



1423 E. Linwood Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64109  
816-924-1096  
www.habitatkc.org

**For Immediate Release**

---

**To increase donations and awareness, Lowe's partners with Kansas City Habitat ReStore**  
*Remote drop off site established to promote building material donations*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (June 10, 2009) Beginning June 13, 2009 and continuing every second Saturday thereafter, the South Kansas City Lowe's store, located at 133rd and State Line Rd., will act as remote building material donation drop off site for Kansas City Habitat ReStore. ReStore will have a collection truck and several staff members in the Lowe's parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., screening donations and answering questions about the ReStore mission.

"Our store location has always been a barrier to those on the south side of the city," explains Don Reck, director of Kansas City Habitat ReStore. "Many people who have small items to donate may not be able to make the long drive to the east bottoms and our free collection service is restricted to bulk items and business donors. Because of the generous partnership of the South KC Lowe's, we are able to provide another resource for families and individuals to donate their usable building materials and support our mission."

All donations must meet some basic requirements:

- **Residential:** Must be intended for use in or have application in residential construction, improvement, or maintenance. Nothing labeled or specifically configured for industrial, professional, or commercial use only.
- **Structural:** Must be structurally sound to perform its intended use. Nothing broken, missing, worn-out, or otherwise 'falling apart.'
- **Functional:** Must operate in a way so that it can perform its intended function. No disabling damage, nonfunctioning components, or in any way inoperable.
- **Cosmetic:** Must have an appearance acceptable to the general public to perform its intended use. This may include alterations, certain damage, excessive dirt or other visible lack of maintenance/upkeep, being 'outdated' and not 'in demand,' and the like.

More information about the ReStore program, in addition to a criteria list for donating specific items, can be found at the ReStore website, [www.restorekc.org](http://www.restorekc.org), under the "donate" tab.

**About Kansas City Habitat ReStore:**

KC ReStore was created as a fund raising branch of Habitat for Humanity Kansas City. In addition to raising more than \$1 million through sales to support Habitat for Humanity's mission of eliminating substandard housing in the Kansas City community, Habitat ReStore has diverted 14,000 tons of material from the waste stream.

Through programs such as Deconstruction Services, Habitat ReStore has given its neighbors an environmentally conscious alternative to demolition and remodeling. This process of hand dismantling allows homeowners to donate salvaged materials to ReStore while making room for a whole or partial house remodel. Homeowners receive a tax benefit as a result of the donation and ReStore gains building materials to be put back into the community. Shoppers reap the benefits of these donations and because of deeply discounted prices, are able to make their dollars stretch farther. Habitat ReStore creates a winning environment for everyone involved.

**About Habitat for Humanity Kansas City:**

Habitat for Humanity Kansas City is the seventh affiliate of Habitat International and one of three affiliates operating in the metro area. Habitat Kansas City was founded in 1979 by John and Mary Pritchard as a Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing within the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri. Through volunteer labor and both monetary and material donations, Habitat KC builds and rehabilitates basic, decent houses with the help of partner families in need. The houses are then sold to these partner families at no profit with a no interest mortgage. In 30 years, Habitat Kansas City has built more than 200 houses and rehabilitated many more, providing quality housing for hundreds of families in our community.

###

**Contact:**

Rebecca Dye  
Marketing & Public Relations  
Office: 816-924-1096  
Mobile: 816-365-0624  
Email – [Rebecca@habitatkc.org](mailto:Rebecca@habitatkc.org)