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building a brighter future:
Read our new strategic plan.

also inside:

- DIY Ideas for the winter months
- The COVID-19 Pandemic and housing inequality
- An update on the Chestnut Street Project





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The York Habitat ReStore: **we're on the move!**



Our ReStore chose to relocate the physical store location to become better stewards of our dollars, and thus give more back to the mission. Stay connected for updates.

Rick Burns, ReStore Manager, shares his thoughts on the relocation: “our Grand Opening and the following months were successful. We were able to sell quality home furnishings and building materials at a fraction of the costs of other stores not only to those who are looking for a great deal, but others who may need more affordable home improvement options. We all feel that this move will allow us to recommit to the mission of being a year-round fundraiser for York Habitat for Humanity’s construction efforts and other costs associated with educating future homeowners in our program.”

“This move will allow us to be better stewards of our dollars, ensuring as much as possible is given back to the families in need.” Since 1985, York Habitat for Humanity has built 145 homes to serve over 750 local community members.

Through partnerships with individuals, businesses, and other organizations, we provide low-income homeownership opportunities to families in need. Families can spend 12-24 months completing the homeownership program, which consists of mandatory volunteer hours (or, what we call Sweat Equity), financial literacy, and other relevant educational courses to ensure the family is successful once moving into their forever home. All proceeds from the ReStore are returned directly back to the Habitat mission, allowing the mission to build more - and to do it better than before.



Rick Burns, ReStore Manager

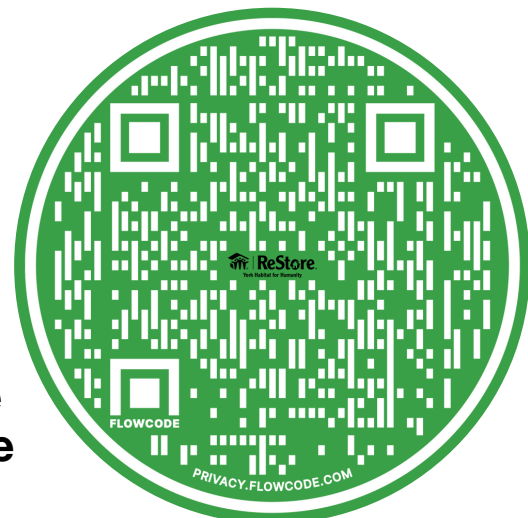
“Shopping at charity supporting stores like the Habitat ReStore is more than the feeling when you find that needed or special piece, rather, it’s the feeling of knowing you are helping a neighbor that may be experiencing hard times.”

We're still currently accepting donations for ReStore products!

We accept Items free of major wear and tear:

- Wood furniture
- Upholstered furniture
- Cabinets
- Lighting
- Electronics

**scan the qr code
to schedule a free
pick up!**





Spending more time inside during the winter months? Take time to make a beautiful new piece for your home using things you can find at the ReStore!

**denotes an item we regularly sell at the York ReStore, but you never know what you may find!*

a console table:

- 2 kitchen cabinets* (cabinets measuring 30" x 18" x 12" were used for this project).
- 1/2" piece of MDF wood (for the backboard)
- 1/4" piece of plywood (for spacer and filler pieces)
- 8, 1/2" overlay European-style hinges*
- Semigloss paint* and primer
- Paint brush*
- Paint roller*
- Nail gun and nails
- Wood glue
- Table saw or circular saw with guide
- Drill with Forstner and screw bit
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Carpenter square
- Caning material
- Contact spray adhesive
- Scissors
- 6 furniture leg plates
- 6 wooden furniture legs
- Wood clamps
- 4 cabinet pulls*



CUT LIST:

- 1 shelf: 18" x 12" x 3/4"
- 2 top and bottom: 81 1/2" x 13 1/4" x 3/4"
- 1 back: 79 1/2" x 18" x 1/2"
- 2 outside vertical ends: 18" x 13 1/4" x 3/4"
- 2 inside vertical ends: 18" x 12 3/4" x 3/4"
- 4 filler pieces: 1/4" x 11 1/4" x 18"

1. Remove cabinet doors and hardware.
2. Make all wood cuts - see list.
3. Glue and nail filler pieces on each end of the cabinets.
4. Lay both cabinets face down and apply wood glue to the back. Lay the MDF board on the glued side, with both cabinets set at either end of the board.
5. Nail the MDF board to the cabinets.
6. Flip the cabinets over so they're now lying on their back. Glue and nail each outside end piece of the back board to the outside of the cabinets. Then glue and nail the top and bottom pieces of the top and bottoms of the cabinets.
7. Mark the halfway point on each of the inside pieces. Line up the shelf piece at the halfway marks, glue, and clamp in place (this will look like the letter "H"). Nail the shelf in place.
8. Apply glue to the inside ends of the cabinets and slide the shelf piece in between the two cabinets. Nail the shelf in place.
9. Sand, prime, and paint the unit, doors, and legs. Allow to dry.
10. Screw 4 of the leg plates 1 1/4" in from each corner of the cabinet on the bottom side. Screw the remaining two centered and 1 1/4" in from the front and back edge of the cabinet.
11. Use a Forstner bit to drill holes for the European hinges 1/8" from the edge of the cabinet doors and 2" from the top and bottom. Repeat on each door.
12. Measure the size of the inset panel of the cabinet doors and cut the caning material to size using scissors. Spray contact adhesive to coat the back side of the caning material and lay it onto the recessed panel. Press the caning into place and use your finger to wipe up any extra adhesive that might show in the caning holes.
13. Measure each door for centered placement of the cabinet pulls. Drill holes and screw the pulls in.
14. Drill pilot holes into the console doors for hinges, then screw hinges in.
15. Drill pilot holes into the face frames on the cabinets. Center the doors vertically in the cabinet openings and screw the hinges into the face frames.





Inspiration from the 2022 color of the year: very peri

Try a new DIY with the latest color!



20 ideas for old doors

Found that beautiful door - but don't know what to do with it? Get some inspiration:

- King-sized headboard
- Door bench
- Plate display
- Pool-side towel hanger
- Corner shelf
- Hallway storage
- Porch swing
- Beverage bar
- Dining table
- Console table
- Photo collage décor
- Coffee table
- Clock
- Sofa
- Arbor
- Bookshelf
- Privacy screen
- Dressing vanity
- Meal planning chalkboard board
- Decorative headboard



find a full list with pictures here!



how to refresh an old chair:

- ☐ A chair with a fabric seat* - a single or a whole set!
- ☐ Screwdriver
- ☐ Fabric of your choice
- ☐ Pen
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Staple gun
- ☐ Sander, sandpaper, stain/paint* (optional)

1. Separate the seat from the chair using a screwdriver.
2. Remove the upholstery from the seat. You can use a flathead screwdriver to make it easier.
3. Lay your new fabric on the old upholstery and draw and outline. Sometimes, it may be helpful to add a bit more leeway onto the edges of your new piece in case of mistakes.
4. Cut out the new fabric.
5. Lay your seat onto the new fabric piece and staple. Don't pull too tightly or it will make dents and pucker the fabric on top! Make folds and overlap as needed to prevent wrinkles and uneven upholstering. It's a bit like wrapping the corner of a gift - trial and error sometimes!
6. OPTIONAL: Sand and clean the chair frame for a new fresh finish. You can paint and stain the wooden frame as well.
7. Re-attach the seat with original screws you removed.





COVID-19 and housing: how the pandemic has brought a light back on housing inequality in America



The COVID-19 pandemic has caused millions of Americans to fall behind on rent and mortgage payments, and it has disproportionately impacted low-income families more than others. It is more evidence for the expansion of housing programs like Habitat's.

Low-income families and those of color were already facing high housing costs and instability due to a long history of structural racism and discriminatory housing and lending practices (Greene). These struggles were only exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, evident by 2 million households falling more than 3 months behind on mortgage payments - a level not seen since the Great Recession of 2010 - in addition to that 8 million households behind on rent (CFPB).

Jonathan Reckford, Habitat for Humanity International CEO, stated in March 2020:

"Where for many '(stay at home)' means figuring out logistics and adjusting mindsets, for others it only exacerbates the conditions with which they have struggled for so long. Houses already not healthy because of leaks or mold.

Homes already overcrowded because the only way to afford rent or save up money is for extended family to stay together in a too-small space. Homes without easy access to a constant water supply. Spaces that shelter, but only just."



"Where for many 'stock up on what you need' means a frustrating, jarring trip through the inconveniently (and temporarily) hit-or-miss-stocked shelves of a local market, for others it's a reminder of how close to the financial edge they already live. Imagine that, for these families, shopping for supplies always feels this way — not because of the crowds around them hurrying to acquire whatever they can, but because they have to make terrible choices every day. In order to make sure the rent can be paid, which would you choose? Filling a basket with healthy groceries. Filling a necessary prescription. Filling the tank of your car with the fuel that allows you to do either. When these are the choices you face, you can't win. As the economic shocks from this crisis ripple out, these same families will be hardest hit. They always are. For far too many, as businesses have closed and hourly workers have lost their jobs, it has already begun."



"These are the families with whom we partner. They are going to need our hand up now more than ever. And now more than ever, our work — much like flattening the curve — will require all of us, together. You can help us help these families, these communities, our neighbors build back. Stronger, in solidarity and with your support."

To combat these issues, local administration must focus on policies that address economic and racial disparities in housing. Not acting continues to threaten the displacement of a large share of low-income renters and renters of color and poses grave health and economic risks (Greene). Families that do not have access to safe, affordable, and stable housing, also referred to as housing insecurity, face the prospects of homelessness as well as a host of other negative outcomes. Housing insecurity has been associated with higher rates of depression, higher rates of suspension and expulsion from school, and increased risks of chronic health conditions, to name a few (CFPB).

Everyone can help the cause by donating and volunteering locally at organizations like York Habitat that consistently support these individuals and families in need. Head to yorkhabitat.org to find out how to get involved today.

Sources:

Greene, Solomon and Alanna McCargo, "New Data Suggest COVID-19 is Widening Housing Disparities by Race and Income." The Urban Institute. May 29, 2020.

"Housing insecurity and the COVID-19 pandemic." Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. March 2021.



Around the block: updates and news for our York Habitat homeowners



We will be moving all mortgage servicing from Northwest Savings Bank to Affiliate Mortgage Services in Spring 2022.

Affiliate Mortgage Services exists to solely provide mortgage servicing to Habitat for Humanity affiliates - so they're well versed in our process! Stay tuned for more information.

As a reminder, all mortgage payments are still due on the first of the month, and late fees will be applied after the 10th. Please make every effort to continue to make your payments on time.

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**As we continue to build on Chestnut Street,
we're still looking for qualified families to
apply for the property.**

- Please have any party interested head to bit.ly/yorkhabitat
- After watching the informative video, please have them contact Terri with any questions or to get an application.

Congratulations!

Enerlinda, a Habitat homeowner on
Newberry Street fully paid off her mortgage!





The Chestnut Street Project: an update on our work



With six more homes almost fully under roof, now is where the real fun begins.

With the gracious help of our volunteers, we broke ground on Phase two of the Chestnut Street Project in March 2021. Since then, rising costs of construction materials have slowed down progress more than we would like.

Luckily, as the market has started to even itself out, we're able to hit the ground running to build these places that well deserved families will get to call home. Aided by committed volunteers, more individuals can register to volunteer with our professional construction staff.

A common misconception we hear is that some people don't have the "skills" to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Luckily, York Habitat has a devoted group of core volunteers that will always teach and supervise when needed.



Up next, our construction site will be moving onto interior wall framing, insulation, and drywalling. These tasks teach participants dexterity and are easily transferable skills to individual home projects. Sign up to volunteer today! Head to bit.ly/yhfhvolunteer to find what works best for you.

We welcome students as young as 16 on our construction site with guardian supervision. It's a great option for community service requirements for school or another organization. Individuals who have to complete community services hours through a court ruling are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha.

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We need your help!

Every year, York Habitat welcomes multiple out of state groups for a week at a time to volunteer on our construction site.

We're looking for free or reduced price options to house these groups. Ideally, these accommodations would have easy access to a space to rest and bathrooms with showers. The groups would be out of the space from around 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM each day, excluding their arrival day.

Your accommodation may be considered a donation and you could receive a tax receipt.





The three house strategy: York Habitat's new strategic plan



Every business must reevaluate their progress every now and then.

Since early 2020, York Habitat has faced a diverse set of challenges while continuing our work to support low-income families in the York County community. These fresh challenges have caused Habitat leadership to re-asses the programs we offer to ensure we are not only continuing the build homes, but do so in the most effective way to impact those who need Habitat for Humanity the most. ON the next page, you will find our new Strategic Plan - how York Habitat plans to move forward for the next few years.

mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, we bring people together to build homes, community, and hope in York County.

vision: Everyone in York County has a decent, affordable place to live.

core values: Diversity and inclusiveness, homeownership, partnership, stewardship, volunteerism, and collaboration.

how will we get there?

increase the number of families served

- Increase the number of families in the pipeline
- Increase the number of families successfully completing the program
- Increase the community awareness of York Habitat

engage those best for York Habitat

- Recruit and retain the best and brightest staff
- Recruit and retain the best and the brightest volunteers

maximize mission impact

- Develop and implement optimal property acquisition processes
- Develop and implement optimal home building processes
- Develop and implement optimal home sale processes

build a sustainable business model

- Diversify and optimize revenue streams
- Ensure ReStore provides a reliable revenue stream



English, please?: how the Homeownership Program really works

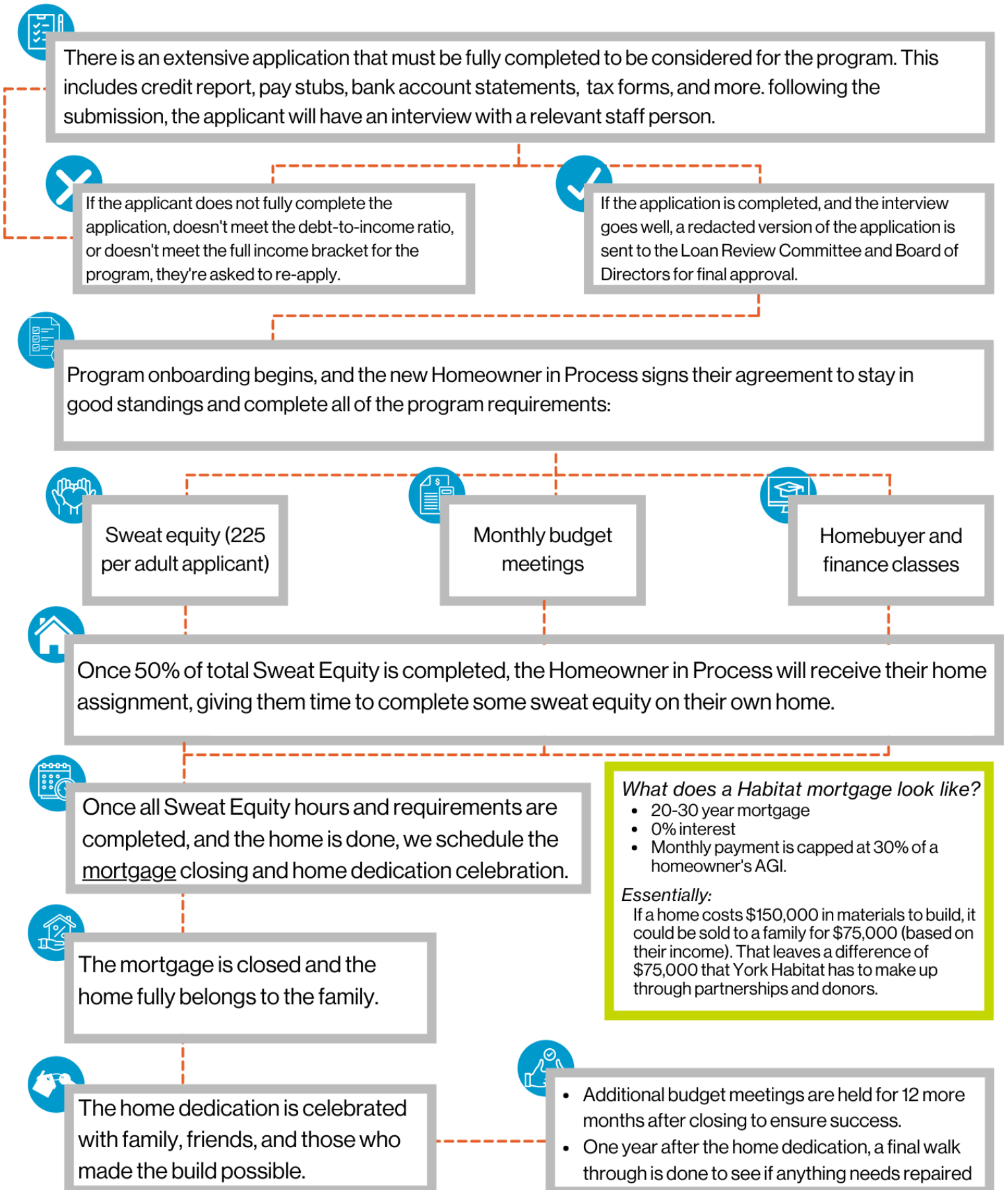


We tend to get a lot of questions on how the Homeownership program really works. We're here to help explain it.

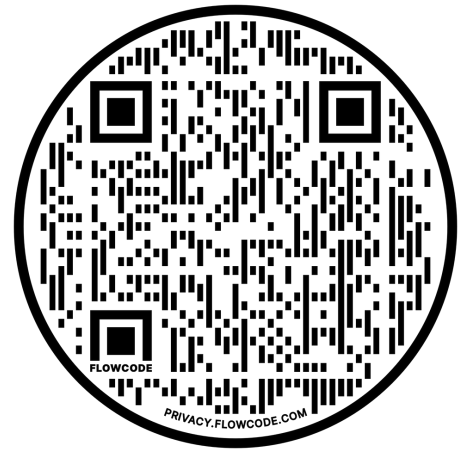
From the initial application until the keys get handed over, nothing about the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program is traditional. Even if you have bought your own home, our process may seem like another language.

On the next page, we tried to lay out the process so more of our community can understand how the Habitat program is typically referred to as "a hand up, not a hand out." Our program is built on educating each potential homeowner to ensure success for generations to come.

How does the Homeownership Program work?



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homes.**



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Annual Women Build week!

March 7th - 12th

More information coming soon.

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