

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

The Volunteer Spotlight is here to honor those who have gone above and beyond for Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio! Thank you to each and every individual and group listed below for your amazing dedication and support of Habitat MidOhio. We are a better organization because of you!

**Habitat wants to shine a special light of thanks on... Jerry Minturn and George Lybarger!**



**Jerry Minturn: Construction Volunteer and Warehouse and Facilities Volunteer**

Jerry has spent his life helping others. He was a fireman with the Upper Arlington fire department for twenty years. After retiring in 2009, Jerry began volunteering with Habitat MidOhio. He started as a construction volunteer, donating his time to building new homes for deserving families in Franklin County. Last January, opportunities to help renovate and maintain Habitat's warehouse and facilities became available and Jerry gave it a go. He currently enjoys working in the JoBox and materials room, doing behind the scenes work for the construction department. His favorite things about working in the warehouse are being indoors year round and that he never has to climb a ladder.

When asked what keeps him coming back to Habitat, Jerry said, "it keeps me out of the house and I enjoy it!" Outside of Habitat, Jerry and his wife spend a lot of their time caring for Jerry's brother in law. Jerry also finds the time to work on old cars. He owns a beautiful '38 Chevy that he's taken across the country on several road trips. He said, "It's really a neat hobby. Unlike most things, this car becomes more valuable every day." But, don't ask him to sell it. Jerry refuses to put a price tag on his old Chevy.

If Jerry had to share a bit of advice with future volunteers it would be, "Show up! That's all you really have to do."



**George Lybarger: Construction and Warehouse and Facilities Volunteer**

In 1999, George Lybarger began volunteering with Habitat MidOhio. He is a regular on the Tuesday and Thursday Crew, and has even started coming out on Wednesdays. When construction projects slow down, George lends a helping hand in Habitat's warehouse. He enjoys Habitat because it has kept him busy after his retirement from what is now AT&T. His experience in the telephone industry also allowed him to lend a hand to Habitat in a unique way. For four years, George installed the phone jacks in every Habitat house. He also moved the phone system and worked on data wiring for the Habitat office. George enjoys volunteering with Habitat and giving back to the community in a meaningful way.

Outside of Habitat, George is a committee chair for the Boy Scouts, a member of Telephone Pioneers of America, and president of the Lybarger Memorial Association. He enjoys fishing, gardening, bike riding, and traveling with his wife.

George's advice to new volunteers, "Come out and have fun!"