

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MID-VANCOUVER ISLAND

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Hello Spring!

Check out what's new at the [Refresh!](#)



Traditionally Spring has been a time of growth, tulips, daffodils, and birds singing in the crisp air. It is also a time of getting outdoors in nature, cleaning up around the house and dusting off the lawnmower for that first spring grass cutting. Although scooping up leaves and mowing the lawn can be a bit of a chore to many of us, we at Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island recognize that there are also many families who would love the opportunity to mow THEIR lawn or putter around and clean up THEIR yard and would do so with pride.

We also recognize that we are extremely fortunate to have our amazing volunteers and so many organizations and companies in our communities that also value the importance of supporting the affordable homeownership initiatives and opportunities that are the backbone of HFHMVI. We absolutely could not do our work without their valuable support especially as we begin the plans for our next affordable housing project here in Nanaimo.

For more information about HFHMVI please check out our HFHMVI website and our [Community Partner Page](#) in addition to information on how to join our [Volunteer Program](#).

Happy Spring!!!

HFHMVI Team





Volunteer of the Year 2021

Guy Yarmack

Meet Guy, our Volunteer of the Year!

Guy has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island for 1 ½ years. Guy was looking for a volunteering opportunity when he retired so the timing was perfect. Guy had also worked in Customer Service/Retail for over 30 years so volunteering with the Nanaimo ReStore seemed to be a good fit.

He also worked in the restaurant industry for 15 years, with 5 years of that working with a major retailer in addition to owning his own business for 17 years!

Guy ended up volunteering with us because another HFHMI volunteer recommended Habitat to him which piqued his interest so he decided to apply for a volunteer position. Guy really enjoys the people at the Nanaimo ReStore and says that the staff are helpful, friendly and the ReStore Manager is always open to suggestions.

When asked which word best describes his experience with volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island, the word "AWESOME" is what Guy chooses!



Jeff Krafta-Executive Director & Guy Yarmack-Volunteer

Become a Habitat Volunteer in 4 EASY STEPS:

1. Complete a volunteer application form
2. Complete your background check
3. Review some resources we send you
4. Sign up for your one hour orientation!

Don't have time
to volunteer?

\$ [Donate](#)

THANK
YOU



Meet the Team



Happy International Women's Day from the ReStore/ReFresh!!!



This is a recent post from our Nanaimo ReStore Manager Dawn McHarg on International Women's Day:

“Half of the ReStore/ReFresh team are women all with their own strengths. From donation pickup drivers to forklift operators to upcycling specialists to customer service specialists to heavy lifters!

They do it all and make a unique team working together.

Thankyou Dana, Miki, Krista and Zsu for all you do for Habitat.“

Have you seen our ReStore Delivery Truck around town?
Did you know that we will come to your home
and pick up items that you would like to donate!

If you are interested in donating items please call :

Nanaimo: 250 758-8078 ext. 109
Duncan: 778 455-1888



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!

For more information:
[Volunteer Program](#)



Thank you to all our Volunteers who either joined our Volunteer Team in January or February or volunteered with us this month.

We would be lost without you!



Executive Director Jeff Krafta and Nanaimo ReStore Volunteer Bob Hart receiving an award as one of our Top Ten Volunteers!

Duncan ReStore

251 Government Street, Duncan
Open Monday—Saturday 9-5
Drop-offs: Daily (10am-4pm)
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