

# Habitat Re-Store...

## *supporting the community through the support of its donors*



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Thanks in a large part to the generosity of Lancaster County's building industry professionals and suppliers (many of whom are active participants in R&A Magazine), there's something for everyone at the Habitat Re-Store of Lancaster. Whether you are looking to add a unique touch to your home improvement project, or wondering what to do with your old kitchen cabinets since you've upgraded, Habitat Re-Store will meet your need.

Owned and operated by the Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity, the 20,000 square foot storefront warehouse boasts a vast assortment of both used and new home improvement materials, from boxes of nails and screws to complete kitchen cabinetry.

Everything in the Re-Store has been

donated, and all profits go toward the construction of homes for low income families in the Lancaster area. Local contractors in particular contribute to

the store, whether surplus supplies, non-returnable items from a wrong order, or extracted materials from a home improvement project that are too good to be thrown away. Common donations include siding, lumber, windows, dry wall, and insulation.

"We get contributions from everyone," said George Harris, manager of the Re-Store. "Contractors, retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, individuals, schools—anyone you can think of—all support the cause with their donations of materials."

The Habitat Re-Store provides everyone with an outlet for their used, overstocked, or non-returnable materials to be put to good use. With such a diversity of donors, the Re-Store receives an even greater array



of building supplies. The warehouse stores roughly 2,500 gallons of paint, assorted hardware and fasteners, ceiling tile and grid, a variety of lighting fixtures, and a selection of flooring products including vinyl, ceramic tile, and hardwood. It also carries a collection of trim and molding, and categorized by type are storm, slider, French, and interior doors.

"We have some unique items to offer," said Harris. "There are beautiful moldings, trim, and vintage doors that you don't see around anymore. Sometimes we'll get claw-foot tubs and the customers love them. You'll find that we carry a lot of things that you just can't get in your everyday home improvement store."

The store offers a selection of cabinetry and cabinet fronts. If full kitchen cabinetry is donated, Habitat Re-Store prefers to keep the set complete for anyone who may desire to revitalize his/her kitchen.

"We do not typically accept appliances, but we occasionally take them if someone donates a whole kitchen,"

said Harris. "We also regularly accept kitchen sinks and neutral-colored bathroom fixtures, but we always assess the condition of any item before we decide to make it available to our customers."

The supplies at the Re-Store are seldom used in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home, but all profits earned from the sale of donations go directly to the organization and toward the completion of another project.

"Habitat for Humanity prefers to keep their houses uniform in both quality and building costs," Harris said. "By using equivalent supplies in the construction of homes instead of materials from the Re-Store, the organization can ensure that the houses will be consistent in quality and the prices will be kept low for the future homeowners."

The Re-Store also allows contractors and suppliers an opportunity to aid local communities and help revitalize neighborhoods by recirculating valuable materials. Their regular donations

to the store keep dumpsters of usable supplies out of landfills and place them in the hands of homeowners.

All contributions to the Habitat Re-Store—whether from local contractors, businesses, or the individual—will keep functional home improvement materials affordable and available to homeowners, and help the Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity fulfill its mission of "eliminating poverty housing one house at a time."

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## Habitat Re-Store of Lancaster County

thanks its contributors and volunteers. We appreciate your support, which enables Habitat to fulfill its mission of eliminating poverty housing—one house at a time.

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