

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

Habitat wants to shine a special light of thanks on... Katie Mitchell and Brad Baillie!



Katie Mitchell: ReStore and Construction Volunteer

Hoping to get involved with Habitat, Katie Mitchell attended the new volunteer orientation last May. After orientation, she started volunteering in the ReStore several days a week, unloading and organizing donations. Since then, Katie has taken quite the initiative at ReStore East. She now leads volunteer groups and helps to arrange products throughout the store. Katie has also tried her hand on construction sites, regularly contributing to the work being done on East 15th Avenue.

Katie enjoys volunteering for Habitat because of all the people she has had the opportunity to meet. She loves the fact that she gets to meet new people every day. With a background in architecture, Katie also enjoys the valuable experience that she is gaining while volunteering.

A recent graduate from OSU's School of Architecture, Katie is preparing to start grad school at Kent State this fall. She enjoys water skiing, fencing, reading, and spending time with friends.

Outside of Habitat, Katie is a member of water ski clubs and a show ski team. Before graduating from Ohio State, she was also a member of the school's water ski team.

Katie's advice for those interested in volunteering with Habitat – get involved in the ReStore! “A lot of people try to do construction, but the ReStore is really fun. You get to meet a lot of new people!”



Brad Baillie: Volunteer Photographer, Construction Volunteer, Rock the Block Volunteer, Advocate

Brad started volunteering with Habitat in 2012 when he was the staff advisor to a group of students on a spring break trip to Mississippi. The students volunteered with Habitat in an area hit by hurricane Katrina. After returning from that trip, Brad looked into volunteering with Habitat MidOhio and stumbled across an opportunity that suited him perfectly – taking pictures at Habitat's Home of Hope Rock the Block. Since then, Brad has been a fixture at any event that needs to be captured on film. He has taken photos at ceremonies and community events, and even puts down the camera in exchange for a hammer whenever the opportunity arises.

Brad is an artist who devotes his work to purposes like Habitat for Humanity. He is a founding member of BrokenLines, an artist collective designed to embody a portrait of genuine community service. On July 13, BrokenLines will be hosting an art show at the Clintonville Community Market. The art show, titled SideWalk 2013, will feature artists, music, and food from around the community. Each artist has agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds from the event to Habitat MidOhio.

Brad enjoys volunteering with Habitat because of the staff and volunteers. “Everyone loves being there, and there aren't a lot of places like that.”

Outside of Habitat, Brad is involved in his church, All Nations Christian Fellowship. He enjoys photography, being outdoors, hiking, reading, bicycling, swimming, and listening to local music.

Brad's free time is dedicated to BrokenLines and his wife, who just started nursing school.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom for future volunteers, Brad had some wonderful bits of advice. "There's not a "type" of volunteer. People doubt themselves because they don't think they're a particular type of person. They either don't think they're handy enough or lack a specific skill. Everyone should come out and see what they can do. There is something for everyone."