



Blue Water  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®



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# Habitat Happenings

## *ReStore Your Commitment to Volunteerism*

Being a volunteer is noted as one of the most rewarding experiences we can do for not only our community but ourselves. Blue Water Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit that has numerous volunteer opportunities. Of course everyone's first thought is, volunteers can help build or repair homes. Which of course is so very true, however that is only one of the opportunities we offer. Besides our build and repair programs, BWHFH offers volunteer experiences in committee work and our ReStore.

In honor of our dedicated volunteers and Volunteer Month, we are going to focus on our ReStore, it's current incredible volunteers and the need for more. The faces that appear in conjunction with this segment are some of the volunteers who contribute many hours to BWHFH. These individuals

have continually dedicated their time weekly for years. To showcase their awesomeness, I added up the years all of them have dedicated to us and astonishingly, together they have dedicated over 75 years of service, all in our ReStore ....amazing!

These volunteers are: Bob Prause, John Rickert, Jane Shafer, and Carmen Arcieri. Bob and John do pick-up and deliveries for our ReStore, Carmen works in our donation center and Jane works at our front check out counter. We thank them for all their years of service and to all of our volunteers. We could not possibly accomplish what we do without all of you.

Celebrate Volunteers and Volunteerism!



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## Imagine

Imagine a mother with 2 daughters living in a difficult committed relationship and thinking, how do I change this? What do I do? Imagine again having the courage to leave-- without shelter or immediate means. Now I ask you to stop imagining and know this is the basics of Michelle Kilbourne's real life true story along with her daughters, Cassidy and Kiley.

That moment of courage was Michelle's first step to a better life. The steps to now were difficult, scary, overwhelming and painful. Yet, with the help of her daughters and their will to not only survive but thrive, her journey led her to Habitat. Through a program of budgeting, debt management, faith counseling and friendships, Michelle is no longer consumed with debt or fear.

Michelle accomplished this journey of homeownership because of her own fortitude, that of her daughters and the support and kindness of volunteers and donors like you.

I am honored today to have the opportunity to thank all of you on behalf of Michelle and the girls. I am proud of them and you for your commitment to this life changing journey.

Now Imagine.....the rest of their lives.....



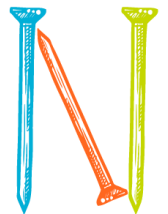
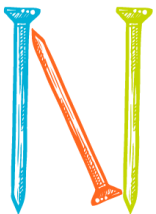
We are also currently accepting applicants for our Homeownership Program and our Veteran Home Repair Program. To learn more about these programs please reach out to Kara at 810-985-9080 ext. 200 or [kara@bwhabitat.org](mailto:kara@bwhabitat.org).



### What is a Nail Sale?

Nail Sales are held at churches across the country to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Blue Water Habitat for Humanity has designated Father's Day weekend to ask local church partners to hold a Nail Sale. However, Nail Sales can be held at your church during any time of the year that works for the church. During the Nail Sale, members of the congregation are asked to make a donation to BWHFH, volunteers collect these donations at the door. In return for the donation, donors may or may not choose to take a nail.

Kits are provided by BWHFH to help make your Nail Sale successful. If you have any questions or would like to pick up a Nail Sale kit please call or e-mail Kara at 810-985-9080, ext. 200 or [kara@bwhabitat.org](mailto:kara@bwhabitat.org).





**Saturday,  
August 17, 2024  
8 am- 2 pm  
Where:  
16th Street Park  
2600 16th Street  
Port Huron**



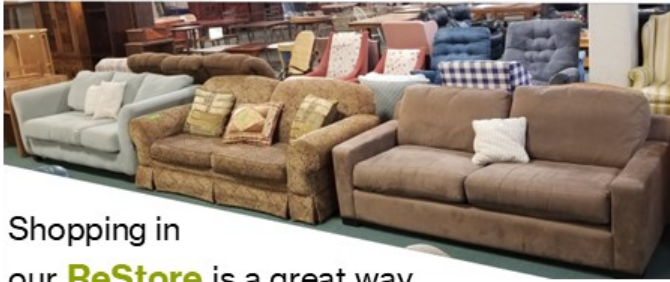
**Neighborhood  
Collaboration with Blue  
Water Chamber, Blue Water  
Habitat for Humanity, City  
of Port Huron, Port Huron  
Parks & Recreation for our  
sixth annual Rock the Block  
event to bring the  
community neighborhood  
together to beautify the  
neighborhood of the 16th  
Street Park in Port Huron!**



# **sponsors**

**Interested in becoming  
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Shopping in our **ReStore** is a great way to make your **tax return** go farther while also **supporting your community!**



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 3524 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron  
 Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

**ACCEPTED DONATED ITEMS:**

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- Architectural Items
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