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An update to our Habitat community about Covid-19

Our leadership team has been closely monitoring the Covid-19/Coronavirus situation and we believe now is the time for us to do even more to protect you, our team and Habitat partner families, and the wider community we care deeply for. I am writing today to share how we are increasing our efforts to help flatten the curve of this harmful disease in the weeks ahead.

Habitat ReStore's Rockville and Silver Spring

Here's what we are doing.

- We are closing the ReStores starting at 6 PM today until further notice. We will continue to monitor the situation and evaluate our status in the hope that we can open as soon as possible.
- This closure reflects all ReStore operations, including retail shopping, donation drop-offs and pickups, and volunteering. Our staff will continue to work as appropriate to deep clean, disinfect, and organize the stores.

How you can help.

- ReStore is a key part of how we build homes with local families and this downtime will certainly impact that effort. We will urgently need your donated items when we return. If you are planning a donation drop off, please hang onto your items and drop them off when we open again.
- You can continue to request free donation pickups on our website or by calling (301) 926-4104 but please remember that we aren't able to resume pickups until the stores reopen.

Habitat's Office, Build Sites and Volunteers

Here's what we are doing.

- All group builds and general volunteer opportunities on the build sites have been cancelled through the end of March.
- Our main office continues to be closed to the public and all office staff continue to telecommute. If you need to contact staff, please go to habitatmm.org and under Who We Are, you can find each staff members emails to contact them.

Here's how you can help us.

- We urgently need your financial support. As businesses throughout our community are impacted by closures, so are many Habitat homeowners. We are committed to working with each family during this uncertain time, but we need your financial support to sustain that effort. Please consider any financial support possible and [click here](#) to give a gift online or see other ways to give. When you give, you'll help us do more to help them.



Please know that we are constantly monitoring the situation and will update our plans as new details emerge.
Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

John Paukstis
President/CEO

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