

Fine furniture for sale at ReStore

ReStore Fast Facts:

Winter Hours: W, Thur., Fri: 10-4 (Nov. 1-

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RESTORE IN EATON OHIO SUPPORTS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WHILE PROMOTING RECYCLING

The Preble County Solid Waste District has chosen to feature the "ReStore" in Eaton Ohio whose retail sales and donations provide funding for Habitat for Humanity in Preble County which has been responsible for building 14 houses for needy families in Preble County since 1991. The store exemplifies what good can come from being "green" and recycling items that would otherwise be going to the landfill. Here is a recent interview with Jill DuVall, the manager at ReStore, which will inform Preble County residents about why they should consider donating gently used goods to the store and why they might think about buying products from Restore.

What does ReStore do?

Jill: Basically we accept donated goods from Preble County citizens such as air conditioners, appliances, cabinets, doors, electrical fixtures, parts, and supplies, flooring materials such as ceramic, vinyl, and wood, furniture (household or antique), hardware (knobs, hinges, locks, nails, screws, nuts, bolts and fasteners which are sorted and tagged for quantity), insulation (in packaging), lighting products, lumber (6 ft or longer, plywood half sheets or larger, trim which is free of rot, nails, or screws), outdoor patio furniture, paint (new only) and painting supplies, pipe/pvc/metal/copper, and roofing materials. Everything is available for resale to the public (not just businesses and contractors) and the proceeds go toward building the next Habitat for Humanity house and operating costs for the ReStore. Everything we do (with each house we build) we try to stay local and purchase building supplies for our Habitat for Humanity houses from local business like Carter Lumber for example. So the local economy is also helped.

Why is the ReStore good for the environment and how does it promote recycling?

Jill: We keep items out of the linear mode of consumption and from going to the landfill. By going to ReStore to donate or buy items people can close the recycling loop. It is estimated that the 825 Habitat for Humanity stores in the U.S. and Canada divert around 70 million tons of materials annually from landfills. And as an example of what just one Habitat ReStore can do, a ReStore in Kansas City between the years 2000-2007 diverted 7,000 tons of usable materials from going directly to a landfill.

Is the demand great for the Habitat for Humanity services that the ReStore supports?

Jill: Yes. The demand is great. There are annually more applicants than houses that can be built. Currently 1 houses per year is being built in Preble County but we would like to do more.



Doors for resell at Restore promote reuse



Large window selection



Nice granite topped sinks available here



Economical buying of office supplies at Re-Store is possible

ReStore Interview Continued...

Why should someone consider donating to the ReStore and how are donations accepted?

Jill: Not only does donating to ReStore keep items out of the landfill and promote recycling but it also helps needy families in return. Instead of just throwing away good, usable items, people can bring them here. A receipt is given with each donation which is tax-deductible. We ask that you call ahead to let us know what you will be bringing and when. We can even pick up donations for you with prior arrangement. Call for pick up dates and times. When you bring a donation ring the back door and we'll help.

How do you feel about working at the ReStore?

Jill: I love it! This is what I went to school for (Miami University). Recycling and environmental sustainability. I like helping people keep things out of the landfill.

What would you like people to know most about ReStore?

Jill: That we are open to the general public, not just businesses or contractors, or landlords with rentals. Many people do not know that we are here because our sign is small and is a little hard to see. We encourage everyone to shop, donate, and volunteer at Re-Store.

Below is a brief history about ReStore:

ReStore was opened on September 1, 2012 at the current location of 131 North Barron Street in Eaton Ohio in the historic building next to the Amish furniture store.

The store's mission is to minimize poverty housing.

No government funding supports ReStore. The store operates entirely on donations and sales to the public.

The store is open through the winter during the following days/times:

Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays 10AM-4PM /Saturdays 10AM-1PM (11/1/12-3/31/13)

The number to call for shopping, donating, or volunteering is (937) 472-0002.

Recycling is...

A hungry animal,

Eating trash then spitting out brand new items.

It is putting an old bottle into a machine

and watching it change into something new

Recycling is...renewing a soda can,

a bottle or a stack of newspapers.

Breaking down today's trash and turning it into

tomorrow's prized possessions.

It is looking at pictures of endangered animals

and knowing you did the right thing. By: Victoria Tang

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Example of a ReStore "before" and "after" decorating project



The ReStore storefront in Eaton Ohio next to the Amish furniture store



ReStore can pick up your donations