



Rachel Gratz: ReStore Volunteer, Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteer, Rock the Block Volunteer Lead, Construction Volunteer

Rachel Gratz is one of those people who can find the time to do it all. She just finished her Master's degree in social work and is now working as a counselor. Since 2011, Rachel has also been a dedicated Habitat volunteer. She has participated in everything from the annual ReStore flower sale, to on-site construction. Rachel has also taken part in our neighborhood revitalization projects including Neighbor to Neighbor and Rock the Block.

Rachel enjoys volunteering with Habitat for many reasons. She loves working with the partner families and the Habitat construction leads. She also enjoys gaining new skills while working on site. "It's so empowering for a young girl to be able to do some of the things we do." She says that becoming a regular volunteer has been a great experience. She loves being able to call the Habitat staff and fellow volunteers her friends.

When Rachel isn't volunteering, she enjoys being outdoors, hiking, and lying in her hammock. She also enjoys spending the day in her kitchen, cooking!

When asked if she had any words of wisdom for future volunteers, Rachel said, "Habitat is a great way to gain a lot of skills. You're helping yourself while helping others. It's a great way for young people to meet and make connections."

A big thanks to Rachel for being such a devoted volunteer and friend to Habitat.



Alex Chudik: ReStore Volunteer Support Intern

For the past seven months, Habitat has had the pleasure of working with ReStore Volunteer Support Intern, Alex. Alex is a sophomore at Ohio State with dreams to one day start her own non-profit organization and we here at Habitat think she has what it takes!

Alex was called to Habitat by her love of non-profits, and passion for our mission. Her initial tasks were to enter and track ReStore volunteers through our organization database. Since then, she has taken on additional responsibilities, such as working with our volunteer hub to recruit, schedule, and communicate with volunteers.

Alex also has an impressive list of extracurricular activities outside of Habitat. She is a member of Fisher Cares, Alpha Kappa Psi Sorority, Students Consulting for Non-Profit Organizations, and she is the Vice President of Marketing for the Boo Radley Society. When she's not busy making a difference in the world, Alex enjoys running, spending time with friends, and training for Pelotonia.

This will be Alex's last month interning with Habitat. From here, she is off to Australia for a marketing internship, followed by a mission trip in Costa Rica.

Habitat is so grateful to Alex for the work she has done over the past several months and we wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.