering on a jobsite or at the ReStore, donating money, time or materials and much more. Whatever time or talents you have to give, we are willing to accept them to further our mission.

Over the next year, we will be doing more outreach events to connect with the community, more promotion of our housing programs and connecting with more volunteers, donors and stakeholders looking to build more with Habitat.

Will you build more with us over the next year?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Martin'.

Mandy Martin - Director

# Building Homes, Building Hope and Changing Lives

The place you call home should never threaten your health. Decent and affordable housing help make that difference. Decent, affordable shelter provides families with a place to gather and grow. Even more, by working with Habitat to achieve affordable homeownership, families can transform their lives.

Affordable homeownership helps create the conditions that free families from instability, stress and fear and encourages self-reliance and confidence. Studies show that strong and stable households are foundational to child development and growth. When a home fosters — instead of hinders — health and safety, families can flourish. Owning an affordable home also allows homeowners to lift up their entire family by saving for their futures and investing in educational opportunities — bolstering job opportunities and long-term career growth.

In different parts of the world, different factors can affect a family's sense of safety. For some, a Habitat home includes something they have never had before: a front door that locks and the sense of security that comes with it.

Putting down roots, renovating property and investing in communities also helps entire neighborhoods grow and become safer for everyone. Neighborhoods where residents stay put for a long time tend to be associated with lower crime rates, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Communities and networks of support form whenever residents come together to build and improve the places they call home.

We invest in people's futures when we invest in housing.



# Updates from Cheboygan Habitat

**Community Survey:** Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity is partnering with a student team from the University of Michigan's Project Management & Consulting Class to send out a survey to community members and Habitat stakeholders to help us better plan and serve our mission.

The feedback you provide will be key in helping us put together our next Strategic Plan and help us grow our capacity to serve. We value this feedback and appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule to complete the survey. The student team will then analyze the results and put together a report for us to use for future planning. Thank you so much for taking part in this survey and helping our mission grow.



**Staffing Updates:** We are excited to welcome Jason Dobias to our team! Jason joins us as our new ReStore Manager. Jason has a bachelor's degree in Applied Workplace Leadership from Northern Michigan University. He has spent several years in the banking industry prior to coming to Habitat. Jason works at Habitat so that he can have a positive impact on safe and affordable housing in the community. It also allows him to have meaningful work and know that each day he is making a difference in people's lives.

3 fun facts about Jason: he enjoys hunting, fishing, and the outdoors, has a hobby farm with chickens and soon to be goats and he has lived in the U.P., Northern Michigan, Mid-Michigan, and Lower Michigan (downstate). Welcome Jason!

**Auction Support:** We are seeking auction items for both our December Homes for the Holiday Ball and our 2023 Hard Hats and Hope Brunch. We are seeking items and gift cards from local businesses, gift certificates for local services and so much more.

If you or your business are interested in donating an item or items, please give us a call at 231-597-4663 or emailing [info@habitatcheboygan.org](mailto:info@habitatcheboygan.org). We need a variety of items to help make our events even more successful.

We are also seeking baked goods for our December 9th event, let us know if you want support our bake sale.

# ReStore Updates

We have just entered into Winter Hours at the ReStore. We are open for shopping Wednesday through Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2. We are still scheduling donation appointments for drop-offs and pick-ups of donated items. We prefer appointments for drop-offs Wednesday through Friday between 10-3.

Christmas items are hitting the shelves and we have some great items in the ReStore - however - we need more items in the store. We also have winter seasonal items hitting the sales floor including: sleds, skis and ski poles, winter shovels, skates and more! As you are purchasing new winter items, please remember to donate your gently used items to Habitat. Every item you donate or purchase to/from the Habitat ReStore helps our mission!

We are still seeking living room furniture, building materials, dressers, housewares, knick knacks and so much more to fill our floor are warehouse! We just got a new shipment of MaxLite bulbs, new paint supplies and have many mattresses in stock.

Save the date: 11/26 Super Saturday Sale and shortly after that 12 days (business days) of Christmas. Lots of great deals will be found at our upcoming sales! Follow us on Facebook to stay connected with our weekly sales and future sale dates.

Call (231) 597-9463 Ext. 1 to schedule a pick-up or drop-off appointment.



# Coming Soon.....



421 Garfield Avenue

We have broken ground on our next home rehab project! We are moving the large garage to the neighboring vacant lot and rehabbing this garage into a 2 bedroom home! By making good use of the large 2 lots we have purchased, we are able to serve 2 families making these projects even more affordable.

Both 417 and 421 Garfield Avenue will be 2 bedroom 1 bath homes with sheds. These homes are being sold through our Homeownership Program to qualified Program Partners with anticipated close dates of December 2022 and September 2023.



Will Drive - Indian River

We are getting ready to break ground on 2 new stick built homes in Indian River on Will Drive. These homes (typically 3 bedroom 1 bath homes on a crawlspace) will start during the 2023 building season and will be wrapped up approximately 9-12 months from when we break ground on each project.

If you'd like to donate time, money or materials to help with these projects send us an email to [Mandy@habitatcheboygan.org](mailto:Mandy@habitatcheboygan.org).



Will Drive - Indian River

Thanks to many community partners we are increasing our capacity to serve! We are actively seeking Program Partners for our Homeownership Program for all of our new projects in our immediate and future pipelines.

The benefits of decent and affordable housing transfer to society at large. When families have the stability necessary to build pathways to their own economic success, whole communities can prosper.

We are actively seeking a vacant parcel(s) to be donated on the west side of the City of Cheboygan for a 3 bedroom home we are planning on moving Summer 2023 for a future rehab project.

If you have a potential parcel to donate or even a home to donate, please reach out to Mandy at [mandy@habitatcheboygan.org](mailto:mandy@habitatcheboygan.org) or 231-597-4663.

We are finishing up multiple 2022 home repair projects:

- Roof leak repair, exterior door replacement and furnace exhaust repair.
- Bathroom modification, interior door install and carpentry repairs;
- Furnace replacement, electrical updates, window replacement and crawlspace insulation and seal;
- Roof and window replacement;
- Roof replacement and electrical updates;
- Bathroom modification, plumbing leak and repair and window replacement;
- Handicap ramp install and hot water heater replacement.

Our current projects are pushing into Spring of 2023, so any new projects coming in are Spring/Summer and Fall 2023 projects. We recommend reaching out early with your repair needs. We work hard to connect community members with other agencies that can assist with repairs as well.

We are seeing such an increased need for critical home repair projects and we can't do all the work without more contractors to work with, more funding sources and more volunteers to help make homes safe again for our friends, neighbors and colleagues.

## City of Cheboygan Rehab



## Onaway Home Repair



## Tower Home Repair



# Interested in Homeownership with Cheboygan County Habitat?

Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Michigan (HFHM) to assist us in processing homeownership requests. If you want to be considered for our homeownership program, here is our updated process:

- Complete the intake information by calling (517) 485-1006 X 135 and asking for an intake appointment.
- Schedule a time with a housing coach to review your credit, debt, and income information.
  - During your individual session you will learn what you need to do to qualify for home ownership and will create an action plan to be mortgage-ready as soon as possible.
  - Your housing coach will work with you to remove barriers until you are ready to buy!
- Once you are mortgage-ready to buy a home you will be referred to Cheboygan Habitat to complete our homeownership application. A USDA pre-approval will also be considered mortgage-ready.

For more information, please visit [www.habitatcheboygan.org](http://www.habitatcheboygan.org).







# Dine, Dance & Celebrate at Habitat for Humanity's Homes for the Holiday Ball

Friday, December 9th, 2022 from 6:00 - 9:00 at the Cheboygan Eagles Club

Dance the evening away with Delilah DeWylde. Enjoy the evening with a nostalgic, retro walk down memory lane, featuring tributes from the greatest rock n' roll artists from the 1950's. Check her music out her music by scanning the QR Code:



Buffet dinner catered by Audie's, silent auction, 50/50, alcohol pull, bake sale and much more!



Tickets: \$50 each available online [www.habitatcheboygan.org](http://www.habitatcheboygan.org), at the Habitat ReStore and Admin Office and from board and committee members. Limited tickets available!

2 VIP tables of 8 are available for \$600 each and include 5:30 entrance to event with exclusive auction items, drink tickets, and a swag bag!



# 10 ways to support Habitat

10. Support our Cars for Homes Program: You can donate a car, boat, tractor, camper, etc. to this program. The program will then resell or recycle your vehicle, raising funds for Habitat to partner with local families to build stability and security that a safe affordable home allows. Visit [www.habitatcheboygan.org/donate](http://www.habitatcheboygan.org/donate) to learn more about this process. Make sure to use your Cheboygan County address so funds come directly to our local Habitat.

9. Donate goods to the Habitat ReStore: When you donate sellable items to the ReStore, you are providing inventory that is sold and profits raised support our housing programs. Give us a call to schedule your donation pick up or drop off appointment, 231-597-9463 Ext. 1. Closed Sunday - Tuesday.

8. Become a business partner with Habitat: Your business can have a Jeans Day for Habitat, host a giveback fundraiser, sell paper houses, hold a bake sale, or anything else fun to help raise funds and awareness for our housing programs. We love and appreciate ALL of the community support here in Cheboygan. 100% of funds stay right here in our community!

7. Be an ambassador for our mission: Like our different social media channels. Share and comment on posts too! Help connect community members in need with our services. The more you talk about our mission and the great work we are doing, the more support we get for our mission.

6. Select Cheboygan County Habitat as your non-profit partner on Amazon Smile: Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to Habitat. You can even select Habitat as your non-profit Amazon Smiles Partner on your amazon app. All of your purchases would then be supporting our great work. Always remember when shopping Amazon from a web browser to go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to help your favorite non-profit. Our unique link is: [smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3190977](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3190977)

5. We have an Amazon Wishlist where you can pick up an item(s) on our list, purchase them for us and they ship directly to us. This allows you to use your donor dollars in a way that lets you control how your support is used. Save your receipt for your taxes for your donation! Here is our current wish list! Wishlist: <https://a.co/fo26N4Q>



## Help Build Houses, Donate Your Vehicle!

Donating your vehicle to Habitat for Humanity is a great way to support our work. Proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will help Habitat families build strength, stability and self-reliance in the United States. Plus, it's fast and easy to do, and you may qualify for a tax deduction.

*We accept almost all vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, farm equipment and construction equipment.*



4. You can donate stock to our organization through our partnership with the Citizens National Bank LPL Financial Services Department. If you wish to donate stock, please use this information:

Acct #: 2310-5269

DTC #: 0075

Name: Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

3. Volunteer! We always need more hands. More hands make light work! You can help on our board, on job sites, in our store, or in the office. Teenagers can gain volunteer hours by helping us too. We will need help landscaping soon. Gardeners, stay tuned! ALL help is appreciated, even if you can only help for two hours, or once a month. We LOVE our volunteers, and count on volunteerism to help keep us able to help our community!

2. We are always needing referrals for contractors for our different projects. If you know a contractor or are one, we need people to bid our jobs. This gives us a budget, which we then commit to, fundraise for, and get things in place to do the work. The contractor is who we then work with to renovate, build, and fix the homes for people in our community to have a safe place to call home. We have a steady stream of jobs, and like to support local contractors, who are then supporting our mission too!

1. Good ole cold hard cash donation. Whether it is \$5 or \$500, EVERY little bit helps us. We pay contractors to do our builds, we have heat bills for the store, and we do a lot of things that require our funds. Donations are tax deductible and we will be glad to get you a receipt! Donate here: <https://www.habitatcheboygan.org/donate>

Any of the gifts you provide from this list help provide safe and affordable shelter for many community members facing housing insecurity in our community. We see far too many homes in Cheboygan County that are beyond repair and many more that need a hand up for homeownership and home repair work. Your gift is life changing and your support is greatly appreciated.



# Volunteer Opportunities

As we start to wrap up one rehab project and start another, we have many volunteer needs, typically Tuesday - Thursday from 10 am - 2 pm weekly. We do have other dates available and will work to schedule volunteer groups as they express interest. We are doing landscaping, painting and all the fun inside work that makes a house a home. From here, we are working to build a floor deck for our garage rehab and will prepare to work on this rehab over the winter. We need volunteers to help coordinate lunches for volunteers on the jobsite too!

As we approach 2023, we will need volunteers and volunteer groups to help with framing work on two projects. If you have a group of 6-8 volunteers who would be interested in some framing volunteer days in Spring of 2023, please reach out early to sign up to help.

We are seeking volunteers to help put on our Homes for the Holiday Ball in December. If you are interested in helping the night of the event, we'd love to have your help. We could even use some extra hands to help out in the ReStore, Wednesday - Friday between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm.

If you'd like to be a leading force in our mission, we are needing more community members to join our Board of Directors. We are needing more volunteers from the Indian River area and are actively seeking retail and marketing backgrounds.

## Staff and Board of Directors

### Staff

Mandy Martin - Executive Director,  
Ron Hart - Construction Supervisor,  
Baylee Herron - Admin Assistant,  
Jason Dobias - ReStore Manager,  
Melissa Tallman - ReStore Operations Manager,  
Trina Bailey - Truck Driver and Lead Warehouse,  
Brooke Bailey - Sales and Warehouse Associate,  
Logan Vallance - Sales and Warehouse Associate,



### 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

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Beth Smith - Board Member,  
And Possibly You!