

A Habitat Homeowner



As I arrived at Doug Goodman’s home, I was welcomed in with warmth and a smile. Doug is one of Lima Area Habitat for Humanity’s Homeowners, or as we call them “Partners.” His house was built in 2013 and dedicated on July 21. He enjoys his quiet neighborhood and the space outside that allows him to have four furry friends, his dogs.

If you have ever talked with Doug, you know him to have a great sense of humor and the ability to converse on about any subject. That gift of conversation was one thing that made his time volunteering at the Habitat ReStore so memorable for the many customers he helped. He especially enjoyed working in the electronics area, using some of his expertise in that area. Since Doug was unable to do much of his sweat equity in the building process, he gave his hours to the ReStore. (Habitat homeowners are required to put in a large amount of sweat equity – work hours – into the process of building and preparing to be a new homeowner. They also take classes to help prepare them for this venture.) As he reminisced about that time, he said, “I really enjoyed working there. I especially enjoyed the food surprises that sometimes happened on Fridays when people brought in a treat for the volunteers. And the people were great to work with.” Doug also enjoyed being at the construction site and conversing with the other volunteers as he watched his home go up.

He learned about Habitat for Humanity from one of his friends. He recalls the initial joy of being able “to live in my own home, which was built specifically for him, which was wonderful.” His goal now is to get the home paid off and be able to leave something for his daughter. He wants others to know about Habitat for Humanity and the great people that work in the Lima Area Affiliate. He has felt truly blessed by God and the people that have been there to guide him.