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Oshkosh ReStore in Need of Volunteers

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Almost 50 families in need, both locally and internationally, have been helped by Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh since 1990. Now we are asking for your help. There are many opportunities this summer for you to lend a helping hand in giving affordable, decent homes to qualified Oshkosh families.

This is our first summer with the ReStore open and it has been busier than ever, which means we need extra volunteers to help. There are many benefits to volunteering at the ReStore, not only do you get the opportunity to meet new people and learn stuff you never thought you would want to know about building supplies, but you also get to help Habitat achieve our mission of providing simple, decent, affordable housing because all proceeds from the ReStore go towards building more homes in the Oshkosh area.

There are opportunities for everyone, whatever your skill level may be. The ReStore currently has openings for Cashiers, Donation Associates, Merchandisers, Donation Pickup Crew and Deconstruction. Cashiers are the friendly face of the ReStore and are responsible for greeting customers and ringing out transactions. As a donation associate, you would be helping unload and check donations, getting items ready for the sales floor and assisting with pricing. Merchandisers are the backbone of the ReStore, maintaining its cleanly and orderly appearance by stocking and straightening shelves. If you have an outgoing and friendly personality, you would be perfect for this position, as a major part of your role is customer interaction, whether it be answering questions or helping load purchases into customers vehicles. For those of you that would love to enjoy the beautiful summer weather, while giving back to your community, volunteering as a donation pickup crew member would be the perfect fit for you. For every pickup opportunity, we need one volunteer to drive our box truck and one or two volunteers to ride along and help load donations. If you are looking for something more active, you might want to give a deconstruction a try. At a deconstruction, you would be working with an experienced supervisor to take usable materials out of buildings before they are torn down or remodeled, which would then be sold at the ReStore.

Volunteer shifts are during ReStore hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am 6 pm, Thursday 9 am 7 pm, Saturday 9 am 5 pm and Sunday 11 am 3 pm.

Volunteers must go through an orientation prior to their first shift. Orientations are every Tuesday at 11 am and every Thursday at 5:30 pm and last about 20 minutes. Please RSVP by calling 920.230.3535.

If you would like to learn more, please contact the ReStore at 920.230.3535, email restore@habitatoshkosh.org, or visit our website at www.habitatoshkosh.org
