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DUPAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE PROVIDES THE PERFECT PLACE TO START OR FINISH YOUR SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

ADDISON, Ill. – Spring has sprung in Chicagoland, spurring many of us to spruce up our homes after this long, not-so cold winter. Whether it's finally clearing out the garage, finding a new patio set or installing an air conditioning unit for the upcoming warm weather, the DuPage Habitat for Humanity ReStore can be a great resource to help you complete those do-it-yourself home improvement projects.

The DuPage Habitat for Humanity ReStore, which is conveniently located in northwest suburban Addison, opened in July 2011. The store immediately became a hit with area contractors, builders and weekend hobbyists alike. The ReStore has even served as a resource for large-scale building projects such as a charity hospital in the West African country of Sierra Leone.

Closer to home, the ReStore can assist you in getting rid of those items that no longer fit your life and your home, and, on the flip side, with finding that treasure you didn't know you could live without. A constantly updated inventory makes a trip to the ReStore a different experience each and every time. On any given occasion, you can discover a variety of lighting, flooring, appliances, cabinets, windows, tools and much more. And, if you find yourself with extra stuff on your hands this spring, you can drop off the items at the ReStore, or for larger donations, they will pick it up for you!

In honor of the upcoming Earth Day holiday on April 22, you can feel good about what you're doing to help the environment by donating to or shopping at the ReStore. Every year Illinois landfills accumulate more than 15 million tons of waste, which is then replaced by new products. DuPage Habitat for Humanity ReStore gives the public an opportunity to donate usable products to be resold at reduced prices to homeowners and contractors. According to estimates, one ReStore is capable of collecting, selling and respectively diverting anywhere from 30 to 220 tons of material from landfills annually.

The DuPage Habitat for Humanity ReStore is located at 869 S. Rohlwing Rd. in Addison. The store can be found two blocks north of North Avenue on the east side of the street. The ReStore hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Donations can be dropped off Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call the ReStore at 630.517.2080 for more information or visit <http://www.dupagehabitat.org/ReStore/>.

About DuPage Habitat for Humanity

DuPage Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. DuPage Habitat serves DuPage County, Illinois and works in partnership with people in need to build modest and affordable housing by building and renovating houses using donated materials and volunteer labor. These houses are then sold to limited-income families needing decent shelter. Those who qualify must demonstrate their commitment to home ownership by investing 250 hours of sweat equity and repaying the cost of their house through a no-interest long-term loan. This "giving a hand up—not a hand out" approach gives families pride in their accomplishment of homeownership. For further information please visit www.dupagehabitat.org.

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DuPage Habitat for Humanity introduced its ReStore in July 2011. The facility is 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 the sales funds the DuPage Habitat mission. For more information, visit <http://www.dupagehabitat.org/ReStore/>.

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