

## 2024 RePurposed for a Reason Was a Huge Success!



We had so much fun showcasing the amazing creativity of our Ashe County neighbors in our 2024 *RePurposed for a Reason* fundraiser! The event was a huge success. We raised much-needed funds to support our work, we highlighted how items from the ReStore can be remade and reused, and we hosted a fun evening open house at the ReStore to close out our fundraiser!

We appreciate everyone who bid on the amazing items that were donated and all those who shared about the event to help us get the word out.

THANK YOU to the artists who donated their time to help make affordable housing possible in Ashe County. Our 2024 artists were:

**Beth Shatley**

**Chris Dalton**

**Deborah Robinson**

**Dee Tripp**

**Jana and Doug Boven/Realty One Group Results**

**Karla Strachan and Mary Lott**

**Liz Jones**

**Louise Rascoe**

**Jenifer Torgenson/Love It Again Furnishings**

**Patti Silverman**

**Rob Robinson**

**Shane T. Elliot**

**Peggy and Terry Philbrick**

**Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild**



## 50-50 Raffle

As part of our Christmas in July celebration, we are hosting a 50-50 Raffle! Buy a ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. The winning ticket gets half of the money in the raffle, and Ashe Habitat will keep the other half! This is such a fun way for you to help us raise funds for affordable housing.

The drawing will be held at our Christmas in July booth on Saturday, July 6 at 4:30 pm. You do NOT have to be present to win -- we will call the winner! You can purchase raffle tickets

- In the ReStore on Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6
- At our Christmas in July booth on Saturday, July 6



## New Hours at the ReStore

**Celebrating One Year with Our  
A-MAE-zing ReStore Manager!**



Almost one year ago, Mae Hacking began her job as manager at the ReStore. If you have been in the store since she started, you know that she is doing an amazing job, and we are so thankful for her! We sat down with Mae to talk about how things have gone in her first year and to look ahead to some things she is looking forward to in the upcoming year.

Mae shared that her biggest victory of this year has been getting the ReStore open two additional days each week; hours have expanded from one day per week to three. Another highlight is being able to recruit and develop new people to help in the store – Mae says that it is a blessing to work alongside everyone. She also mentioned the group of college students who spent their spring break working in Ashe County as a highlight of the past year, noting that it was wonderful to have this dedicated group of students in the store.

One of the things that Mae has enjoyed most about her job at the ReStore has been getting to know the people of Ashe County. Helping people find items they need to make their homes safer and/or more livable has been an enjoyable part of the year for Mae, who says that she loves to help people! She noted the overwhelming generosity of the people of Ashe County as something that she has valued. Mae says that she gets “to work with the kindest and most selfless people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing—every day is a treasure.”

The welcoming environment that she has created for people of all ages and abilities is the thing Mae is proudest of. Many community service students complete volunteer hours in the ReStore, and the supervisor of this program has had positive feedback about the students’ experience. Mae shared about a newer volunteer who was

turned away from another area nonprofit due to some physical limitations, but Mae was thrilled to have this person at the ReStore, and she was able to find ways for the volunteer to contribute in a meaningful way. If you are interested in volunteering at the ReStore, Mae says, "I will find a place for you here!"

Looking ahead to year two, Mae has ambitious goals to continue to improve operations at the store. She wants to expand hours by adding another day. Adding more days and times for furniture/large items pickups, working to keep the inventory fresh and moving, and making sure the store has pleasing aesthetics/organization are other important goals. Of course, bringing in new donors is a key goal, as is educating people about WHAT we do and WHY we do it, noting that the money spent in the ReStore is "paying for bricks and pavers and someone's life and happiness."

Mae always needs additional volunteers, especially for the pickup crew! She also needs a group of people with specialty skills who can be on-call to help as needed. Examples of these skills include clock and/or appliance repair, woodworking, auctioneers, jewelry repair, and photography, but this is just a short list of possibilities. If you have any kind of special skill or knowledge, Mae encourages you to contact her at the store!

Thank you, Mae, for a great first year as our ReStore Manager -- we appreciate you and look forward to a wonderful year two

## Progress on House 11

House 11 looks AMAZING! Over the past three months, we have poured basement walls, completed all exterior walls with ICFs, and filled them all with concrete. Floor framing and sheathing has been installed, foundation drains and waterproofing have been installed, and the roof trusses and sheathing have been completed!

Next on the docket, we will be installing roofing, windows, doors, and siding, and we will hang drywall -- all of this is expected to be completed by the end of September.

We typically work on the house each Wednesday and Saturday, and we always need new volunteers to help round out our crew. If you are interested in working at the site and need more information, please email [JB Byrch](#), our Construction Supervisor. He can add you to the email list so you know what tasks are planned for each week, and he can answer any questions you have. You do NOT need any experience at all to volunteer -- teaching new skills is an important part of what we do, and we invite you to join us! Ready to sign up? Click [HERE!](#)





## Company/Business/Church Workdays

Would your business/company or church (or other nonprofit) benefit from a team-building activity? We have the PERFECT idea for you - join Ashe Habitat for a day on our worksite. All materials and tools are provided, and our site supervisor, JB Byrch, will be there to provide instruction and guidance. We would love to chat with you and provide more details and get you on the schedule -- we will recognize your group on our social media and in our newsletter. Your team gets a day of fun and team fellowship and recognition in the community; team members can gain new skills or put existing skills to work for a great cause; and Ashe County neighbors get progress on affordable housing in our community. Reach out to **Beth Sorrell** to get your group signed up today!

## Volunteer With Us

We could not do our work without the help of so many dedicated volunteers! We appreciate every person who helps out, and we want you to know that we need YOU! If you are not already volunteering with us, read on to find out how you can help!

### Immediate Needs

**Lunch Providers** -- Our crews at the job site work hard, and we always provide lunch to fuel them for the tasks at hand. Could you provide lunch for the job site one day soon? Lunch is needed on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and you would typically provide food for approximately 10 people. You can purchase food from a local restaurant (and can get reimbursed if you want) or make something yummy from home -- our crews are not picky, but they are HUNGRY! To sign up for a date or to get more information, please email **Beth Sorrell**.

**Resource Development Committee Members** -- This important committee is responsible for raising funds needed to operate Ashe Habitat. Tasks of the group include fund-raising campaigns, grant writing, special fund-raising events, and cultivation of major donors. We would love to explore how you might contribute to this team -- email **Beth Sorrell** for more information.

### Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

- At the ReStore to greet customers and assist them, clean and price merchandise, and stage the store
- Furniture pickup people to help with large item donations (this is an urgent need)
- At the home sites to build the homes that our families will purchase (must be 18 to work at the construction site)
- Behind-the-scenes doing administrative tasks-- we could use a great photographer, and there are always office tasks that need attention
- Click **HERE** to sign up for ReStore opportunities

## Donations

We depend on donations from our community for all the work we are doing! Here are a few ways that you can donate to us (in addition to donating your time as a volunteer, of course).

- **ReStore Donations** -- Please donate any household items that you no longer need to the ReStore. We accept gently used furniture, clean and working appliances, kitchen items, surplus building supplies and more! You can find the list of what we do (and don't) accept [HERE](#). We can arrange pickups for large items or you can drop your donations on Wednesdays from 10-2 and Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10-3.
- **Financial Donations** -- We promise that every dollar we receive is used wisely to help provide housing for deserving families. Please consider making a donation. Even better, consider setting up a recurring, monthly donation! You can donate using the button below, on our website [HERE](#), or you can mail checks to PO Box 392, West Jefferson, NC 28694.
- **Donor Advised Funds** -- You can donate to us through your Donor Advised Fund-- it's easy! Look for Ashe County Habitat for Humanity (**EIN 26-3107328**) on your funds website or contact our director, Beth Sorrell, at 336-902-8611 for more information.
- **Donate A Car** -- Reach out to us by email [HERE](#).

## DONATE

## Thank You to Our Lunch Sponsors

Did you know that many Ashe County businesses and individuals provide lunch for our hungry volunteers on workdays? We appreciate their support so much...and our volunteers appreciate the yummy food! These businesses are making a difference in providing affordable housing in Ashe County!

### Second Quarter 2024 Lunch Sponsors

#### In the ReStore

New River Brewing  
Monte D Ray  
Little Caesar's  
Slice (Now Momo's Downtown)  
Backstreet Subs  
Bobby D's  
Havana Cafe

#### At the Construction Site

Cuca Dean  
Linda McClintock  
Nancy Yamashita  
Jeannine Noblett  
Debra Patterson  
Beth Sorrell

## Social Media--Please Follow Us!

Do you follow Ashe Habitat on social media? Your interactions with our posts make a HUGE difference in getting more views of our posts.

- If you don't follow us, please do that now -- we are @ashehabitat on both Facebook and Instagram.
- Once you are following, please LIKE our posts and leave comments as well.

- If a posts seems especially important, we would appreciate it if you would share them so your friends can see the great work Habitat is doing in Ashe County.



## **2024 Officers Elected**

President- Jeff Vestal

Secretary-Lauren Essick

Treasurer-Doug Matney

## **Let's Keep In Touch**

### **ReStore Address and Phone Number**

127 Beaver Creek School Road

West Jefferson, NC 28694

### **Habitat Office/ReStore Phone**

336-846-2525

### **Mailing Address**

PO Box 392

West Jefferson, NC 28694

### **On the Web**

[ashehabitat.org](http://ashehabitat.org)

### **On Social Media**

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