



THE RED CHAIR TIMES

Stories of Turning Empty Houses into Homes

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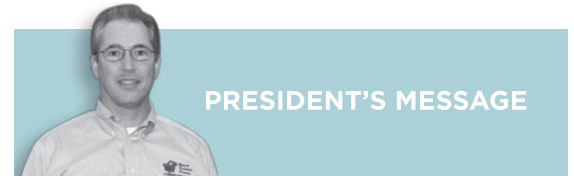
Glenn Dickey and Connie Waite Named Volunteers of the Year

Glenn has been an active volunteer in the Furniture Bank's workshop since the beginning of the organization's furniture assembly program. In 2010 alone, he devoted more than 800 hours of his time doing everything from cleaning the shop to trucking lumber to teaching elementary school kids how to assemble furniture.

Glenn, second from left in the photo, is shown accepting his award with Jim Stein, President of the Furniture Bank, left, wife Barbara, and Sean Becker, Community Relations Manager.

Volunteer of the Year Award co-recipient Connie Waite also dedicated over 800 hours of service to the Furniture Bank in 2010. Connie devoted most of her time to fundraising activities, mainly by organizing furniture auctions and tag sales. Her efforts on behalf of the Furniture Bank over the past several years have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Congratulations to these two worthy winners for their dedication to service and commitment to making the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio a place where great things happen every day!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer in Central Ohio has been hot and humid. It is hard to believe we were sliding around on icy streets just a few short months ago, but the seasons keep rolling along. Now it is already back-to-school time. As the kids head back to classes, it's a good time for us to reflect on why we do what we do.

We are in the business of "turning empty houses into homes." But what does that mean? In this newsletter you will discover what that means to a single father and his daughter. You will find out how Honda of America Mfg. helped make a mountain of furniture for families to make stories like theirs possible.

As summer gives way to fall, we know that the holidays are just around the corner. For everyone at the Furniture Bank, that means our annual "Tables for Thanksgiving" campaign will be kicking off soon. This year we want to do more than provide the furniture—we want to set our clients' tables, too. How can we do that? With your help, of course. Just follow the lead of the sixth-grade students that you will read about in this issue.

Finally, take another look at that story about the single father and his daughter. We can't think of a better reason to come to work every day. When you have finished reading this newsletter, please pass it on to a friend. Encourage them to donate furniture, time, or financial resources to help bring smiles to our clients' faces. We will be glad to share those happy moments with you in the next issue.

A New Bed—A New Beginning



An empty bedroom is not much to smile about.

Recently a single father and his 12-year-old daughter visited us at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. The two had been living with friends and family members for months. After moving frequently from place to place, they finally got their own home. Unfortunately, they had nothing to put in it—their new home was an empty shell.

Thanks to the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, that was a temporary situation. During their appointment at the Furniture Bank, the father and daughter got everything they needed to start over again. They received a stove, a refrigerator, two beds, a dresser, a sofa, a living room chair, and coffee and end tables.

With the school year fast approaching, this young student will have a bed to sleep in so she can get a good night's sleep. These two people in need were able to truly make their empty house into a home. And that helps us sleep a little better at night, too.

To find out more about the families we serve, visit our website at www.FurnitureBankCOH.org.

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Honda Heroes Fill Trucks With Furniture

Throughout the month of June and into early July, we were cutting, painting, and prepping parts for kitchen tables, coffee tables, and end tables. Lots of them. Why? Because our friends at Honda of America Mfg. set aside some time to assemble some furniture for our families.

How much time? Oh, only about 1,300 hours or so. At the Furniture Bank's Columbus facility and on location at their plant in Marysville, our Honda volunteers carried, cut, routed, painted, prepped, and put together over 600 pieces of furniture.

How much furniture is that? Only about 5 semi trailers full. Thank you to the many Honda associates who participated in this big building project. Your time and dedication prove that you are truly "Honda Heroes" to Furniture Bank families!

You can see all of the Honda volunteers in action on our website. Visit <http://furnbankcoh.wordpress.com/> to view the entire photo gallery.



Honda volunteers pause for a picture after a day's work in our shop.

Sixth Graders Make Furniture Bank Deposit

Early in June, St. Brigid of Kildare's sixth grade classes made a huge contribution to the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. As the school year was winding down, the students were looking for a service project they could complete in a few weeks' time. We had the perfect solution—a housewares drive!

The students collected towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, new pillows, dishes, pots and pans and all kinds of other household goods to stock our shelves. On the mornings of June 3rd and 6th, they brought everything to the Furniture Bank and piled it high on the conference room tables. Next, they sorted and labeled everything. Finally, group members stocked the shelves in our housewares section.

One teacher described the experience as "one of the best things I have done as a teacher." The feeling is mutual—it was one of the most fun volunteer groups we have ever had! Thanks to the teachers, parents, and especially the sixth grade students at St. Brigid of Kildare School for helping us turn empty houses into homes!



St. Brigid students sort and label housewares donations before stocking the shelves.

Is your school, church, or civic group looking for a service project? Call Community Relations Manager Sean Becker at 614-272-9544 x212 or e-mail sbecker@FurnitureBankCOH.org to find out how you can help.

Thanksgiving **WITHOUT** a Kitchen Table . . .



YOU can help change that for families and individuals living in extreme poverty this year.

This is our 8th year of helping

TABLES FOR THANKSGIVING

Assemble Kitchen Tables



- * Groups of up to 12 volunteers, or individuals
- * Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm; Sat by appointment
- * 2 volunteers can assemble a table in 45 minutes
- * 1 volunteer can paint a table in 30 minutes
- * Sign up early, space limited

Donate or Collect Table Settings



- * Dishes, Flatware, Linens
- * Place-settings of 4 appreciated, in boxes preferred
- * Organize a collection drive at your church, school, civic organization, etc.
- * Please bring donations to the Furniture Bank - Drop-off times - Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Deliver Tables to Families



- * 150 volunteers needed; sign up early, space limited
- * Teams of 2 or 3 volunteers; 2-3 hour commitment
- * Nov. 1st - Nov. 23rd; Monday through Friday, start times - 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm
- * Volunteers must be able to move furniture items (lift 30-50 pounds)

Make a \$\$ Donation



- * Any donation amount is very much appreciated
- * \$240 is our average cost to provide 12-14 pieces of furniture to a family in need



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an e-mail to sbecker@FurnitureBankCOH.org and ask to be added to the e-mailing list.

Save the Date: Tag Sale August 13th!!! 9am to 12 Noon

NEW LOCATION!

**2221 John Glenn Ave.
Columbus, OH 43217**

Redecorating the den? Giving the master bedroom a makeover? New, name-brand furniture and furnishings priced to sell! Check our website at www.FurnitureBankCOH.org to see preview pictures of hundreds of items! Want to volunteer? Contact Community Relations Manager Sean Becker at 614-272-9544 x212 or sbecker@FurnitureBankCOH.org to find out how



FURNITURE TAG SALE...Saturday, August 13, 2011 — New Location!!!

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