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Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County

Building Homes, Community & Hope

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Habitat for Humanity believes that everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. Since 1976, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization has made that dream come true for over 6.8 million people worldwide. That number includes the adults and children who reside in over 18,000 homes built, rehabbed, or repaired by Habitat volunteers throughout Florida. Habitat South Sarasota's goal is to build or renovate safe, decent, affordable, energy-efficient homes for those in need in south

Sarasota County. Habitat South Sarasota has completed over 160 energy-efficient residences built or rehabbed in Laurel, Nokomis, North Port, Osprey, Venice, and Englewood since 1992.

Through Habitat's successful program, prospective homeowners are selected through an extensive application process. Those who are approved actively participate, contributing time and 'sweat equity' toward their home's construction.



The ReStore staff members proudly show off their Best of Venice plaques, recognizing ReStore as the top thrift store.

donation center. ReStore Director Tracy Wilson brings a wealth of retail expertise along with his enthusiasm to be a part of an organization that changes family lives. "Our proceeds

build homes, community, and hope. The families that Habitat helps gain more than just safety, security, and a roof over their heads. They acquire a sense of belonging, pride, and self-esteem, plus improved job prospects and educational opportunities. This, in turn, creates a positive ripple effect throughout the community, in that home values increase and neighborhood connections are strengthened."



"Individuals that become homeowners through our program reduce their dependence on community, social, and financial services," Christina explains. "These are substantial benefits for those individuals and particularly positive for the next generation and generations to come."

Whether you shop, volunteer, or donate, ReStore makes it easy to help those who are in need find their way home.

For more information about this advertorial, call 941.493.0529 or log on to HabitatSouthSarasota.org. Located at 1400 Ogden Road, the ReStore is open 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon.–Sat.

Representatives of the Venice Pier Group present Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County CEO Christina McCauley (right) with a sponsorship check.

"Our homeowners work so hard for their forever homes," says Christina McCauley, CEO/Executive Director. "They must give 300 hours of sweat equity towards building their own home and the homes of other families and attend 8 two-and-a-half-hour homeowner classes and a HUD-certified 'First Time Homebuyer Workshop.'"

Building costs for Habitat homes are paid for, in part, through the ReStore, the non-profit's home improvement outlet and

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 The ReStore helps Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in your community and around the world.

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