



## News Release

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### **Habitat ReStore announces local “What’s your ReStory” contest winner** *Woman renovates entire home with items from Habitat ReStores*

Addison, IL – March 5, 2014 – This past year, Pauline Post purchased a home in Chicago’s western suburbs knowing that although she loved the house, it was going to need a lot of work to truly feel like home. Renovating a single room can quickly drain a budget so Post knew she had to be not only be creative, but resourceful to complete her dream home. It’s this resourcefulness that eventually led her to win Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity ReStore’s number one prize in its “What’s your ReStory” contest, sponsored by [BMO Harris Bank](#) and [New Balance Chicago](#).

“I found out about the ReStory contest through some friends and must have visited every ReStore between here and Wisconsin,” recalled Post. “We found everything from plumbing to light fixtures to stairs. There is no way I could have gotten this far on my budget without ReStore.”

“Pauline’s ReStory stood out because of the sheer scale of her project and what she was able to accomplish on a limited budget,” commented Jim Fessler, DuPage ReStore manager. “It’s a massive undertaking to renovate an entire home and she truly embodies ReStore’s mission to reuse, recycle, and repurpose. We’re excited to see how Pauline’s story will help inspire others to utilize the ReStore to complete their dream homes.”

Post is the recipient of a \$500 MasterCard Gift Card grand prize made possible by sponsor BMO Harris Bank. Other prizes include a \$250 store gift certificate from sponsor New Balance Chicago and a \$100 gift certificate to participating Habitat Restores. View Post’s winning entry here <link to video>.

“DuPage Habitat is wonderful organization that provides so many housing opportunities for those who may not otherwise be able to afford to buy a home,” states Lisa Jarmoszka of BMO Harris Bank. “It’s been exciting to be a part of the ReStory contest and see all the terrific projects people are working on.”

Subsequent “What’s Your ReStory” contests will be held this spring and summer. A panel of BMO Harris Bank, New Balance Chicago Stores and Habitat ReStore representatives will evaluate all entries to determine a winner. Complete contest information can be found on the Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity website [here](#).



### **About Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity's ReStores**

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore facilities are dedicated to helping the environment by repurposing household items and construction materials that would otherwise be thrown out and end up in a landfill. Habitat for Humanity ReStore's main goal is to reuse, recycle and repurpose. Habitat for Humanity ReStore collects, examines and sorts donated items and then sells these materials to the general public at greatly reduced prices. All profit from sales funds the Habitat for Humanity mission. There are eight locations located throughout the Chicagoland area. For more information, please visit <http://www.habitat.org/restore>.

### **About Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity**

Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity (CHFH) was created as an umbrella organization for the eight Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the Chicagoland area, with a goal of significantly increasing the number of families served in the Chicagoland region. Individually, the eight affiliates in the Chicagoland area have not been able to meet the staggering need for housing support in the Chicago metro area. CHFH can leverage capacity building and growth, marketing and advocacy as "one Chicago Habitat for Humanity" by working in collaboration with the eight Chicagoland affiliates. For more information, please visit: <http://www.chicagolandhabitat.org>.

### **About BMO Harris Bank**

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### **About New Balance Chicago**

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