



**Barb Stephens- Administrative Support Volunteer, Retired Guidance Counselor, Musician**

After retiring from her career as a Guidance Counselor, Barb was recruited by one of our regular volunteers, Marge Ward, two years ago to volunteer with her at Habitat MidOhio. Barb's come back every Tuesday since then. Barb helps the Family Service Department with returning phone calls, assists in data entry, and helps with other administrative needs in the office. As a natural introvert, she said this role has helped her feel more comfortable speaking with people. Prior to being a guidance counselor, Barb was a computer programmer. As an introvert, she enjoyed working with computers, but after she left that field and entered the education system she found her true passion of helping others. Her work at Habitat MidOhio allows her to continue helping people in her community.

In addition to volunteering at Habitat MidOhio, Barb is an active member of Bethel Presbyterian Church where she volunteers two days a week. She sings in their choir, and is a member of a spiritual folk group which allows her to play the variety of instruments she owns. Some of the instruments she has grown to love playing are the dulcimer, guitar, psaltery, and the harp. Barb is also kept busy visiting her family, which includes 6 grandsons, and she is expecting her fourth great grandchild.

Barb said one of the main reasons she keeps her coming back to volunteer at Habitat MidOhio is because it's fun. She enjoys working with the staff members of the Family Service Department at Habitat MidOhio and likes the opportunity to help others in the community. Barb believes that there is a true need for Habitat MidOhio in this society where "people need help but feel as if they can no longer ask their neighbors for support", and she feels that her volunteer work is helping those people find the support and resources they need.



**Tony Roussos- Construction Volunteer, Father, Toastmaster**

Since 2012, Tony has been volunteering on Habitat MidOhio construction sites. When asked why he continues to volunteer with us, he said he “Loves it” and “Can’t wait to get back on site” every time he leaves. Tony believes in the mission of Habitat for Humanity, and enjoys serving his community while getting to know the great Crew Leads and AmeriCorps members. He wished that people knew how easy it is to get involved with Habitat MidOhio, and that no construction experience is required to volunteer out on a site. Even after 5 years of volunteering with us, Tony still learns something new every time he’s on a site.

Tony is a family man and actively involved in his church. He has three children, and his oldest are twins who will be graduating this year from high school. One is heading off to OSU and the other to the Marines. His youngest is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and in the marching band at Westerville South, and Tony looks forward to spending five more years in the pit crew cheering him on. In his free time, he helps with the children ministry program at his church which serves kindergartners through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. When the weather is nice, he enjoys biking and other outdoor activities. Tony has exciting plans for the summer; he’s already planning a backpacking trip with his son and some friends in addition to celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife. He also hopes to find time to join a soccer league and begin Taekwondo classes again.