

**Our Mission**

- To raise money for the building of Habitat houses.
- To sell usable merchandise at reasonable prices.
- To recycle building materials, keeping them out of our landfills and in circulation where they can benefit the La Crosse area.
- To promote awareness of Habitat for Humanity-La Crosse Area and it's goal of eliminating poverty housing in our community.

**Staff**

**ReStore Manager**

Steve Baker

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**Warehouse Coordinator**

Jake Wilkinson

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**Volunteer Coordinator**

Mowita Kelly

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**Habitat ReStore**

434 3rd St. South  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
(608) 785-2375

**ReStore Hours**

Wednesday 10 - 6  
Thursday 10 - 6  
Friday 10 - 6  
Saturday 9 - 3

For information about volunteering at the Habitat ReStore, please visit

[www.habitatlacrosse.org/restore](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org/restore).

Stock within the ReStore changes on a weekly basis. Please stop in frequently.

**Steve Baker-Habitat ReStore Manager**

It's been a fabulous year at Habitat ReStore. This year, we have diverted more than 200,000 pounds of building materials bringing our total close to 600,000 pounds of usable and sellable building materials diverted from area landfills.

Sales have been strong and we thank all you for supporting our mission. As many of you already know you can support ReStore in three ways:

**Shop** – By purchasing building materials and furniture from Habitat

ReStore you are helping us build simple, decent, and affordable homes with families in need in the La Crosse area.

**Donate** – All of our materials are donated. Give your items a new life by bringing your items to Habitat ReStore. For more information on donating, check our website –

[www.habitatlacrosse.org/restore](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org/restore)

**Volunteer** – People are the lifeblood of what we do. Without them, our store cannot exist. In fact, paid staff makes up only about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of our staff. By volunteering, you support our mission and meet great people!



[restore@habitatlacrosse.org](mailto:restore@habitatlacrosse.org)

**The Restore Wish List**

We are very grateful to have such wonderful volunteer support, and to express our appreciation to our awesome volunteers we have a quarterly recognition event. Several area businesses help us to recognize our volunteers with donations such as flower bouquets, gift certificates or gift baskets. We are looking for a few more businesses to commit to donating a volunteer recognition gift valued up to \$25 one to four times per year. If you run or work for a business who would like to help us recognize our volunteers for all that they do to make ReStore possible, please contact: Mowita Kelly, at 785-2375 or e-mail [volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org)

Other ReStore wish list items include:

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| Furniture clamps | Tape Measures                   | Key safe/cabinet |
| Office paper     | Bar clamps or Quick Grip clamps |                  |
| Pallet Racking   | Paint Brushes                   |                  |

**Holiday Store Closings**



The Restore will be closed on the following days for the Holidays:

Wednesday, December 24th, 2008

Thursday, December 25th, 2008

Thursday, January 1st, 2009

## New AmeriCorps Members For 2008-2009

We bid a fond farewell to our two 2007-8 AmeriCorps members, Nick Wilhelmy and Michelle Montét. They did an excellent job moving the store forward, and we thank them for their service with the Habitat ReStore.

In September, Jake Wilkinson joined our team as the Warehouse Coordinator. Jake completed a year of AmeriCorps NCCC in the South, so he is no stranger to service. While an NCCC member, Jake served at Habitat ReStores in Florida, which helped inspire him to apply here. Jake is originally from Wausau and moved to this area to join our program.

In October, Mowita Kelly joined us as the Volunteer Coordinator. She has supervising experience as a team leader at Jeff & Jim's Pizza and joined AmeriCorps as a way to help make the world a better place. Mowita has lived in the area for the past seven years after having moved to Viroqua at age fifteen.



We are pleased to have both of them here at Habitat ReStore through July of 2009. Please stop in and say hello.

## A Special Thanks



We would like to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to Sharon Stangl for stepping in as temporary staff for the past four months. Her retail skill and experience helped us make great progress at the store. Along with many volunteers and AmeriCorps staff, she organized our basement and moved many items onto the sales floor. She improved the receiving area and streamlined donations intake, making it a smoother experience. She also improved the quality of the products on the sales floor through more consistent screening and improved backroom operations. Sharon set a high standard for all of us to follow, and she will be missed!

## December Sales

**50% off**  
ALL LIGHTING  
December 3-13



**10% off**  
EVERYTHING  
in the store  
December 17-31

