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Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties (Habitat MontDelco) to Open One of the Nation's Largest ReStores

New Leadership Promises Transformative Thrifting Experience, Expanding Community Impact

NORTH WALES, PA – May 28, 2025 – The rumors are true! While the 2nd Avenue Thrift Store in the Montgomery Commons Shopping Center will be closing its doors, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties is thrilled to announce that we have officially signed a lease to bring a brand-new expanded Habitat for Humanity ReStore to that very same location at 1200 Welsh Rd, North Wales, PA 19454. Our existing ReStore located at 533 Foundry Road, West Norriton, will remain open and recently underwent its own expansion.

This new ReStore is going to be one of the largest of its kind in the entire country, designed to be a vibrant new pillar of our community – far more than just another thrift store. We are almost doubling the size of the former 2nd Avenue store, expanding our footprint to include not one, but two storefronts! This will allow for a significantly broader selection of high-quality items, including building materials, furniture, household goods, books, media, electronics, appliances, clothing, and so much more.

The new location marks a bold new direction under new leadership that previously built one of the largest ReStore operations in the country and has joined our affiliate team with a clear





mission: to expand affordable homeownership and home repair opportunities right here in our community. Our personal passion for thrift and community service will guide us in creating a truly world-class thrifting experience.

Get ready for some big changes! Significant construction will soon be underway to transform the space. This includes knocking down walls to combine areas, upgrading lighting and ceiling grids, installing a dedicated and convenient drop-off and pickup area in the back, and completely replacing and upgrading the floor.

In the meantime, we'll be actively hiring and looking for volunteer support to help us build this incredible new venture, and you can anticipate more information on these developments through our social media and website. Most importantly, the success of this ReStore will rely on the community's generous donations and support to stock our shelves.

Get ready for a vibrant new chapter in thrifting and community support! We can't wait to welcome you. Stay tuned for grand opening details! We'll share more details about our grand opening timing once construction is nearing completion, but we anticipate a Fall 2025 opening. Habitat MontDelco ReStore relies on the generous donations of new and gently used household items, building supplies, and furniture to help Habitat create homeownership opportunities in your community. To arrange a pickup of a donation, visit <u>https://www.Habitatmontdelco.org/</u> or call us at 610-631-3149. In addition to residential donations, we also partner with corporations and can scale to meet any businesses need through our expanded network of Restores. All donations are tax deductible.

About Habitat for Humanity ReStores

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell building materials, appliances, new and gently used furniture, and home accessories at a fraction of the retail price. In fiscal year 2024 alone, Habitat ReStores raised over \$142 million to help support Habitat's mission while also diverting reusable material from landfills. With more than 1,000 stores in eight countries, Habitat ReStores use their proceeds to help build or improve homes locally and around the world. To shop, donate, or volunteer, visit Habitat.org/restores. Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties (Habitat MontDelco) is driving its ReStore program forward with ambitious plans for growth. Under new leadership, Habitat MontDelco is launching a flagship anchor ReStore in the Montgomery Commons shopping center (Montgomery Township), overcoming past location-related challenges and setting the stage for expansion. This store, projected to be among the largest nationally, is the first step in a five-year goal to establish at least six ReStore locations across Montgomery and Delaware Counties. Every purchase and donation at a Habitat MontDelco ReStore directly supports the organization's mission, with net proceeds funding affordable homeownership and critical home repair programs throughout the local community.



About Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties ("HFHMDC") has dedicated over 35 years to providing affordable homeownership opportunities and other supportive services for income-qualified households across Montgomery and Delaware Counties. Since our inception in 1989, we have provided 112 affordable mortgages and have served over 250 owner-occupied households through the provision of critical health, safety, and accessibility repairs. Our work prioritizes veterans, older adults, and individuals living with disabilities, supporting their ability to age in place with dignity and independence. Looking ahead, our affiliate has been awarded nearly \$10,000,000.00 over the next 3-6 years. While these funds are beneficial, they are limited to specific uses, predominantly for capital expenses in these areas, such as the building of new housing units and the repair and rehabilitation of existing ones.

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