

Fall 2021 Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MID-VANCOUVER ISLAND

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Manny our Admin Office Greeter!



The Rewards of Volunteering in your Community!

Whether it is collecting bottles and cans for your local hockey team, creating dreamy cupcakes for your local Brownies troop, or helping out a senior in need buy mowing their lawn, many of us have experienced firsthand the rewards of volunteering in our community and the positive feelings we receive with giving our time to benefit others.

Here at Habitat for Humanity Mid Vancouver Island, we have had the privilege of helping so many families over the past 25 years in our local community from Duncan to Nanaimo, to Parksville and back! We love what we do and strive to continue to build homes for those families in need in order to give them a hand up! We also rely on our incredible volunteers who enable us to pass on these cost-effective savings for our future builds to ensure affordable home ownership for our future Habitat Partner Families.

The importance of having dedicated volunteers is something that has really impacted us in the last year and a half as a result of COVID and so we have now focused on a Volunteer drive for the month of September at HFHMI and we need your help!

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The Rewards of Volunteering in your Community cont...

Whether you are a High-School or University student needing volunteer hours for graduation or programs that you are enrolled in, an "empty-nester" who is wanting to give a few hours a month to your community, or a senior who would just like to get out and enjoy the company of others having fun sharing your plethora of experiences and knowledge, we would love to have you join our Volunteer Program!

Become a Habitat Volunteer in 4 EASY STEPS:

1. Complete a volunteer application form
2. Review some resources we send you
3. Complete your background check (via link or hard copy form)
4. Sign up for your one hour orientation

THAT'S IT!

Questions? Please contact:

Volunteer Dept. Coordinator at: volunteercoordinator@habitatmvi.org

Thank you to all of our current volunteers who give back time and time again to our community.

We would be lost without you!!!

**THANK
YOU**



If you have been to one of our Customer Appreciation events at one of our ReStores in July or in September you will have noticed the aroma from the delicious food that we were offering to all of our customers and volunteers!

That delicious food and all of the items needed for a successful BBQ and fundraiser was donated to us from our local Country Grocer.

Once again, we could not do what we do for families in our community without the help and support of our generous Community Partners. Thank you Country Grocer!!!

Meet the Team

Donna came to our affiliate in 2020 bringing years of non-profit accounting expertise. Here is a few words from our amazing Finance Manager Donna Holland:

“After 10 years at my previous non-profit on Gabriola Island, I was approached by the accountant in Nanaimo who did our Financial Statements with a great employment offer. I had recently relocated from Gabriola to Nanaimo so I made the difficult decision to leave my position there and stop commuting to Gabriola. As it turned out, public accounting was not a good fit for me. I took a break from accounting for a year and then started watching job postings for the right connection. I was absolutely thrilled to be hired by HFHMVI, putting my skills and education back to work in a healthy, supportive work environment.

I love working in non-profit, we're here because we want to be here. We believe in what we do and I just love the feeling I get when we serve the people we are here to help. My heart is fully in this affiliate with gratitude and appreciation for being here.

We have an excellent team of hard working, skilled professionals here in admin supporting our invaluable ReStore staff. The ReStore staff is the heart of our operations. We could not do what we do without them.

Thank you to all of our donors. Whether you donate Cash or Gifts in Kind, every donation is tremendously meaningful to us. These donations enable us to continue to give hard working families a leg up with safe, affordable housing.”

Donna Holland
Finance Manager



Volunteer Opportunities

ReStore/ReFresh Associate

- Merchandising and Stocking
- Cashier
- Cleaning
- Upcycling Projects

ReStore/ReFresh Warehouse:

- Help with curbside pickup and retail outlet donations
- Loading and unloading trucks
- Wire stripping
- Long distance driving on Vancouver Island and the mainland
- Testing-sorting and cleaning of items
- Building new items donated in boxes

Build Site

- Build Site Assistant
- Demolitions

Special volunteer program for Youth for their Graduation requirements

- Have fun, meet other youth and make a difference in someone's life!!!

Board Committees

- For example: Family Selection Committee
- Or consider volunteering with our Board of Directors!

Volunteering in the ReStore!

The ReStore is the social enterprise of Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island.

- Nanaimo ReStore is open:
Monday to Saturday
9am-5pm
- Duncan ReStore is open:
Monday to Saturday
9am-5pm

Our ReStores have a small staff team and many volunteers. The ReStore and the ReFresh/ReStore is a vital link to the success of our affiliate.

The revenues raised assist us with operational expenses, purchasing land and building homes for families in our community.

Donating to the ReStore diverts thousands of tonnes of re-useable building materials and renovation products from landfills.



Duncan ReStore

251 Government Street, Duncan
Open Monday – Saturday 9-5
Drop-offs: Daily (10am-4pm)
Phone: 778-455-1888
[Facebook: Duncan Restore](#)

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