



**There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day,  
and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain. Isaiah 4:6**

**A second chance at hope:** “Every night I get up and walk my house and just look around. I feel normal. I feel like I have become part of society again,” says Lisa, a 53-year-old U.S. Navy veteran. “And it’s not just the house that’s building my dignity and pride – it’s working with Habitat from the beginning.”

After leaving the military, Lisa faced several setbacks due to injuries sustained in Operation Desert Shield. She later became homeless, living in her car with her teenage son. The green Buick Century was a blessing and a target. “A car is worth gold to a homeless person because it’s shelter,” says Lisa. “I was broken into many times.”

Lisa’s car had no air conditioning or heat and only one working window. In the evenings, she often parked in well-lit parking lots, like at hospitals, to stay safe and slipped into public bathrooms to bathe. When temperatures plummeted, she sought out emergency warming centers.

While living at a transitional home for women veterans, Lisa met staff from Habitat for Humanity ... “I felt like God was saying ‘Now you’re ready, and now it’s your time to get a house,’” says Lisa.

To fulfill her sweat equity requirements, Lisa volunteered in the Habitat ReStore and worked on her own home and on other builds.

“Before Habitat, I didn’t know anything about mortgages or homeowner’s insurance, but now I do,” she says. “I learned a lot in the finance classes about paying your debt down and having an emergency fund. It’s been an all-around rewarding experience.”

A former director of family services says “We’ve seen Karla in action, and she is a determined and hard worker. “She sees something she wants, and she goes for it.”

## PRAYER

**Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you the families living in poverty that need a hand up. Lead them to economic opportunities and provide each with the resources to survive and thrive. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**“Make the world a better place and yourself a better person”**

**You want to give back but not sure how?  
Do you have a desire to be part of something bigger than yourself?**

**Do you feel called to be generous with your time, talent and treasure?**

**<https://habitatmonroemi.org/volunteer/>**

### **Individual Building Volunteers:**

**Roll up your sleeves and start building! At Habitat Monroe we make sure each volunteer has the opportunity to work in a safe, friendly, inclusive, and fun environment.**

#### **Day at a glance**

- We build on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays all year round.
- The day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.
- Volunteers meet the site supervisor at the address of the build, sign in and receive a brief morning orientation and safety talk
- No construction experience is necessary.

- We supply all the tools and materials for the day, including safety glasses and hard hats.
- Bring your own face masks
- Construction volunteers must be 16 years or older. Those who are 16 or 17 must have parent's permission on a special youth waiver.

## **ReStore Volunteers**

This discount retail outlet and also Habitat Monroe's biggest fundraiser.

Profits from the store are put back into the fund to build affordable housing in Monroe. With limited staff, they rely on volunteers to help run the store.

### **Day at a Glance**

- No experience is required
- The day begins with an orientation at 9:30
- Wear closed-toe/heel shoes and comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty
- ReStore warehouses aren't heated, so dress accordingly
- Pack your own lunch

### **Tasks**

- Loading and unloading donations
- Store cleaning and organization
- Setting up displays
- Assisting customers
- ReStore volunteers must be 16 years or older. Those under 18 must have parent's permission on a special youth waiver.

## **Provide a Meal**

We are looking for groups or individuals who would be willing to provide meals for the volunteers on our build sites.

## **DONATE: GIVE YOUR STUFF A NEW HOME**

- Call the ReStore at 734-243-1108 and tell us about your donation
- Schedule a pick up or drop off

## **DONATE MONEY**

<https://habitatmonroemi.org/donate/>

I really enjoy the hands on nature of the construction site at Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County. I really wanted to give back to my community but was nervous because I had never really done this type of volunteering before let alone LIFTED A HAMMER! From the moment I stepped on the construction site, Jim and Construction Ken made me feel like it was old hat, second nature. Being outside with friends AND THE HOMEOWNERS really made my experience hit home, I am helping my community .... and I feel so rewarded! I will come back again and see if my coworkers want to make a TEAM HABITAT DAY for an awesome team building experience. Highly recommend volunteering with Habitat Monroe. 'Jennifer G'

MONROE HABITAT HAS BUILT 105 HOMES FOR 312 ADULTS AND CHILDREN  
WITH 700+ VOLUNTEERS A YEAR.

## **VOLUNTEERING IS**

### **good for your soul**

We are wired to serve. You know deep down it feels good to give back, and with Habitat you can have fun too!

### **good for your mind**

Break up your daily routine and learn something new. Our experts train you on the tasks for the day. No previous skills or experience necessary.

### **good for your relationships**

Serving along side old and new friends to truly make a difference. Meet new people and deepen friendships as you build homes, communities and hope.