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ReStore 2.0



Many in the ReStore community have heard the exciting rumors that we are trying to create a second ReStore (referred to as ReStore 2.0) located in the urban core, at Linwood & Troost. At this writing, we are still working to acquire the building at 3200 Troost, *Uncle Jim's Used Furniture Store* in its last incarnation, where we hope to bring to life ReStore 2.0, as well as providing a spark that could ignite the Troost Business District.

ReStore staff have been working with the City and PIEA (Planned Industrial Economic Authority) to get to the point where a "Request For Proposals" is released. That point has been reached and we are now working to respond to that request. We are confident that our

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proposal will provide community-oriented development while addressing the concerns of the immediate neighborhoods, create both temporary jobs during renovation as well as quality, full-time employment for several new staff members when we start actual operations, contribute to the "walkability" of the neighborhood by bringing 200-300 people a day to this business district, which will in turn act as a catalyst for future development along the Troost corridor.

ReStore 2.0 will be more along the model of a neighborhood hardware store rather than the huge warehouse operation of the original store, located at [4701 Deramus Avenue](#). This location will also provide an excellent resource for those in mid-town that wish to make donations and don't really want to drive the extra ten miles to the Deramus site. The extended advantage of a second ReStore is the increase in funding ReStore 2.0 will provide to Habitat for Humanity Kansas City. Over the first 5 years, we are estimating that the equivalent funding for eight new homes will be funneled to Habitat KC. This is money that is kept directly in the community.

Over the past 1½ years we have been working on this project, the support from the neighborhoods and the business community has been enormous. There have been some minor concerns voiced by some but I hope that we have done a good job of addressing those concerns and we are acting as good, honest partners in the community. But by far, there has been a tsunami wave of support from those that are interested in revitalizing Troost; those who look forward to a neighborhood resource for materials to maintain their properties or as a resource to donate good useable materials and keep them out of the landfill, and from those that see ReStore 2.0 as a resource for Habitat For Humanity to continue their mission of building quality homes for families in need of affordable shelter.

So, as we approach the deadline for proposals to be submitted and we wait for the final decision, we want to thank all those friends, neighbors, business owners, community activists and those that understand that what Troost needs is a spark of life to rebuild a thriving sustainable community...THANK YOU!!

Don Reck
Director, Kansas City Habitat ReStore



Donate

You asked ... We listened

Beginning June 13th, and every second Saturday thereafter, Habitat ReStore will operate a

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drop off center on the south side of the metro area for the convenience of our donors.

For years we've known of good materials going to waste because the size or quantity didn't justify our free collection service and likewise, the donor couldn't justify driving it all the way up to us in the East Bottoms. Well, we've struck a deal with a great partner of ours to meet you in the middle. Now that small light fixture, kitchen sink, medicine cabinet and small box of leftover tile can find its rightful place in the reuse circle.

Where: Lowe's of South KC (133rd and State Line) Parking lot
When: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Look for the ReStore truck in the parking lot, drop off your reusable building materials, and we'll issue you a donation receipt.

Please spread the word to all your friends and neighbors! We'll see you at Lowe's.



Shop

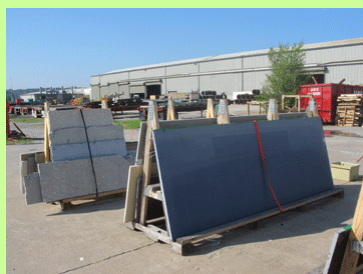
A New Regular to the Sales Floor



If you haven't visited our store in a while, you might not know about the granite and other premium material countertops and slabs we have been receiving.

This is worth mentioning not just because it is granite. It's worth mentioning because we are receiving new pieces weekly, sometimes more than once a week. From vanity top size and shelf/ledge size all the way up to ping pong table size (yes, that was a customer's observation, but not a serious plan), in various colors. Because of the abundant supply, prices start at \$2.50 per square foot!

This is all made possible by a good, long-time donor of ours, Top Master. They recognized a good way to reduce their waste costs while providing us with a material that has indeed been rare to us in the past -- a solid, win-win situation for us both and, of course, our shoppers. Plus, Top Master has agreed to provide cutting and polishing services for pieces sold at KC ReStore; specific pricing for this option is available by contacting them directly.



If you come down with granite on your mind, we do ask that you come with muscular reinforcements or be willing to come back with them to pick up your piece, up to three days later. With the weight of these pieces and the daily handling required, it is taking a physical toll on our staff members. Yes, we will load large slabs with a forklift, but the carting and loading of smaller pieces is

solely self-service. We do hope that you find the pieces that are just right for you and that, along with the low, low prices, you also find the motivation to get those pieces home.

→ Volunteer

Taking away more than just hours



Habitat ReStore Volunteers are amazing. There are many ways to volunteer here. You may come as an individual, with a group of friends or coworkers as a group or working off community service hours. This year we had a high school student who was doing Learning Service hours for her Honors class. She was a diligent worker and jumped in with both feet. Although a little shy in the beginning, she warmed up to our outgoing staff and volunteers. On her last day, she brought us muffins and a sweet thank you note I would like to share with you:

*Dear KC Habitat ReStore,
I want to thank all of you guys for the wonderful year I had volunteering here. From ReStore, I have learned that there are innovative ways of contributing to the improvement of other people's lives. I also learned the personal satisfaction of helping others. I will be attending Ohio State University in the fall and I will take these experiences with me when I start my career and hopefully better the lives of others.*

Beryl '09

I am so proud of Beryl and know she will go far in her career. It is great to see a young person with such drive and passion for helping others.

→ Donconstruct

Department Update



It was a fairly light early spring for Deconstruction Services that led up to our current frantic pace. One notable project outside of our typical kitchen tear outs and whole house jobs was a unique opportunity in Fort Riley, Kansas.

Habitat ReStore was asked to get involved in a military housing deconstruction project after the local used building material markets reached capacity. We mobilized our crews in two days to selectively salvage 50 housing units yielding cabinets, toilets, refrigerators, stoves and more. In five short days, our professionals shipped back two packed tractor trailers with goods for our community.

The best part may be that your Habitat ReStore put on quite a show and we anticipate being offered more of the 1,700 total units being demolished, as they are released. So if you missed out on the first round of great stuff, keep coming in. There should be many more treasures to be found.

Print this coupon and present it at the beginning of your transaction. This is our way of

Save
10%

saying thank you for your continued support of KC Habitat ReStore.
This coupon is transferable. We encourage you to share this special offer with friends
and family. Spread the word and start the circle!

*Offer good up to \$10.00. One coupon per customer. May not be combined with any other offer.
Some restrictions may apply. See store for details.*

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