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Habitat Announces ReStore ReGrand ReOpening

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity is inviting the public to its **Christmas Open House at 315 W. Holland Ave. (corner of N. Hamilton) on Friday, November 17 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** The event coincides with PRIDE in Saginaw's annual Holidays in the Heart of the City celebration. It will feature the ReGrand ReOpening for Saginaw Habitat for Humanity's (SHFH) retail store, ReStore Saginaw. Instead of the usual ribbon-cutting ceremony, the festivities will feature a board-cutting ceremony.

Generous donations from the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, Arnold & Gertrude Boutell Memorial Foundation, Wolohan Family Foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation, Dow Corning Foundation, Morley Foundation, Frank N. Andersen Foundation, Wickson-Link Foundation, Charles & Adeline Barth Foundation, Nickless Foundation, and others have allowed Habitat to purchase the former Saginaw Kitchen & Bath building and consolidate its construction, administration and ReStore operations into one facility for the first time ever.

ReStore Saginaw, established in 2003, is a way of recycling and raising money for operational expenses of Saginaw Habitat for Humanity. It is staffed with mostly volunteer labor to sell cabinets, windows, screens, doors, fixtures, and lighting units culled or donated from remodeling projects or house demolitions; donated close-out items from home supply stores ranging from tools to wallpaper to paint; and left-over or extra materials like roofing, siding and floor covering from groups like the Home Builders Association. The gathered goods are then sold at 50% or more off their value.

The ReStore phone number is 754-9435. Currently, store hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Wednesdays.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has built over 200,000 houses in over 90 countries in its 30-year history. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 137 houses since its founding in 1987. Donations are tax-deductible.