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NEWS

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Eileen (left) and Bruce Whyte donate their empty, clean aluminum cans at Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity's administrative office in West Springfield to help the affiliate earn a grant from Novelis.

Habitat needs your help

Your time, talent, & treasure can make a difference

Donations and fundraisers are an integral part to the vitality of Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH). Without a steady stream of income, projects and programs struggle, and the affiliate cannot help as many families in need of services. This holiday season,

the nonprofit organization has several easy ways in which community members can participate and provide support. Contrary to popular belief, Habitat is not a government-funded organization. Habitat does apply for and receives grants, as well as municipal

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funding, and donations from corporations. But, in the era since the COVID-19 pandemic and the steep rise in costs, it's just not enough. To remain productive, Greater Springfield Habitat is taking advantage of other opportunities.

"Donations are crucial to the success of Habitat, but giving doesn't have to be an 'all-or-nothing' frame of mind. Do what your bank account and peace of mind can afford. If that means a one-time donation of \$100, that's OK. If it includes small purchases from our wish lists or purchasing a Stop and Shop Give Back bag, that's alright as well," said Brandy O'Brien, GSHFH Marketing and Communications manager. "If someone wants and can afford to do more, that's fantastic, too."

A Pampered Chef "FUN"raiser is underway at bit.ly/3APqHT2. Open until Sunday, Dec. 15, Pampered Chef is a line of high-quality kitchen tools, including cookware and bakeware, small appliances, mixes, oils, seasonings, spices, and more. Ten percent to 15% of proceeds from each order will be donated to Greater Springfield Habitat.

Now through the end of the November, **Stop and Shop** at 1282 Springfield St. in



A social media post to recognize the vehicle donation from Alexander and Catherine Shapleigh after they gave their 1996 navy blue Volvo 850 to Habitat for Humanity International's Cars for Homes program.

Feeding Hills will sell their reusable Community Bags with some proceeds going to Greater Springfield Habitat. Each bag is \$2.50 and GSHFH will receive \$1 from every bag sold.

GSHFH also has registries or "wish lists" at both **Amazon.com** and **Walmart.com**. The items listed are practical, everyday necessities that help the office and build sites run smoother. Items on the wish lists support ongoing and future projects. Among the items requested are a heavy-

duty watering hose, paint roller frames with comfort grip handles, Sharpie permanent markers, light fixtures, and heavy-duty trash bags. To shop at Amazon, visit a.co/85KjRjL. To shop at Walmart, go to bit.ly/4eJwcli.

Yet, the best way to keep your support local is to give directly to your nearby Habitat affiliate. Donations to Greater Springfield Habitat can be mailed to the West Springfield office, made online via the donation page at habitatspringfield.org/donate or can sent via text message. Simply text "BUILD413" to 44-321 and follow the prompts.

Cars for Homes is a program managed by Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). A large variety

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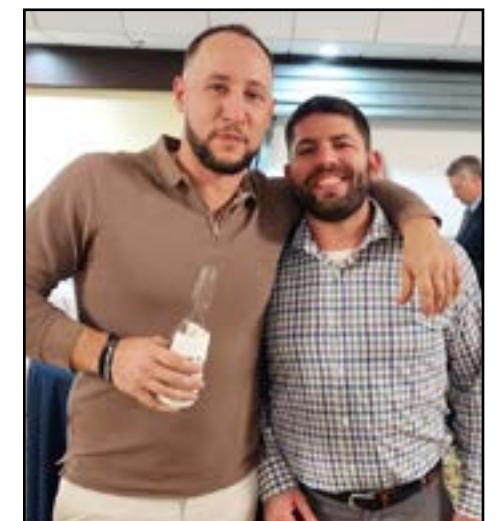
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Highlights from Building Dreams

Upload your pictures to Facebook or Instagram and tag us. Facebook: @GSHFH

Instagram: @greaterspringfieldhfh

Stay tuned for more event pictures. They are posted at habitatspringfield.org/building-dreams



Volunteers wanted

- No experience necessary
- Instruction and tools provided



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accepted. All that is needed is certificate of title and four tires. HFHI will take care of the rest and arrange for pick up. The vehicle, based on its condition, will be sold through a national network of fully-licensed, insured, and bonded auctions and direct buyers. Roughly half of vehicles are sold to licensed dealers at wholesale auctions and are reused for transportation.

The remaining half are brought to auto salvage yards where the reusable parts, batteries, tires, and fluids are removed. Vehicles that can be recycled are crushed, shredded, and turned into steel. On a monthly basis, 78-86% of revenue from vehicles donated to Habitat through Cars for Homes support local Habitat affiliates, like GSHFH. Based on a donor's zip

code or personal request, the donation is transferred to the local affiliate.

"The pickup was wonderful. Everyone was very patient and nobody objected to our 2008 Obama sticker," said Catherine



I believe in the organization and the importance of making a difference in people's lives.

- Trina Winans
GSHFH volunteer

Shapleigh, who with her husband Alexander, donated their 1996 navy blue Volvo 850 sedan. "It was just great. We were very happy to make the donation."

Greater Springfield Habitat is always collecting empty and clean aluminum soda and beer cans for

its **Cans for Homes** program. Aluminum donations may appear small on the surface, but they add up and can go a long way. The cost of a 2x4 is the equivalent of 400 cans. A mailbox is 3,000 cans. A window is 11,000 cans. A front door is 22,000 cans, and a 1,200-square-foot roof is 400,000 cans. Through these efforts, GSHFH has earned roughly

\$6,000 and kept many cans out of the landfill. Cans can be dropped off at 268 Cold Spring Ave in West Springfield. Or, to schedule a pick up, call (413) 739-5503. Greater Springfield Habitat will also accept glass and plastic beverage bottles that are labeled for Massachusetts bottle redemption.

"I believe in the organization and the importance of making a difference in people's lives," said Trina Winans, a GSHFH supporter and volunteer, who made a recent can donation.

Lastly, someone can donate their time by volunteering. It's easy to sign up online to help in the office, on an event committee, or out on the construction site.

Share your skills and can-do attitude. Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone by volunteering and creating a memory.

To learn other ways you can support Greater Springfield Habitat, [visit habitaspringfield.org](http://habitaspringfield.org).

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