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September — October 2015 Newsletter



Fall at ReStore: Message from the Directors

Fall brings a whole new set of programs and activities to ReStore. We look forward to the **Harvest and Herb festival** (September 19). As former Adaites come back to town for the festival, we get to see old and new friends. (Be sure to stop by for ReStore's free root beer floats during the festival!) And at **Thanksgiving**, we bring the community together for a shared feast.

ReStore values **your involvement**. Call us, stop by, or join us for a Tuesday Crockpot. Together, we can continue to build our community.

--Dana Walters, executive director, and Robert Kanzig, assistant director

Profile: Volunteering for Kids: Calvin Fisher



A cake thanking Calvin Fisher features messages from kids participating in Picnic in the Park.

When Calvin Fisher drives around Ada, kids often recognize him. That's because for three years, he has helped run ReStore's Picnic in the Park, which provides children with food and activities throughout the summer. "So I know a lot of the kids in the area," said Calvin.

Picnic in the Park answers a need: "The year's attendance was the most that we've had," said Calvin. And with water days and pizza days (courtesy of Padrone's), everyone has fun. "The kids all say I'm a really good cook," says Calvin.

Calvin moved to Ada from Wapakoneta four years ago and began volunteering with ReStore. "Anything we ask him to do, he just jumps in there and does it," says ReStore director Dana Walters.

For Calvin, ReStore has been a way to make a difference. "ReStore helps people," says Calvin. "Not only kids, but also people with electricity bills and food. I wish we could get more people involved: I want people to come up and see what we do."

Giving at ReStore: Ways to Help the Community

ReStore is all about sharing. Here are some of the initiatives we have underway, and ways you can get involved.

A Crockpot for Amelia

Please join us on September 29, 4-6 pm, as ReStore hosts a special Crockpot Tuesday, with proceeds going to four-year old Ada resident Amelia Griffin. Amelia has Stage 4 leukemia. Funds collected by ReStore will support her and her family.



Special thanks to Padrone's for providing food for the Crockpot, and to sororities Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta for serving.

Marco's Closet Guidelines

Marco's Closet at ReStore offers the community a fantastic selection of gently used clothes and household goods, donated by generous members of the Ada community.

To help us operate as well as possible, **please follow these guidelines in making donations:**

- No mattresses, box springs, pillows, linens or stuffed toys
- **Everything** clean and without stains or damage.



Join the Campaign to Replace ReStore's Floor

ReStore's floor is no longer safe, and must be replaced.

Thanks to our generous community, as of September 1, 2015, our floor fund stands at \$8264.19 toward our goal of \$15,000.00

But, the ReStore floor still needs your help.

Please make a donation now, to rebuild ReStore's foundation. Send a check to ReStore earmarked for the floor campaign, or donate at Quest Federal Credit Union.

A Look Back at Summer

ReStore sponsored the Ada farmer's market this summer, at the Depot. Vendors sold everything from crafts to cupcakes to cucumbers.

"The Farmer's market went well," said Dana Walters, "but we would have liked more vendors to take part. We did it for the Ada community. I think it is a good opportunity for the community to buy from people who work hard to grow the items; it is a win - win situation. Thanks to all who participated."

One regular vendor was Robyn Newland, age 11, who sold lemonade and different cookies, from no-bakes to chocolate chips. The best part, she said, was "getting to see a whole bunch of people."



Farmer's market vendor Robyn Newland

Stop by! ReStore's hours are: Mon 12-4 PM | Tues 12-6 PM (community dinner 4-6 PM) | Wed 12-6 PM | Thurs 12-6 PM | Fri 12-4 | and (new!) Saturday 11-3.