

Volunteer Spotlight

When Habitat MidOhio broke ground in Licking County, it was both exciting and nerve racking at the same time. We were so honored to have the opportunity to serve more families in a whole new area of the state, but we knew it was going to be hard work finding new donors, supporters, and most importantly, volunteers. These two men, honored below, have made our transition into this new area so much easier.

Habitat wants to shine a special light of thanks on... Richard Troendly and Michael Schroder!



Richard Troendly: Licking County Construction Volunteer

Richard started volunteering in the spring of 2011 with Licking County Habitat for Humanity. When he first started volunteering, he worked to recondition an existing home, and then contributed to the completion of two new homes. Richard experienced the transition from Licking County Habitat to Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio, and has stayed onboard as a loyal volunteer. Most recently, Richard has contributed a large portion of his free time to our Veteran Build project on Arlington Avenue.

Richard enjoys volunteering with Habitat because it is rewarding. He enjoys carpentry, helping others, and staying active. Habitat allows him to do all of these things at once.

Outside of Habitat, Richard is busy working on his own home improvement projects which includes remodeling his kitchen. He enjoys traveling and hiking. Next March, Richard and his wife will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their vows.

When asked if he had any other thoughts to share, Richard said, "Working with Habitat is just doing God's work."



Michael Schroder: Licking County Construction Volunteer

When Habitat MidOhio came to Licking County, we were eager to meet and engage local volunteers. Mike quickly found out about Habitat, and has been an active volunteer ever since. Last year, Mike helped complete a wheelchair ramp for the Vaughn family so that their children could easily get to and from the bus every day. This year, Mike volunteers on our Veteran Build site every chance he gets.

When asked what keeps him coming back, Mike said, "The people, and knowing you're helping out in the community."

Mike has a very busy extra-curricular schedule. He volunteers for the Licking County Coalition for Housing, Honor Flight, the Dublin Irish Festival, and the Indianapolis Colts Training Camp. Mike is a huge Colts fan and has season tickets to the games.

Mike has been busy at home as well. He has recently rescued a dog who has quickly become a member of the family.

Mike's words of wisdom to new volunteers- "Get involved, even if you don't know what you're doing. It's such a rewarding adventure and it's fun learning something new!"

