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### Elida Build Update



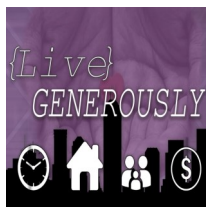
On Saturday, July 27, we held our *Bless the Build* program and began our first day of construction. Habitat employees, numerous volunteers, Elida officials, church members, media, and more joined together to make possible a decent, affordable place to live for our new partner family of William and Sarah Mack and their three children. We were able to put up all the walls and sheathing, plus place all the trusses on the first day. Build days continue on Saturdays with extra work often done on Wednesdays. We will continue to need volunteers for our build. Please go to the website ([www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org)) to check out these details. You can then sign up to volunteer and to donate toward this house. All this is a reality because of generous people like you.

### ONU Workweek Transformation



While we are still in great need of more volunteers at the ReStore, a huge transformation happened from August 19-24. Ohio Northern University offers the opportunity for students to come to campus a week before classes begin, but they must be willing to volunteer during that week. The ONU Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity organizes projects during the week for the students with the vast majority coming to help at our Lima Area Habitat. We had up to 56 students per day during the week. In total, almost 900 volunteer hours were given. Many projects that are impossible to complete with our regular volunteers were finished in quick order by this large group of students, plus the overflowing piles of donations became manageable tasks by the end of the week. The energy, joy, and generosity of these young adults was immeasurably valuable to the affiliate. Do you have a group who would be willing to come be a part of a work day?

### Living Generously



Our executive director, Bruce Hilty, often reminds us to live generous lives—through how we treat people, how we use our time, and how we spend our money. As Habitat employees, we are grateful for those reminders of what is truly important in this world. We all can easily get caught up in the every day to-do-lists, as well as just the stress and busyness of our lives. We have much for which to be thankful, so let us share our blessings with others. There are many ways to be generous—volunteering and donating are just two ways. Options for giving money include giving monthly or yearly donations through our “No Place Like Home Club” or you can give directly to our build by purchasing a square foot of house for every \$62 donated. In addition, you can donate to our Habitat affiliate when you purchase items online. All these options can be found at [www.habitatlima.org/donate/](http://www.habitatlima.org/donate/). How can you be generous today?

### Volunteer Needs & News



We have two pressing and important volunteer needs at our affiliate: more ReStore volunteers and new Committee and Board members. ReStore volunteers are needed all days that the store is open (Tuesday-Saturday), but especially Saturdays can use more help. Our committees and board are the hub of our affiliate. Committees usually meet once a month and provide great support for the staff, while also driving our vision of helping build affordable, decent homes for deserving people. Our six committees focus on Construction, Church Relations, ReStore, Family Selection, Public Relations, and Fundraising. If you are interested in volunteering for any part of our affiliate (ReStore, committee work, food offering, construction, etc.), please fill out a volunteer form at [www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/volunteer-interest-form.html](http://www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/volunteer-interest-form.html) or call us.

#### **Our mission**

*Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.*

#### **Our vision**

*A world where everyone has a decent place to live*

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