

## 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... Mike Bloomfield and Debbie Gray!



#### Mike Bloomfield: Construction Volunteer, Tuesday and Thursday Crew Regular

On any given Tuesday or Thursday, you can find Mike Bloomfield on a Habitat construction site. He began volunteering with Habitat MidOhio nine years ago after he retired from the Federal Aviation Administration. He started up with the Tuesday and Thursday Crews, and hasn't stopped since.

The bonds shared among the Tuesday and Thursday crew regulars keep Mike coming back to Habitat. He enjoys the camaraderie and watching a pile of lumber turn into a beautiful home.

Outside of Habitat, Mike volunteers with the organization, Fishing has no Boundaries; a non-profit that allows individuals with disabilities to enjoy the leisure of fishing. He also continues to work part time, doing work for Honeywell and serving as security at the airport. In his down time, he enjoys the outdoor sports of fishing and hunting.

Mike and his wife have been married for fifty-two years and are currently looking forward to the arrival of their second great-grandchild this July.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom to share, Mike geared his advice to retirees, "Keep busy!"



**Debbie Gray: Construction Volunteer, ReStore Volunteer, Women Build Steering Committee Member**

Debbie Gray can tell you exactly when and where she started volunteering with Habitat. In October of 2003, Debbie ventured over to a site in Columbus' Hilltop. On the very first day, someone handed her a drill, and she didn't know how to turn it on, let alone use it. Since then, her expertise in the area of construction has skyrocketed. Debbie is a regular on Habitat's construction sites, is a member of the Women Build steering committee, and has even dabbled in the ReStore. She went from not knowing how to use a drill to being able to help build an entire house from the ground up.

When asked what keeps her coming back to Habitat, Debbie quickly said, "the people!" She loves working with the other volunteers and the partner families. She also enjoys seeing, "nothing turn into something", and the reaction of the families when they receive the keys to their new home.

Outside of Habitat, Debbie works as an office manager for City of Columbus workers. She enjoys gardening, reading, and sewing. With the skills she's learned at Habitat, Debbie also does work on her friends' homes.

Debbie has two children and truly enjoys the little things in life. She is looking forward to spring and spending sunny days on site.

When asked if she'd like to share any other thoughts, Debbie said, "When you do Habitat, it's a giving that encourages others to give. Everyone should do it!"