



Ralph Graham –Restore Volunteer, Hiker, Sailor

Ralph began volunteering last summer in the ReStore because he was looking for ways to get involved in his community after he retired. He works in the Restore two times a week, and has made sure that there are always Paint Supplies and Light Duty Tools ready to go for customers visiting the ReStore. He has enjoyed learning about what it takes to be successful in the retail and merchandising business from Casey and Jared. Prior to retirement, Ralph worked as an anesthesiologist, so he was excited to be in a volunteer position that would allow him to be around people every day which was very different from his professional experience.

In his free time, Ralph enjoys sailing his boat down the Scioto River (when Ohio weather permits!). He also enjoys camping and hiking, and often brings along his two dogs to keep him company. When asked what he wished people knew about Habitat MidOhio, he stated that he wished more people understood that “Things go fast in the ReStore, so they have to check back often”. So, make sure you stop in the ReStore at least once a week, and say Hi to Ralph!



Stephanie Agosta- Women Build Construction Volunteer, Runner, Wellness Coordinator

Stephanie began volunteering in August of 2015 on a Women Build site as a “lone ranger”. She immediately made great friends on site and was inspired by the passion and hard work of the other women volunteering. Stephanie stated that she has not only learned practical building skills, but has found a great community of people. She became interested in volunteering with Habitat MidOhio because of her son, Pavel’s, work with Habitat for Humanity as an AmeriCorps member. When asked what keeps her coming back, she said, “The entire time I spend at Habitat I think about those who will be living in the structure we are working on. It is so satisfying.”

As a new empty nester, she has gotten involved in a variety of fun activities. In addition to working full time as a Wellness Coordinator at Denison University, Stephanie finds time to volunteer for the Boys and Girls Granville Cross Country Teams. She has also organized events at Denison University to benefit the American Cancer Society, Project Kirotshe in the Congo and Haiti Earthquake Relief. During her long summers off she plans on spending more time building with Habitat MidOhio. She also enjoys running, hiking, working at the local Democratic Party Club of Licking County and practicing Yoga and Tai Chi Chuan.

When asked what she wished other people knew about Habitat for Humanity, she stated “I would love for people to understand the mission of Habitat for Humanity and understand that with every home, each owner has Sweat Equity in the home itself. The owner will have a

mortgage, like everyone else, and while these homes are built with tremendous volunteer hours, there is contact with the home owners themselves. So much love and care goes into these homes!” Make sure to say Hello to Stephanie if you’re out on a construction site next summer!