



**Habitat**  
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Sequim, Port Angeles, Forks  
Building Homes, Building Lives

## Newsletter

### ReStore Deemed a Success

Three months after opening, organizers are deeming ReStore a success.

The home improvement store, a division of Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County, sells a variety of appliances, cabinets and cupboards, carpets and rugs, doors, electrical supplies, flooring, furniture, garden tools, hardware, fixtures and windows and resells the items below retail prices.

All proceeds, after business expenses, go toward building affordable homes in Clallam County. Business has been so steady that volunteers are considering opening the store a fourth day of the week and possibly adding a delivery service in addition to the existing pick-up service this summer.

ReStore welcomes an average of 130 visitors per day and has received multiple donations from more than 90 individuals and businesses in the community since opening. "It's been a really good start and we are pleased with the response we are getting from the community," said volunteer Jim Taft, former board president. "The demand is there, the need is there and the desire is there for us."

ReStore, after all, does much more than just sell products, said Bob Eichhorn, store manager. He described a program in conjunction with OlyCAP that provides vocational training, skills development and résumé building for students and individuals completing community service requirements through the court system.



*ReStore manager Bob Eichhorn and employee Sarah Ketchum assist a customer.*

Participants are "hired" as volunteers and given on-the-job communication and clerical training.

The only complaint, Taft said, is that the store would benefit from receiving even more donations. "Donations are the fuel that feeds the fire," Eichhorn said. "Without donations, we can't keep doing all that we do."

*written by Ashley Miller*  
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**ReStore**  
**728 East Front St.**  
**Port Angeles, WA 98362**  
**360-417-7543**  
**Open Thursday through Saturday**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

## President's Message

It is my pleasure to serve as this year's president. I am joined by Hal Gilmour, vice president, Werner Beier, treasurer, and Karen Norton, secretary. We also welcome Jon Fager and Steve Landvik to our board. Thanks to the retiring board members and a special thanks to Jim Taft, who served with distinction for six years, the last three as president. We also say thanks and goodbye to Royce Rotmark, our executive director.

The year 2009 will be challenging, but we are off to a great start with the opening of our ReStore at 728 E. Front Street in Port Angeles under the able leadership of our manager, Bob Eichhorn. We appreciate the countless hours given by volunteer staff and the generous donations made by community individuals and businesses.

We have hired a part time construction supervisor to oversee the infrastructure construction at our Maloney Heights' joint project with Serenity House. Together we will make a big dent in the affordable housing needs of our communities.

While we search for our next executive director, we are fortunate to have the talent and experience of Dick Chambers, our former executive director. The need remains for more volunteers to serve on several of our committees and to staff the ReStore as we increase the store's open hours.

With thanks for Christ's work here on earth,



*Rob Onnen, President  
Habitat for Humanity  
Clallam County*

### Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County

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## Farewell to a Friend of Habitat

Royce Rotmark resigned January 1, 2009 as Executive Director of the local affiliate, but will maintain his relationship with Habitat by volunteering in the future. Royce looks forward to spending more time with his family, especially the grandchildren who moved with their parents to Sequim this year. Our best wishes go with Royce.



Please note that we have a new domain name for our web site

[www.habitatclallam.org](http://www.habitatclallam.org)

Email [info@habitatclallam.org](mailto:info@habitatclallam.org)

## Volunteer Spotlight

The 1,500 hours Bill Chisham has amassed working on Habitat houses in Clallam County are not the only hours he has chalked up as a Habitat volunteer.

His Habitat experience started in 2001 when he moved to Oregon following his retirement as Claims Manager for the state of Alaska. He says he became involved because he wanted to volunteer in some way to help the community, “sort of a payback” for the blessings he had received over the years. He brought that motivation with him when he moved to Sequim in 2003.

Bill admits he is not an expert builder. “I’m a utility player who has enough skill to handle most tasks, and I can follow instructions, most of the time,” he says. “I recognize what needs doing, and even know when to seek help.”



He says he likes “the feeling that you are doing something of lasting value that can really help people get a leg up in their lives.” Bill also mentions the great lunches provided by volunteer lunch ladies and “the really great people you work with that become friends.”

“I encourage people I meet to consider volunteering,” he says. “I’ll continue volunteering as long as I have the physical ability and can be useful in some way.”

And we will keep totaling the hours.

*Lounette Templeton*

*Bill Chisham, pictured above with vice-president Hal Gilmour, has written a book about his experiences as a volunteer. Titled **Habitatin for Humanity**, it is available from Amazon or the author. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.*

## Newsletter News

Hello, my name is Gale Nelson and I am the new newsletter editor. Our goal is to publish the newsletter once a month, and we are pleased to be able to offer it via email. If you are willing to receive the newsletter via email, please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter—be sure to include your email address and to check the “via email” box—and then mail it to us.



I welcome your submissions. Feel free to provide articles, photos, inspiring quotes or other items that would be of interest to all of us involved with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County. Please try to get them to me by the 25th of each month. Also, if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please let me know. I can be reached via email at [galen@op2s.com](mailto:galen@op2s.com), or by phone at 360-477-8201.

Thank you!



*“You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.” ~Winston Churchill*

## Volunteer Recognition Potluck Dinner

An evening to recognize our dedicated volunteers was held on January 22, 2009 at the Sequim Community Church. Over 50 folks gathered to socialize, to show appreciation for our wonderful volunteers and to learn more about our affiliate's plans for 2009. Carol Diebold, whose Habitat home was dedicated in November, also attended with her daughter, Cassidy.

Board President, Rob Onnen provided an update of the affiliate's plans for 2009 and introduced board members who were present. Bob Eichhorn, manager of the new HFH ReStore, located at 728 Front Street, Port Angeles, provided an overview of the store and future plans as it contributes to the cause of Habitat. Bob expressed his gratitude to volunteers who have worked since late summer to remodel the facility in which the ReStore is housed, as well as to those currently staffing the store.



Joan Reichardt, Volunteer Coordinator, recognized volunteers for the 2007-2008 calendar years, several who have given over 1,500 hours to Habitat projects. Among the multitude of ways in which these folks have given of their time and talents include: working at building sites, preparing and delivering meals to site workers, serving on committees, volunteering in the affiliate office, serving as Board members, and, of course, helping with the ReStore. Special mention was made of volunteers from three local Lutheran church congregations who worked diligently on two homes built with grants from Thrivent Financial. Some gifts of HFH apparel were presented.

The occasion provided an opportunity for volunteers and their guests to mingle, get to know one another a bit better and share their HFH experiences. It was a time to acknowledge the wonderful work they continue to do. HFH and those families who benefit from the fruits of their labor say, "Thank you, each and every volunteer, for your dedication and generosity."

*Karen Norton*

## Cars for Homes

By donating a car to Habitat's Cars for Homes car donation program, you help Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County build houses in partnership with families in need of decent, affordable shelter.

It is quick and easy to donate cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, construction equipment or other vehicles—running or not! Plus, when you donate your car, your vehicle donation may be eligible for tax deduction purposes if you itemize. (Consult the IRS or your tax advisor for details.)



Call (877) 277-HFHI (4344) toll free, or donate online at [www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org).

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(Be sure to include mailing address and email information above.)

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