

Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County

Celebrating 40 years

Building homes, communities, and hope!





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The ReStore is more than just a place to find great deals on new and gently used furniture, appliances, and building materials. Since 2003, from our humble beginnings in a small garage, the ReStore has been keeping usable home and building materials out of the waste stream while helping local families build everyday security and dreams for the future.

When you support the ReStore, it's a win-win for both you and our community — every purchase helps to fund Habitat's local work; currently a four-home build in the heart of downtown Sebastopol.

Roaming around and soaking in all the great items available is just the beginning. It's the friendly and caring staff that helps make Habitat of Sonoma County ReStore the Bohemian's 2023 Best of the North Bay—Best Resale Store (4) years in a row.

Stop by and shop at our 28,000 sq. ft. store located at 1201 Piner Rd., #500, Santa Rosa and help support affordable homeownership opportunities for families in Sonoma County. Together, we're moving closer to a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Giving back has never felt so good!



You never know what you might find at Habitat for Humanity ReStore – that's why it's a fun and fabulous treasure hunt. Furniture for sale at Habitat ReStore is in great condition as is, but some pieces that are perceived as outdated may get overlooked. That's where the creative DIYer can find their best inspiration.

With a little ingenuity and elbow grease, you can transform almost any piece of furniture into something completely different, completely fun and completely exciting.

Of course, when purchasing used furniture – even at great ReStore prices – you should consider the whole piece, your furniture needs and your own abilities if you plan on turning it into your next DIY upcycle project.

# Beauty is.....

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and sometimes the beholder isn't buying the beast. Normally, furniture flies out of the ReStore as quickly as it comes in, but sometimes a piece sits a little longer, begging for a little makeover magic.

### (Check out our ReStore for DIY supplies. We have paint, brushes, and .....)

That was the case with a small entertainment center at our sister affiliate in Portland. It was a solid piece, but its dated style was causing it to be overlooked by shoppers even after a price reduction. Inspired by Pinterest, we began imagining the DIY transformation possibilities.

They modified the small entertainment center into a laundry cabinet.





By adding shelves, a rod for hanging clothes, and painting it in cheerful spring shades, this entertainment center was transformed into a laundry center! Placing coordinated hangers, clothes, colorful boxes, laundry detergent and a basket labeled "Odd Socks" completes the look.

Visitors loved the effect, and it was quickly sold. Where better to purchase an affordable palette for creative endeavors than the Habitat for Humanity ReStore?

#### habitatsoco.org/restore/

1201 Piner Road, Suite 500 (Piner & Industrial Drive) Santa Rosa— (707) 568-3228

**Hours of Operation:** 

Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9am-5pm Sunday: Closed **Donations:** 

Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm







## **Forbes Advisor selects Habitat**

Cars for Homes program as #5 top charity to donate your car to.

Why they picked Habitat—Habitat for Humanity accepts donated cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, farm equipment and construction equipment.

**#5 Habitat for Humanity** 





# **Habitat for Humanity Continues to Advocate**

Last week, representatives from Habitat affiliates across California met in



Sacramento for the 13th Annual Advocacy Days. Nearly 80 Habitat leaders met with our elected officials and shared our stories, challenges, and what they can do to help our affiliate provide life-changing opportunities for affordable homeownership!

Become an ADVOCATE for affordable homeownership - I want to advocate for affordable homeownership.



# Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County Earns a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

Habitat of Sonoma County is proud to announce that its strong financial health and ongoing accountability and transparency has earned a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator. This rating designates Habitat of Sonoma County as an official "Give with Confidence" charity, indicating that our organization is using its donations effectively based on Charity Navigator's criteria. Charity Navigator is America's largest and most-utilized independent charity evaluator. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 11 million donors annually.

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Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators, referred to as beacons. Currently, nonprofits can earn scores for the Impact & Results, Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community, and Leadership & Adaptability beacons.

"We are delighted to provide
Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma
County with third-party
accreditation that validates their
operational excellence," said
Michael Thatcher, President, and
CEO of Charity Navigator. "The
Four-Star Rating is the highest
possible rating an organization can
achieve. We are eager to see the
good work that Habitat for
Humanity of Sonoma County is able
to accomplish in the years ahead."

"Our Four-Star Charity Navigator is further validation that our supporters can trust our commitment to good governance and financial health," said Habitat of Sonoma County Board Chair Dr. Doug Garrison. "We hope that it will introduce our work to new supporters who can help us advance our mission to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope."

Habitat of Sonoma County's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge. <u>charitynavigator.org</u>.

# Become a monthly donor and make a difference!

















# **DONATE**

# **VOLUNTEER**





### **Become a Habitat Partner**

Join Habitat partners such as Medtronic, Friedman Brothers, Poppy Bank, just to name a few, in supporting home builds.

For partnership opportunities, please contact Jacqui Salyer @ <a href="mailto:j.salyer@habitatsoco.org">j.salyer@habitatsoco.org</a>.



### Volunteer

- Volunteer at ReStore Habitat of Sonoma County's retail outlet benefiting Habitat's programs.
- Support Volunteers Office volunteers, ambassador volunteers, grant writing.

Contact us at <u>vol-</u> <u>email@habitatsoco.org.</u>



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