

Dear Friends,

We Need Your Help to Keep Our Doors Open!

As the year comes to an end, we need your help more than ever. Many families in East Linn County need affordable homes and repairs, but we don't have enough money to keep going without your support. We want to keep helping our neighbors, but we need your help to reach our goal by the end of this year.

The Problem: More Families Need Help, But Costs Are Rising

There are more families than ever needing affordable homes and repairs, but it's hard for us to keep up. This year, the costs of building and fixing homes have gone up a lot. We've also lost some income from our ReStore, where we sell donated items to raise money. Because of this, we need some additional funds to put some fences up and lay sod to get our partner family in their new home for the holidays. We've also had to let go of some staff members. We can't do this important work without your support.

How You Can Help: Easy Ways to Make a Difference

To raise money, we are hosting a Holiday Hope Corner at our ReStore and for a minimum \$25 donation, you can select a holiday gift on us! We are also opening an online store from Black Friday to Cyber Monday. And, we have three fundraising events planned before the end of the year: two at Panda Express (Nov 29 and Dec 31) and Holiday Bingo at Tallman Brewing (Dec 22). Plus, we're offering special discounts for people who work in jobs that need wholesale items to help us raise more money. But we still need more help from kind people like you.

Why Your Help Matters: The Good We Do Together

Your donation helps us build homes and change lives. Here's how:

- **Affordable Repairs:** We helped an older person living on social security get a new refrigerator at our ReStore and it cost a much lower price than buying a new one.
- **Helping People with Disabilities:** We build ramps so people in wheelchairs or with other disabilities can get in and out of their homes independently and without requiring outside assistance.
- **Helping Families Stay in Their Homes:** We take donations of items like sinks, stoves, doors, and windows from businesses and people like you. This helps families fix their homes without spending too much money.

And on a lighter note – while some may think our new homes are built from old or new but mismatched materials (left photo), the reality is far different. Take a look at the kitchen in our latest home, made possible directly by your support!



A Call for Help: Please Support Us!

We are at an important moment. With your donation, we can meet our goal and keep helping people in need. Every dollar you give will help us keep our doors open to serve our community and make a difference in someone's life.

Thank you again for your help during this important time. Together, we can do something special for our community!

Warmly,

Kristina Breshears

Executive Director