

SPOTLIGHT ON HABITAT CORPORATE SPONSOR, MIKE HOOPER



Mike Hooper's construction experience began in his early teen years. It was a fact of life in the Hooper family that all able-bodied males were expected to help with their father's and uncles' building projects. Shortly after he graduated from High School, Mike joined the Army where he continued his construction career managing projects in Korea, Japan, Alaska, Honduras and Costa Rica. In 1994 while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood the Hooper family bought a home in Camdenton where they also lived after his retirement in 1999. At that time he went to work for Ellerman Construction and became the Osage Beach Branch manager in 2005.

Ellerman Construction was established in Osage Beach in 1996. It is a 3rd generation family owned business with corporate headquarters in Kansas City for 78 years. Residential re-roofing is their "bread and butter" though they also do new construction, roofing, remodels, additions, garages, kitchens, baths, decks, gutters, soffit, siding and fascia. Ellerman is the Lake Area's leader in roofing repair.

Ellerman's stated goal: To provide prompt professionalism in dealing with all company matters. We believe that when you take care of your employees, they in return take excellent care of your customers. Our quality workmanship is a result of training, supervision and inspections, which is cyclic in nature. Today after 78 years we continue to strive for improvement.

Habitat for Humanity has been the recipient of Ellerman's roofing expertise on every Habitat Home since 2004. For the first years Ellerman provided the roofing labor but gradually began supplying more materials until they became the sole supplier of roofing labor and materials.

Ellerman also contributes to other local charities, such as Lake Ozark Soccer Association (LOSA), Little League Baseball, Lake Area Christmas for Kids and the annual Tri-County YMCA Three Rivers Run.

Lake of the Ozarks Habitat for Humanity is very grateful for the generosity of Mike Hooper and Ellerman Construction.

HABITAT BOOTH AT PRODUCT AND SERVICES SHOW

Habitat volunteers manned a Booth at the Products Show for the purpose of promoting Habitat awareness and recruiting volunteers.



Pictured above at the Habitat Booth are Volunteers Les and Deanna Nockunas

HABITAT HOMES IN CAMDEN COUNTY

For thirteen years, this affiliate has helped those living in sub-standard housing achieve their dream of home ownership. Volunteer workers partner with individual donors, corporate sponsors, churches and community organizations to construct safe shelter. Habitat for Humanity is not a give-away program. Each family agrees to provide "sweat equity" helping in the construction of their home and then enters into a no-interest mortgage. Since becoming an affiliate of Habitat International in 1997, 15 adults with 31 children have moved into ten homes. They continue the legacy by breaking ground on the eleventh home this spring in Camdenton for a single mother, Ms. Tara Dishman, and her son, Christopher.

DONATE & DEDUCT OR SHOP & SAVE

The affiliate has a ReStore located in the Keystone Business Park on Highway 5 (three miles south of the square on the left), where we sell donated items generating revenue to purchase the materials to construct more homes. Items include doors, windows, vanity tops, cabinets, sinks, appliances, window coverings, paint, hardware, dishes, and much more! Business hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Anything in clean, working condition can be dropped off during business hours and arrangements can be made to have LARGE items picked up by the Habitat truck. Call 573-317-3962 or e-mail h4h@camdenmo.org for more information concerning your tax-deductible donations.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

If you love prowling the aisles at local hardware stores and lumber yards - enjoy fixing and organizing things - or just want to help recycle building materials while supporting adequate housing - the ReStore needs your help!

- ◆ **Cashiers** – Assist customers with sale of merchandise, operate cash register and make change with accuracy. Do some minor cleaning and merchandising when you are not busy at register.
- ◆ **Stockers** – Assist with ReStore duties and stock shelves; also ensure the operational quality and safe use of donated electrical items. Accept and ensure the quality of donations and assist customers with loading and unloading.
- ◆ **Truck Driver** – Drive our 20-foot box truck to pick up large donations. Drivers must have good driving records.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Chris Reth, Volunteer Coordinator at 573-317-1843 or E-mail ChrisReth2@aol.com. Whether it is one or two days a month or a week, your time does make a difference.

MORE RESTORE PERSONAL STORIES

Michael is replacing wiring, insulation and drywall in his family's home due to a pipe bursting during the cold weather of this past winter and causing severe damage. He has bought most of his materials at the ReStore at great discounts. His latest purchases included a bathroom double sink as a 10th anniversary gift for his wife. The 2nd sink will alleviate stress for the couple when getting ready in the mornings.

Gaylene calls herself and her husband "ReStore customers and supporters forever". They are totally renovating their home and have purchased light fixtures, paint, ceramic tiles and grout. They also purchase items for their paintball business. Gaylene has taken up quilting and found books, frames and stuffing for her new hobby. They donate items to the store as well as purchase.

Both Michael and Gaylene are frequent visitors at the ReStore.

IF YOU'RE DOING ANY REMODELING, REPAIRING OR REDECORATING THIS SPRING, CHECK OUT THE RESTORE FIRST FOR YOUR MATERIALS!!!

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INK JET/CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Next time you have an empty ink jet or toner cartridge, please don't throw it away - drop it off at the ReStore, any area church or at First National Bank in Camden and the affiliate will be paid up to \$5 per cartridge and you help to save the planet in the process! Tell all your friends, too!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO QUALIFIES FOR A HABITAT HOME?

Criteria for qualifying for a Habitat Home:

- ◆ Applicants income should not exceed 50% of Camden County Median Income.
- ◆ Applicant should have satisfactory credit. Negative factors should be able to be explained and/or corrected.
- ◆ Applicant must show the ability to make house payment.
- ◆ Applicant must be able to make a down payment of approximately \$750. (They are given a year to save for this and the money is then applied towards their first year of home owners insurance.)
- ◆ Applicant's current housing situation is unsatisfactory.
- ◆ Applicant is willing to partner with Habitat by providing "sweat equity."

If you know of a family who might qualify, please contact Habitat Family Selection Chair, Debbie Bunkowski at: 573-374-2565

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

When you lend a hand to Habitat as a volunteer, or contributor, you partner with us and hundreds of other people to continue to provide decent affordable housing for families whose dream of home ownership is met. And you partner with them as these families provide sweat equity in the houses they will occupy. Here are a few things you may not know:

1. In spite of economic ills, Habitat assisted 61,000 families world-wide in 2009.
2. Since 1976, Habitat has assisted 1.76 million people to live in decent housing.
3. Ten percent of all money contributed for housing here at the Lake is sent to Habitat International as our tithe. To date this affiliate has contributed \$68,749 to Habitat International meaning we have helped nearly 20 families abroad find housing in addition to the ten families locally. Our contributions have gone mostly to Northern Ireland and currently to Madagascar .
4. The Lake of the Ozarks Habitat affiliate is ranked among the top 25 affiliates of similar size in the USA . This means when you contribute to Habitat, you are part of a team effort that involves countless people locally and helpful people around the globe. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Ron Roberts

GOODBYE TO HEATHER ANN HAYNES

January 9, 1967 - January 18, 2010



*Pictured above back left to right: Seleste, Heather
Front: Melissa, Jonathon*

Heather Haynes and her children, Seleste, Jonathon, and Melissa were selected as Habitat's 7th partner family in 2006. They moved into their Habitat home in 2006 and lived there for 3 years before Heather died suddenly on January 18, at age 43. Our hearts go out to Heather's family.

Heather's Mom and her oldest daughter, Seleste,

have become the caregivers for the two younger children.

Heather had been enthusiastic about getting involved in the new Habitat **Yard of the Month** contest for all interested partner families. A prize is given to the family whose landscaping is judged to be the most attractive that month. Heather loved plants and flowers. In her memory, Heather's children will plant a tree in their front yard this spring.

If you would like to help the family financially, you can write a check and drop it off at any First National Bank location. Checks should be payable to "Heather Haynes Memorial Fund" and ask the bank teller that it be given to Doug Horman, Habitat Board Member and First National Bank Vice President.

BECOME A HABITAT DONOR

Make a 1-time, monthly or yearly donation by mailing your check made payable to Lake of the Ozarks Habitat For Humanity, 1 Court Circle, Ste. 16, Camdenton, MO 65020 or visit our website to make a secured on-line donation. If you own a business and are interested in supplying building materials, please contact Omer West at 573-346-1753 or omerwest@charter.net.

CHURCHES - GET INVOLVED

Churches and their Representatives are invited to the annual Construction Kick Off meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 10:00 AM at the Camdenton United Methodist Church.

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