

Habitat wants to shine a special light of thanks on... Diana Reichelderfer and The Graham School!



Diana Reichelderfer: Women Build Volunteer

Diana Reichelderfer has been actively volunteering on HFHGC's Women Build sites since the Spring of 2009. Diana has already put in over 200 hours on Women Build's current project, with most of her hours being completed during the very cold wintery months of 2011. One of Diana's favorite parts about Habitat is working with the other volunteers. Fellow Women Build volunteers are equally thankful for Diana, and are known as affectionately referring to Diana as their "Chef." This nickname was started when Diana brought a traditional New Year's Day meal of pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and dessert out to site, so that all of the volunteers would begin the year with good luck.

In addition to volunteering at Habitat, Diana loves being outdoors. She enjoys hiking, biking, and traveling. She is also a puzzle fanatic, enjoying both jigsaw and crossword puzzles that really put one's mind to the test. Diana loves to do very detailed and intricate tasks (both on the build site and in her hobbies), and she looks at these tasks as a challenge.

Diana is such a pleasure to have as a leader on Habitat's Women Build site. We are so appreciative of her time, thoughtfulness, and culinary talents! Thank you for all that you do, Diana, Women Build (and Habitat) would not be the same without you!



The Graham School: Habitat ReStore Volunteers

By far the ReStore's most devoted volunteer group, The Graham School has been a faithful supporter of HFHGC for over eight years. "Encounter the world, engage the mind." That is the Graham School slogan and these high school students truly endorse this motto throughout their time in Habitat's ReStore. By participating in a life changing Experiential Learning program throughout all four years, Graham School students learn by doing. The impact that our Graham School students make on the ReStore is immeasurable and truly makes a difference in the yearly success of the store.

The Graham Schoolers, as we so fondly call them, are responsible for a variety of tasks and projects in the ReStore. Some of their favorites include heavy lifting (like organizing the Door Department), and breaking down scrap materials to be recycled. They also get excited when there are special projects for them to help with, such as painting or creating our new "Showoff Your Project" board.

Having an extra 26 pairs of hands around the ReStore twice a week for seven months a year certainly makes the staff's jobs easier. "I don't know what we would do without the Graham Schoolers," said Ryan McEvoy, one of the ReStore associates. As a staff, we all agree that seeing the Graham School students grow and mature is one of the most rewarding aspects of this partnership. Thank you, Graham School, and all of our students for the 2010-2011 school year! Shout out to Joey, Adam, Ailene, Cheyenne, Jeffrey, Jakob, Kevin, Randy, Evy, Harold, Mike, Damian, Javonte and Zach. You are the best!