



Habitat Insider

December 2011

Meet the Cielo Family



One of Elizabeth Cielo's favorite things to do is sit surrounded by peace and quiet. However, that atmosphere has been hard to find. Elizabeth and her two children share one bedroom. They live with her sister's and brother's families-three

families in one house.

Elizabeth's home will be fully sponsored by the mortgage payments of other Habitat homeowners. Every time a Habitat homeowner pays his or her mortgage, Habitat recycles it back into our programs to build more homes with families in need.

All the effort put in by Habitat collaborators, Elizabeth's family, and Elizabeth herself is starting to pay off and "making my dream come true." "I can't believe all that they [Habitat] are giving... Thank you, Habitat, for everything."

ReStore Donations!

YIKES! We are running low on inventory in the ReStore again. Sales have been strong the last three months. Many people are in need of inexpensive furniture, appliances, and household items. Donated items often sell the day they are placed on the sales floor.

In particular, the following items are on the "want list" for customers:

Rocker/recliner
Pub table

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Potluck:

There will be a staff and volunteer Holiday Potluck at First United Methodist Church December 8
6:00pm - 8:00 pm
contact [Maegen Ionoff](#)

Holiday Closings:

The Habitat office will be closed for the Holidays
December 26th - 31st The ReStore will be closed
December 24th

Partner Families



House #117 will be the new home of Malissia Liles. During December we will be working painting, installing cabinets, trim, and hardwood.

Wood burning stove
Show cases
Bookcases
Tarps
Lift chair
Patio table & chairs
Bunk beds
China cabinet
Complete twin bed
Glass top stove
Tri-view mirror
Cast iron sink

These are specific things for which customers have asked.
Items we sell almost as fast as they come in are:

Refrigerators
Free standing stoves
Couches
Clothes Washers
Dressers
Recliners
Chest of drawers
Dinette sets
stools
Kitchen cabinet sets
Antiques
Bed frames in all sizes
Freezers
Baseboard heaters
Laminate flooring
Electric clothes dryers
Home décor items
Bathroom vanities
Christmas is fast approaching. Some people in need choose to try to stretch their dollars at thrift stores such as ours. If you have gently used items, we encourage you to consider donating to our ReStore.

Call (812) 331-2660 to arrange for a free pickup.

Additionally, the ReStore will have the following deals:

All doors - 50% off
All wire baskets -25% off
All Christmas décor and dishes - 75% off
Selected furniture-50% or more off

Food Donors:

Keep Our Volunteers Building Strong!



The Knapps are the proud new owners of this year's Whirlpool Biltz build house.



House #118 will be the home of Marcela Aca-Jimenez and her two daughters. Bloomington High School North is sponsoring her home. During December we will be hanging siding, drywall, painting and installing attic insulation.

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Habitat needs food for our volunteers **December 3rd, 7th, and 13th**. Currently we are in need of main dishes, and side dishes such as fruit and garden salad, casseroles and vegetables. We are also in need of sack items



such as individually packaged trail mix, raisins, chips, and pastries. Please [click here](#) to sign up to bring food, make sure to fill in your name, the dish you will provide and the number of people your dish will serve.

Construction Leadership Trainings:

Crew leaders are what make it possible for us to have multiple construction projects running. If you'd like to learn a specific task or learn to lead a group of volunteers contact

Adrian at construction@monroecountyhabitat.org.



Office Volunteer Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to help out in the front of the office on Mondays (8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm) and Fridays (1-5pm). Ideally, we would have someone who could come in for each 4 hour shift but a 2 hour shift will work too. This will need to be someone who can come in consistently! As you know sometimes the phone is ringing off the hook and we have lots of office projects and other times it can be pretty quiet around here so volunteers are welcome to bring a book or homework to do if we don't have other tasks for them to work on! This could be a good opportunity for an IU student to volunteer between classes!

Receptionist and Office Support Assistant:

Answer incoming phone calls and greet visitors. Handle inquiries about HfHMC or forward questions to the appropriate staff member as necessary. Assist staff with clerical tasks which may include photocopying, filing, preparing mailings, data entry

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