



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OCTOBER 16

Contact:

Rebecca Lee

rlee@habitatnycwc.org

646.779.8894

Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County Launches New Flagship ReStore in Yonkers with Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting on October 13, Raising \$43,000 for Housing Justice

YONKERS, NEW YORK (October 16, 2023) [Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County](#) (Habitat NYC and Westchester) volunteers, board members, as well as local community leaders gathered in Yonkers on Friday, October 13 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the non-profit's regional flagship [ReStore](#) retail location at 470 Nepperhan Ave.

Spanning 8,400-square-feet, this newest ReStore, the store that builds homes and reduces waste, features gently-used and new overstock and second-hand items for the home, such as furniture, appliances, art, home décor, and building materials, at 50 to 80 percent off their original retail prices. Proceeds from sales directly benefit Habitat's efforts to build and preserve homes for people in need.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to serve this thriving, diverse and unique county and are so grateful for the support of the local community on this journey." said Habitat NYC and Westchester CEO, Karen Haycox. "New York City and Westchester are intrinsically linked—by communities, by commuter rail lines, and sadly, by a worsening housing crisis. This ReStore will support our shared mission to advance equitable housing opportunities that enable families in our region to have a safe, stable, affordable place to call home."

ReStore merchandise is [donated](#) by individuals, local contractors, home improvement specialists, architects and corporate donors. The store accepts drop-off donations and conducts pick-ups from donors' homes or storage locations.

The Yonkers ReStore is the second retail outlet opened by the Habitat NYC and Westchester affiliate, following in the footsteps of the New York City ReStore located on Northern Blvd in Woodside, Queens. Since its opening in 2015, the Queens ReStore alone has diverted an estimated 2,854 tons of waste from the landfill and is a favorite spot for bargain-hunters and [treasure-seekers](#) across the region.

"We're so thrilled to launch an exciting new, sustainability-focused retail destination here in the heart of Yonkers." said Habitat NYC and Westchester VP of ReStore Operations, Leslie Williams. "We're delighted to create both employment and volunteer opportunities within the community. And our donation pick-up services will enable residents across Westchester who are renovating, downsizing, or decluttering, to donate their household items with complete ease."

In addition to offering discounted appliances and home goods, the Yonkers ReStore will also host special events, workshops, DIY classes and opportunities for volunteers and housing advocates to directly support Habitat's housing mission. On November 14, Habitat NYC and Westchester will celebrate their signature annual fundraising gala, the [Habitat House Party](#), with two exceptional events in New York City and Westchester County. Honoring local leaders and volunteers, the Westchester reception will be hosted at the Yonkers ReStore, culminating in a thrilling live auction and retail experience with shoppable vignettes..

Since its founding in 1984, Habitat NYC and Westchester has served over 2,400 families through its homebuilding and housing preservation programs, and revitalized more than 200 community spaces. Most recently Westchester Habitat, the local chapter organization of Habitat NYC and Westchester, has launched three programs to support seniors [aging in place](#), homeowners seeking to create [accessory apartments](#), and residents affected by recent [extreme weather events](#).

"I am thrilled to join Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County in celebrating the grand opening of their flagship ReStore in Yonkers, a part of my district. Habitat's commitment to equitable housing opportunities aligns with our shared mission to ensure that every family in our region has a safe, affordable, and now, a well-furnished and decorated, place to call home. I applaud CEO Karen Haycox and the Habitat team for their dedication in making this initiative a reality for our community." said Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

"Thank you to Habitat for Humanity for choosing our City as the home of its flagship store in the region. Yonkers is truly a volunteer City. When the community is in need, we step up. This store will provide volunteer opportunities, donation opportunities, but most of all, help our families with basic needs to feel more at home." said Mayor Mike Spano, City of Yonkers.

"I look forward to Habitat for Humanity's opening of their Yonkers Restore in my district. With the store incorporating pieces that are repurposed it educates the community on recycling, and as environmental chair it assists in implementing the city's green initiative." said Yonkers City Council Majority Leader, Tasha Diaz.

The ReStore Grand Opening celebration continues through Saturday, October 14 and includes a community themed volunteer mural painting, food, games, prizes, and discounts.

About Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County

Habitat NYC and Westchester creates, preserves, and advocates for healthy, affordable homes and the generational equity building opportunities that homeownership provides. With the support of volunteers and supporters, we're building a more equitable New York—to address centuries of unjust, racist, housing laws and financing mechanisms that prevented communities of color from entering the homeownership market and shaped the geography of the wealth, health, and education inequality we see today. Learn more at www.habitatnycwc.org and connect with us on social media at [@HabitatNYC_WC](#).

###