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Home Repair is Women's Work!

Nancy Paxton's proudest achievement is building the home she and her husband, Greg, share in Jackson County. While constructing their home, Nancy put into action all of the lessons her father taught her growing up. Nancy's father wanted his daughters to have the skills to be able to take care of themselves, and Nancy wanted to make her dad proud. Nancy believes that all women have the ability to do home repair and improvement, they just lack the training and tools to get the job done.

Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce that Nancy Paxton, co-owner of Mr. Handyman of Kanawha Valley, is volunteering her time to present three hands-on workshops especially for women interested in learning home improvement and maintenance. These workshops will offer women a comfortable and safe opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence and save money!

The first workshop, *General Maintenance*, will be presented Saturday, May 19 from 1:00—3:00. This workshop will focus on maintenance and minor repair techniques for major appliances including furnaces, hot water tanks, dryers, air conditioners and refrigerators. The second workshop, *Weatherization*, will be presented Saturday, June 23 from 1:00—3:00 and will focus on techniques to properly weatherize your home, including weather-stripping, pipe insulation, and sealing doors, windows and ducts. The third and final workshop, *Aesthetics*, will be presented Saturday, July 21 from 1:00-3:00 and will focus on hanging techniques, wall repair and hardware updates.

All workshops will take place in The John L. Dickinson Family Homeowner Education & Community Center, 815 Court Street, Charleston. There is a \$10 registration fee per class, per person, and workshops are limited to 30 attendees. A drawing will take place during all workshops for a free tool kit from Mr. Handyman of Kanawha Valley. To register, contact Terry St Germain at 304-720-8733 x3 or donations@hfhkp.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha & Putnam County

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds simple, decent houses in partnership with people in need. No handouts, no giveaways, just a little help. Houses are built using volunteer labor and sold for no profit and without interest to qualifying low-income families. Mortgage payments on these no-interest loans, in addition to all ReStore proceeds and community donations, are recycled into new or remodeled houses in Kanawha and Putnam Counties.

About Habitat for Humanity ReStore

The Habitat ReStore, a fundraising program of Habitat for Humanity, sells donated building materials and furniture to the general public from 9AM to 6PM Monday—Saturday. The Habitat ReStore is located within the Habitat complex at 301 Piedmont Road in Charleston. Tax deductible donations may be dropped off during regular business hours, and the ReStore will pick up donations in Kanawha and Putnam Counties that are too large to fit in a standard car. The Habitat ReStore's phone number is 304-720- USED (8733).

About The John L. Dickinson Homeowner Education & Community Center

Habitat for Humanity's Homeowner Education & Community Center is also located within the Habitat complex at 815 Court Street in Charleston. Private and public classes and workshops are offered in the center to educate Habitat families and all members of our community about the challenges, benefits and responsibilities of homeownership. The center is also available for use by other community groups.

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