



## NEWS

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### **Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus Selected by Easton Community Foundation as a “Change for Charity” Partner**

Columbus – Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus is pleased to announce that it has been selected by the Easton Community Foundation as a “Change for Charity” parking meter program recipient. Under the program, the Easton Community Foundation will donate proceeds from visitor-funded parking meters and tickets collected during March and April to Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to this direct support from the Easton Community Foundation, Habitat is also receiving the benefit of signage and LCD screen exposure around Easton Town Center. The rotating ads feature Habitat’s ReStore, a discount home improvement store that supports the work of Habitat.

“We are pleased to have been selected to receive the change from parking meters and tickets paid to support our work of building homes for low-income families. This is an important recognition for us as we get ready for the 2008 building season, which includes the funding and construction of 18 homes,” said E.J. Thomas, CEO, Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus.

Donations support the mission of Habitat as it works to eliminate substandard housing and increase homeownership throughout Greater Columbus. Additional support for Habitat comes from those who shop at, or donate reusable building materials to, Habitat’s ReStore, a home improvement resale store located at 3140 Westerville Road, just three miles southwest of Easton.

“Through its annual giving programs, the Easton Community Foundation will donate nearly \$400,000 this year to fund central Ohio charities that provide meaningful support to families and children,” said Yaromir Steiner, CEO of Steiner + Associates, and co-developer of Easton Town Center. “We are pleased to support Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus for their work to create homeownership in central Ohio.”

“Change for Charity” transitions to a new charity every two months. Each quarter spent in a meter and each ticket paid helps fund the current two-month featured charity.

**Habitat for Humanity** International, and the Greater Columbus affiliate, is a nondenominational Christian housing ministry. Habitat affiliates work locally in communities around the world to select and support homeowners, organize volunteers and coordinate house building. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built 225,000 homes worldwide, providing shelter for more than 1 million people in nearly 90 countries. In the Greater Columbus community, Habitat has built 193 homes over the past 20 years.

**Habitat's ReStore** is a re-sale store that accepts and re-sells reusable home improvement materials. Revenue from sales directly offsets Habitat's administrative costs and assists in both eliminating substandard housing and creating homeownership in Greater Columbus. Habitat's ReStore, formerly known as the Build It Again Center, is located at 3140 Westerville Road, 3 miles southwest of Easton; 2 miles south of Morse Road. The re-sale store is open to the public Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations may be delivered to Habitat's ReStore until one hour before store closing time.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus and Habitat's ReStore, see [www.habitat-columbus.org](http://www.habitat-columbus.org).

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