

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... Tim Kolodziej and Patti Kenehan!



Tim Kolodziej: Construction Volunteer

In January of 2011, Tim was a retired pharmacist, looking for something to do. He logged on to Habitat's volunteer hub, signed up to be a construction volunteer, and came out to site as a Winter Warrior. From there, Tim started volunteering with Habitat once a week. Nowadays, you can find him volunteering with site lead, Dan Clemens, every Tuesday and Thursday.

Tim says that when he volunteers with Habitat, he's not only helping a deserving family, he's helping himself. He's not the type of person that can sit at home all day and enjoys being active. He takes pride helping others and feels a great sense of accomplishment at the end of each workday.

In his free time, Tim enjoys working around the house, reading, and traveling with his wife. The couple is currently planning trips to the Caribbean, England, Scotland, and Ireland!

When asked if he had any thoughts to share with other volunteers, Tim said, "I'd like to let them know that they don't have to be skilled. We'll help them out and teach them what they need to know, and they'll feel great about it!"



Patti Kenehan: Construction Volunteer

Patti Kenehan belongs to Church of the Resurrection, and when they were looking for volunteers to help on a Habitat build site, Patti jumped at the chance. The first time she volunteered, she was crossing something off her bucket list. It was something she had always wanted to do. She spent her first volunteer day learning the ropes with site lead, Marc Fiore, and got to work side by side with the partner family. That was when she realized she wasn't building a house, she was building a home. Patti enjoyed working with Marc and Habitat so much that she now volunteers once a week.

Outside of Habitat, Patti volunteers for the American Red Cross, and is a member of many ministries at her church. She is a pro when it comes to sewing, creating beautiful quilts and sundresses for needy girls around the world. Patti also enjoys playing golf and is excited to spend time with her son who will be home for Christmas.

Patti's words of wisdom for future volunteers "don't be intimidated if you don't have skills. Volunteering with habitat is so rewarding and feels so good at the end of the day!"