

## Sue Saint-Aubin



**Q:** When did you first become interested in Habitat ReStores?

**A:** “I first found out about ReStores in 2001 - and began working with Habitat for Humanity to open a ReStore in La Crosse in May of 2006.

**Q:** What is being a ReStore Manager like?

**A:** “Every day as the ReStore Manager holds a new set of priorities, skills and materials to work with - which is at times both exciting and frustrating. One of the greatest joys of being a ReStore manager is being able to work with the volunteers and staff - as well as knowing we are making a positive impact on the community. I love getting the word out that we can give a second life to items that would otherwise be thrown away!”

**Q:** Why do you feel ReStores are important?

**A:** “I think ReStores are important because our resources are becoming increasingly limited as the global population expands. I try to look closely at everything available and consider several uses for it - which is why I love the concept of a ReStore!”

**Q:** Are there any misconceptions about the ReStore?

**A:** “I think that the most common misconception about the ReStore is that it is just for Habitat homeowners. That's not the case! The ReStore is open to everyone!”

**Q:** What is your vision for the future of the ReStore?

**A:** “It is my hope that it will help to make a fundamental change in the way consumers make purchase choices when it comes to building materials. I also want people to realize that there are other options than just throwing away used items!”

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