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Restore Volunteers Needed

To Volunteer Contact Christine Hooper, Restore Volunteer Coordinator, at [502.805.1411](tel:502.805.1411)



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Kroger

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville teamed up with the Kroger Community Rewards program. All you have to do is go online and link your Kroger Plus Card to the HFHML account. Each time you use your Kroger Plus Card, Habitat will earn rewards. Kroger will pay up to \$375,000 on a quarterly basis to participating organizations based on their percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Reward organizations. Habitat will raise funds with every dollar you spend.

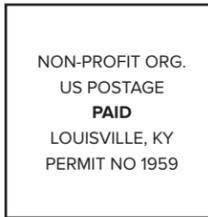
Link your Kroger Plus Card with Habitat:

Visit kroger.com/communityrewards and click "Create an Account."

After creating an account, enter your Kroger Plus Card number or alternate



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ID (your phone number) and your last name registered with the card.

Next, click "Community," and then "Community Rewards" and "enroll" into the program.

Indicate that you want to support HFHML by inputting "10379," or by scrolling through the list of organizations and clicking "Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville."

Once registered, we will receive a donation each time you use your Kroger Plus Card.

Amazon

Another way to support Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville is to link your Amazon account with HFHML. Each time you shop with AmazonSmile, HFHML will receive 0.5% of your purchase price!

Link your Amazon account with Habitat:

Visit smile.amazon.com or for a direct link to HFHML's AmazonSmile

account, go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1735528>.

Sign-in using your Amazon account login information. If you do not have an Amazon account, click on "create an account" and follow the directions on creating an Amazon account.

If you use the direct link registered with HFHML, then you will be automatically registered with HFHML when you sign-in.

If you typed in smile.amazon.com, then you will need to search for "Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville" upon signing-in.

Once registered, we will receive a donation each time you shop using AmazonSmile.

Remember, you must purchase the product with your AmazonSmile account, rather than your Amazon account, for HFHML to receive any donation amounts.

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Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville is Celebrating it's 30th Anniversary!

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville started in 1985 and has built or renovated over 430 homes in Metro Louisville and Oldham County. During the early years, our mission statement was "building simple, decent houses for God's people in need." Today, our mission statement is "seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." Through the changes of time, you will notice 'God' at the center our mission. The past 30 years have been rewarding because of the many homeowners, volunteers and sponsors that serve as God's hands and feet coming together to build God's kingdom.

To commemorate the special occasion of our 30th anniversary, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville is hosting events throughout the year. In April, our family advocates and homeowners came together for a brunch, some of our volunteers gathered for a luncheon in May and we will celebrate our main fundraising event, Building Hope, on September 21st, 2015 at the African American Heritage Center. Stay connected with us to learn more about event tickets and details.

\$30 for 30 Campaign

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville is having a \$30 for 30 campaign. In honor of our 30th anniversary, we are asking that all supporters of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville donate \$30 or more. Your monetary donation will help us continue to build simple, affordable homes for those in need of decent housing. To make a donation, go to: <http://louisvillehabitat.org/contribute>. Thank you for your support.

Calling All Volunteers

The Habitat Construction Department is looking for people who would like to learn construction skill and lead other volunteers on Habitat builds. We request a time commitment of one seven-hour workday at least four times a year; construction experience is not required! Contact Bill Jewell, Volunteer Coordinator, at [502.805.1665](tel:502.805.1665) or bjewell@louisvillehabitat.org to apply or to learn more information.



CEO Rob Locke makes time to help build.

Habitat Homeowner Spotlight

Ahmed, 34, and Iisho, 30, began with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville in January 2015. Natives of Somalia, their family also lived in Kenya before settling in the United States. Ahmed and Iisho speak Mai Mai, Somali and some English. They have six children: Maryan, 15, Abdikadir, 9, Izra, 7, Ilhaan, 6, Abdimalik, 3, Muuniira, 1 ½, and their nephew, Haji, 16, will also be living with them. Ahmed works at Alliance Entertainment as a Forklift Operator while Iisho provides home care for the elderly. Ahmed and Iisho first learned of our homeownership program through friends and were motivated to apply so that they could provide a safe place for their family to live and grow while in the program, Ahmed and Iisho hope to learn how to paint, build and maintain their new Habitat house.

Looking towards their future, Ahmed and Iisho hope to

improve their standard of living and advance in their careers. They also hope to travel to England and Mecca.

On Saturday, July 18th, Ahmed and Iisho officially received the keys to their new home! The first thing Ahmed and Iisho did when they moved in was say a blessing over the house.

Their home was sponsored by anonymous donation in honor of Pope Francis.

The purpose of this house is threefold:

- To honor Pope Francis for his commitment to social justice & reinvigorating the Catholic Church;
- To provide a unifying, celebratory opportunity for both Catholic and non-Catholic volunteers to work towards a common goal (as Pope Francis says, 'Work confers dignity');
- To further Habitat's mission of building and preserving homes .



Ahmed and Iisho in pre build classes.



Ahmed put the first nail in his home.

The finished house.



Meet Habitat homeowner, Channing

Channing, 30, began with Habitat in August of 2014, after he learned of Habitat's homeownership program through his children's daycare. Before settling in Louisville, Channing lived with his three daughters: Khilah, 8, Channia, 5, and Kayleigh, 2, in California. Channing currently attends Simmons College, where he is majoring in Religion and Business, and works for Jefferson County Public Schools as a Bus Driver.

Channing was motivated to apply to Habitat's homeownership program because of his children. For him, having a Habitat home means "pride, ownership, faith and love." While in Habitat's program, Channing hopes to learn how to be a successful homeowner, learn perseverance and experience God in a new way. Channing is dedicated and committed to working with the

Habitat volunteers and sponsors on his future home and wants to tell them, "Thank you for participating in God's work, for helping my family and for working hard. God bless you!"

The first thing that Channing wants to do when he moves into his home is "dance, scream, shout and praise and worship God! I want to have a praise party in my living room!"



Channing, his daughters and parents.



changing the landscape in the Iroquois Neighborhood

Habitat Helps Rejuvenate the Iroquois Neighborhood

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville is constructing six new homes at one site in the Iroquois neighborhood since October of 2014. All six homes, which are being built on Hazelwood Avenue and Hazelwood Court, are expected to be completed by the end of 2015. One of the homes was dedicated this past January.

This plot of land originally consisted of four lots: three lots were empty and a house was located on the fourth lot. HFHML purchased the house at its asking price and, the three empty lots were donated .

HFHML's vision of bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope is exhibited perfectly in the development on Hazelwood. Six very deserving families are receiving the opportunity to be homeowners and provide a better life for themselves and their

children. Housing instability severely affects children and by the end of this year, nineteen children will have a place to call home and a safe and stable environment to enjoy with their new neighbors.

Support from the Louisville community has been crucial. Norton HealthCare, Humana, a coalition of Presbyterian Churches, our region's Catholic Orders and an anonymous donation in honor of Pope Francis are all sponsoring homes. HFHML has been delighted to work with these house sponsors and their volunteers. The connections that have formed between the volunteers and the partner families has strengthened the community and motivated more citizens to continue to participate in service work around Louisville.

