



Charleston, WV

The Habitat ReStore is a program of Habitat for Humanity which enables house building through the sales of new, used and surplus building materials. All materials are donated to the Habitat ReStore by local businesses, contractors and individuals and sold to the general public at greatly reduced prices. In addition, the Habitat ReStore serves as a recycling outlet for the construction industry, diverting tons of construction and demolition waste from area landfills.

“This is a win-win-win for the community,” says ReStore Director Amy McLaughlin. “We have provided community members a way to save money on home repairs, diverted over 6,302 tons of material from landfills and raised enough money to build 27 houses for local families in need.”

The Habitat ReStore is a model of sustainability and recognized by the Charleston Area Alliance’s “We Love Our Community Award - Sustainable Project,” Charleston Planning Department’s “Sustainable Development Award,” and WV Department of Environmental Protection’s “Recycling Champion of 2011.” The Habitat ReStore hosted the first and second Kanawha Valley Sustainability Fair and has collaborated with many other non-profit groups to conduct sustainably workshops and programs.

By offering collection containers on site, the Habitat ReStore makes it easy for local contractors to salvage scrap and surplus material. In addition to the thousands of tons of building materials that are recycled through the Habitat ReStore, most waste produced through the operation of the facility is also recycled. Even the run-off rain water from the back parking lot is diverted from the city storm drains into the ReStore rain garden, the first in Charleston, WV.

The Habitat ReStore is located at 301 Piedmont Road in Charleston and is open to the public Monday – Saturday from 9AM-6PM. Donations may be dropped off during regular business hours and the ReStore will pick up donations in Kanawha & Putnam Counties that are too large to fit in a standard car. Donations are tax-deductible. A list of accepted donations is available at www.hfhkp.org/restore.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds simple, decent houses in partnership with people in need. Houses are built using volunteer labor and sold for no profit and no interest to qualifying low-income families. Since forming in 1988, Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam has built 147 houses. Mortgage payments on these no-interest loans, in addition to all ReStore proceeds, are then recycled into new houses.

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