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# The Hammer

FALL 2023 – NEWS & UPDATES FROM L/NHH

## Board President's Message

Dear Friends,

Life in and around L/NHH is a widely different environment. Some examples:

The ReStore – Delinda, her staff and volunteers are constantly selling donated products, and the pickup crew is constantly trying to keep the product flowing. As we know, it is an imperfect world – sometimes there is too much inventory in the ReStore and sometimes not enough of the “right” stuff. From all of this, the ReStore has been a real financial asset to L/NHH since November 2021.

Build 22 – Alex and his volunteers began work above the foundation on Tuesday, 10/17. Prior to that, Alex was coordinating with the excavation, concrete, and block folks to get the foundation done. In addition, he had to work with the county and state to put a driveway in. Dick, our volunteer coordinator, has been at work trying to keep the construction work team staffed day to day. Before the foundation went in, we needed to work to ensure the property would support the septic and get the ownership of the building site closed – not hard work but time-consuming work.

Relationship with InterFaith – About a year ago we developed a relationship with InterFaith, they do short term construction projects for income disadvantaged homeowners. This is something L/NHH wanted to do in years past, but we were stretched too thin. This partnership has allowed L/NHH to fund some of these small projects (the materials) and InterFaith provides volunteer labor and building expertise. This is a great partnership, and we are pleased to have developed it.

Compliance with Habitat for Humanity International – Being an “official” Habitat Chapter means we must comply with their rules. It reminds me of a McDonalds franchise staying in compliance with “hamburger rules.” This means, keeping our training up to date for things like mortgage origination, volunteer safety (many different aspects of personal safety), paying our “dues,” (thanks to the ReStore) and so many other things related to policy and procedure.

These are just some aspects of our life at L/NHH. I've ignored fundraising, managing our loan portfolio, family support, family selection, real estate donation/acceptance, finance/accounting, publicity, relationship building, finding volunteers, etc., etc.

While reading about what we do at L/NHH, we feel good about where we have come in the last few years and what we've accomplished. This is a great team!!! If you want to be a part of it – contact me!!!

Eddy Whichard, President



Progress on Build 22! (more on pg. 3)



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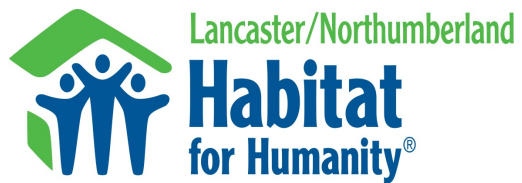
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 and LNHH has been helping residents of  
 Lancaster and Northumberland counties do just  
 that since 1996.**

## Updates from the ReStore



The L/NHH ReStore once again is supporting the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots!! Please bring your new, unwrapped toys to the ReStore and drop them in our box. Donations can be made through 7 December 2023. The toys will be distributed to children in need in our community in time for Christmas!



## Tales from our Shoppers



Meet Aydin, a very satisfied shopper at the ReStore!! Aydin found a Wii and two Wii games. We received this message on Facebook:

Lakeisha Waters

Yesss..... we really appreciated the things we found and deals we got!!!

Aydin left out of there singing "I got me a deal..... I got me a deal" 🎵🎵🎵🎵

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(Used with permission from his Mom.)



# Updates on Build #22



Construction of Build #22 began in earnest September 13 when Ransone's Nursery and Maintenance Inc. arrived on site. They began work by prepping the roadside ditch for the installation of 12" concrete pipe used as the new driveway culvert. They made quick work of this and a driveway entrance was born. The Ransone crew, led by Tom, a skilled long time contractor, moved on to excavating the house crawlspace and footers. There were quite a few dump truck loads of soil to be removed and hauled off site. The excavation continued into the following day. By Tuesday the 19th all excavation was complete and the footer had been poured. Ransone's was a real pleasure to work with and did wonderful quality work for L/NHH.



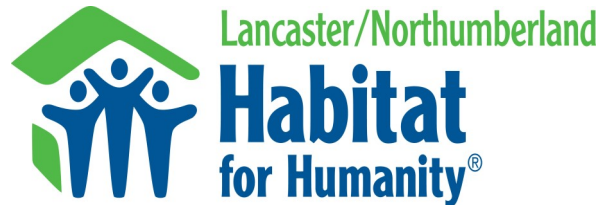
On October 2 Parker's Masonry mobilized and prepped to lay the block foundation. Parker's friendly crew worked through the week and by Friday the block foundation was complete. The block exterior finish was performed the following week and the result was a very pleasing brushed finish and is now ready for LNHH volunteers to move in and get started.



Our sincere thanks to both Ransone's Nursery and Parker's Masonry for their timely and professional services getting us started on Build #22 located at 727 Lakeview Dr. in Northumberland County.

L/NHH construction crew of volunteers got started on October 17th. We had a great group of people show up and were successful in getting the crawlspace cleaned and prepped for insulation and vapor barrier. The foundation sill plate was installed and waterproofing began on the outside of the foundation. Another fantastic group of volunteers reported for duty the following Thursday, even several repeat workers. The crawlspace insulation was installed and floor joists were staged.

We look forward to enjoying some very comfortable weather as we continue move along on build #22



## The Kudos Korner

The ReStore depends on donations to do its business of providing the community with quality items at low prices. We couldn't do it without the dedicated donation pick-up team! So many thanks to these folks who drive all around the NNK with their trucks and trailers to pick up furniture and other items and bring them to the ReStore.



Bill Haglan

Max Mclendon

Bob Poole

Paul Bland

Carl Lynch

Rob Hardy

Ed Gibson

Lee Wonson

Dick Bennett, Coordinator

# 44th Annual Kilmarnock Lighted Christmas Parade

## Join us for all the fun on Main Street!



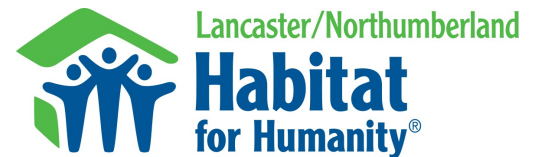
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# A NAUTICAL CHRISTMAS!

FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 8, 2023

Parade brought to you by Lancaster by the Bay Chamber  
In partnership with the Town of Kilmarnock

## New land donation in Weems

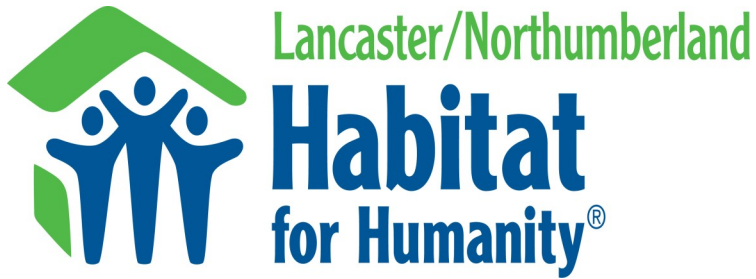


L/NHH recently received a donation of a one acre lot in Weems from the Turner family. The lot is thickly wooded and has two developed properties with a house on each on two of the adjacent sides. This lot is suitable for building and will be the location of a future Habitat home. Habitat is grateful for the donation!

### Basic Requirements:

- **Resident** of Lancaster or Northumberland County for at least year.
- **Ability to pay an affordable mortgage.** Earnings between 30% & 60% of area median income based on family size (see reverse for current guidelines.)
- **Need for decent, affordable housing.** Currently living in substandard, overcrowded, or temporary housing, or rent is more than 30% of gross monthly income.
- **Willingness to Partner.** Each adult must complete "sweat equity" hours building theirs and others' homes, and attend homeowner education.





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## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Habitat home build sites** – No construction experience is necessary. Many first-time volunteers have never picked up a hammer!
- **Habitat ReStore** – If you enjoy a fast paced, fun and rewarding retail environment that strives to provide outstanding donor and customer service, then the ReStore would be a great volunteer opportunity for you!
- **Donation pickups** – Help our dedicated crew of volunteers picking up donations from homes and businesses around the NNK.

## Donation Opportunities

Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions stay here in Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

- **Website:** L/NHH website DONATE button (LNHabitat.org/support)
- **By mail:** Send your checks to the L/NHH, 460 N. Main St., Kilmarnock 22482
- **Shop:** Shop at our ReStore, 460 N. Main St., Kilmarnock
- **Planned giving:** Your gift through your will, trust, or other account will be your personal legacy of building a world where everyone has a decent place to call home.
- **Cars for Homes:** We welcome cars, RVs, motorcycles, boats, farm and construction equipment.

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