

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 for Humanity-MidOhio. We are a better organization because of you!

Habitat wants to shine a special light of thanks on...Joshua Clark and Terry Baughman!



Joshua Clark: Speaker Bureau Member

Joshua has been one of the most active members of our speakers bureau since 2009. In this capacity he represents our affiliate at a variety of events throughout the year including speaking opportunities, community service fairs, and employee giving campaign discussions.

Joshua is motivated to make time for volunteering because, as he puts it, "the community we want to live in, the human endeavor we strive for, the person we desire to be resides solely in the mind, heart, and soul of each of us as individuals. When we leave the self out of the equation and simply strive towards the 'we', remarkable things can and do happen." At the 25th Anniversary Celebration, members of the Lee family recounted what it has meant to them to be a Habitat Partner Family and how that experience has positively changed their lives for multiple generations. Recalling that memory, Joshua remarked, "That is why we do what we do."

Besides volunteering with Habitat, Joshua has been active with the Columbus Public Library and the Shamrock Club. A native son of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joshua has lived in central Ohio since the age of 12 and currently resides in Merion Village – where he is planning his upcoming wedding!

Our sincere gratitude goes out to Joshua for his yeoman's effort in our speakers bureau where he enthusiastically supports our mission by recruiting more volunteers, advocates, and donors!



Terry Baughman: Co-House Lead

Terry Baughman is a co-house leader who has helped manage the completion of several homes. But it wasn't always that way. As a recent retiree in 2006, Terry came to his first Habitat site as a general volunteer. That project was led by fellow volunteer, Ben Freudenreich who brought Terry into the fold and made him feel comfortable and productive. Ever since that experience, Terry has been "paying it forward" to others. "Learning the technical details is great, but the personal memories and friendships are really special."

Thanks to Ben, Terry's "Habititus" took hold and has never let up. In the last six years, Terry has been a regular volunteer or a co-house lead on several homes in MidOhio, as well as some special Habitat projects in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and Tuscon, Arizona. The picture above shows Terry (left) with his most recent co-house lead, Dave Bezaire (right) and Ida and one of her daughters from the Jay family. Recounting this most recent project Terry says, "This build was really special – a wonderful family, great volunteers, and the staff organization was superb." You can tell the feeling was mutual as Ida's family presented Terry and Dave with the beautiful African gowns they donned at the dedication ceremony.

When he's not devoting his energy to Habitat, you might find Terry spending time with his wife Sue as they travel with their Airstream group or to catch up with their sons in Cincinnati, OH and Southern California.

When asked what advice Terry might give another volunteer he offered the following: "Just go! You don't need anything. A lot of people think you need some sort of skills. We always tell them - just a good attitude and willingness to learn, just come out once and see if it's your cup of tea. We want it to be a labor of love, not a grueling experience."

We thank Terry for his selfless dedication to the Habitat mission and the excellent example he sets for other volunteers!