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## May E-News

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ReStore Hours:  
Wednesday, Thursday  
and Friday  
9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am-4:00pm

## Act Locally, Think Globally

### Compassion is at the Core

According to the March issue of PARADE\* magazine, the country is experiencing an increase in volunteerism. Patrick Covington, CEO of the Federal Corporation for National and Community Service, says that typically, "during tough economic times, volunteering decreases.

However, today there is a 'compassion boom' as the amount of people willing to give of their time to help others, continues to increase."

Covington continued saying that it is typical for people who are out of work to volunteer in order to stay connected to their communities and to hone their job skills. However, research shows that part of what is driving this overall increase is the understanding that public service is essential to achieving community and national goals.

A related survey by PARADE magazine found that 60% of the respondents volunteer because they want to help other people and 57% volunteer because they want to make the world a better place.

By working locally to address the issues of substandard housing, Northern Fox Valley volunteers address both of these needs. You help local families to attain decent, affordable homes and you are part of a global movement to eradicate substandard housing. Not bad for a days work.

\*The entire article can be read in the March 7, 2010 issue of PARADE magazine.

## Northern Fox Valley Affiliate Honored by Elgin Heritage Commission

The Elgin Heritage Commission has informed Habitat for

Humanity of Northern Fox Valley that they have been selected as a recipient of the 2010 Mayor's Award for the rehabilitation of two homes in the historic districts.

The award, which will be presented by Mayor Ed Schock on Thursday, May 13th, is to honor outstanding contributions to Elgin's heritage and educate the general public about the value of older architecture, neighborhoods and history.

Development Director, Bill Klaves, will be receiving the award on behalf of the affiliate.

## Change to E-News Distribution List

If you are currently receiving the E-news and want to remain on the distribution list, please be advised that soon, we will redesign our E-News distribution list to be generated by the information in the Volunteer UP database. If you have not yet registered yourself at Volunteer UP, please do so. Go to our website at [www.hfhfv.org](http://www.hfhfv.org) and click on volunteering. Once you reach the volunteer page look for the "Volunteer UP" button. Click on it and follow the prompts.

We will be adding projects to the Volunteer UP calendar weekly. Opportunities fill up on a first come, first serve basis.



## Homeowners Orientation

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley is holding an informational meeting for those interested in applying for a Habitat for Humanity home. The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00am at ReStore, 800 N. State Street, Elgin, 60123.

Applications are distributed at the end of the informational meeting and are reviewed based on the following criteria: need for better housing, ability to repay the no-interest loan and willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Applicants must live or work in the organization's service area which includes portions of Kane and Cook counties. There is an annual household income requirement which varies based on the size of the family. For example, a family of four must earn at least \$24,900 annually but no more than \$43,700.

Pass on the information about the meeting to anyone who may be interested in applying.

## What's New at the ReStore This Month

Welcome to the following new volunteers:

Justin Gering - Certified forklift driver  
Fabricio Howard - Works at manufacturing plant  
Cherie Mechelkamp - Works as warehouse and unloader  
Jessie Bolton - High school student

Jennifer Bolton- Serving with daughter

Happenings at the ReStore:

Cabinet Caper - Thirteen volunteers spent over 160 hours assembling kitchen cabinets and bath vanities that were donated to the ReStore unassembled. Their hard work turned flat pieces of boards into fine looking, saleable merchandise. Thanks for the special effort on the part of this team.

ReStore Birthday Celebration and Auction-On Saturday, April 17th, ReStore celebrated its 4th birthday and the 2nd year in the new location. There was a live auction by Murco Recycling that drew in many new customers. All of the customers were treated to food and raffle prizes. Thanks to the Special Ops team for planning and executing the event and to the 20 volunteers on hand at the store to assist the customers.

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT that is on summer break and has time on their hands? We have plenty of volunteer opportunities and it will look good on their resumes. Let these students that we have volunteer orientations the first and third Saturdays of each month at 10:00am at the ReStore.

## Thank YOU....



Many, many thanks to the participants in the February 27th Walk-A-Thon. Pledges totaled over \$5,000 which exceeded our goal of \$4,500. These funds will allow us to purchase a job site trailer. For the third year in a row, the Elgin High School National Honor Society brought in the

largest amount of pledges collected by a team. Barrington High School student, Kendra Knott, was the individual with the highest amount of pledges.

Many, many thanks to Michelle Terlecki and her team of au pairs. After an orientation and visit to the ReStore, this group worked hard at 467 Division Street in Elgin. Michelle is the Child Care Coordinator with Cultural Care Au Pair.



Michelle's team was comprised of women from all over the world who are working in the area as au pairs. For many of them this was their first exposure to Habitat for Humanity. However, volunteer coordinator Connie Kitzinger, did explain that Habitat for Humanity is an international organization and encouraged them to explore opportunities when they return to their home countries.

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