



OLD COLONY HABITAT FOR  
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# Old Colony Builds

## Volunteer Spotlight

*Ron Tremper*

**A volunteer for all occasions**

You don't have to go too far to get a sense of the significant impact Ron Tremper has on Old Colony Habitat. Whether working at the ReStore, helping to finish a Brush with Kindness project, or taking the lead as a crew leader at our next Partner family house build, Ron Tremper is always ready to assist in the effort and to provide the skills and leadership required to complete the job. Ron has been the lead volunteer during the Restore pre-opening renovations and has been instrumental in working to help make the ReStore efficient and effective as it goes into its third month of operations.

Prior to the ReStore initiative, Ron served as a crew leader for the Gude Street house build in Seekonk, taking in significant role on assuring completion of the project.

As we begin our next build in Attleboro, Ron has been the one of the first to volunteer his time and skills. "He is one of the most dedicated and thoughtful volunteers we have" commented an associate.

Ron's dedication to our mission is what volunteering is all about. He is one of those quiet hero's that make it all work!

In addition to being a skilled carpenter, Ron is also an extraordinary teacher. Scores of volunteers have succeeded under his tutelage, benefitting from quiet, thoughtful and nurturing personality. One day, he is working with a group of high school students and the next day Ron is out front helping a customer with repairs to a recently purchased set of chairs. After some time with Ron, everyone leaves the store feeling a little better about the ReStore experience and about their work with Old Colony Habitat. Thanks Ron for all that you do and for helping us all see what is really important.

## The new ReStore Truck is ROLLING!



Wow! Who would have ever guessed that after only three months of operations the Old Colony Habitat ReStore would be driving around in a newly wrapped service truck with what has been defined as a "Killer Design"! Our wonderful truck wrap was the generous gift of **HarborOne Bank**. Our appreciation and thanks to **HarborOne** for their generous gift. *They are Helping Us Fill the Truck!*



# Attleboro House Build Begins'

New Home scheduled for Spring, 2017



Excitement is building among volunteers and leadership these days as Old Colony Habitat begins our next Partner

Family Home build in Attleboro. Work has begun on the three bedroom, two story home with the foundation completed and decking and first floor framing scheduled for the first week in June. The project is located at 88 Holman Street.

The new 1,400 square foot home will be a two story colonial style home with a wonderful full country porch, three bedrooms, living and dining space along with one and a half baths. Project team leaders Carl Adler and Chris Demare anticipate work to continue throughout the summer with an anticipated completion date in early 2017. Build days throughout the summer and fall are Wednesdays and Saturdays,. Volunteers should go to [www.oldcolonyhabitat.org](http://www.oldcolonyhabitat.org) to register.

As in the past, this Habitat house will be built as an ultra-efficient Energy STAR Home. Heating systems, appliances, insulation and construction technique will all meet rigid design and efficiency standards.



***For information on volunteering or supporting this important project, please contact Manny Cunard at [dir@oldcolonyhabitat.org](mailto:dir@oldcolonyhabitat.org) or call 860-316-8827.***



## Partner Family Selected

It was a phone call so many had been waiting for! As soon as the Old Colony Habitat Board reviewed and approved the recommendation of the Family Service Committee, President Bill McKenna called Sandra Hovagimian of North Attleboro and once she realized who was calling, the phone erupted with screams of happiness!

Sandra and her two boys will be helping to build their new home in Attleboro and hope to move in by March of 2017. See our feature story next month on the Hovagimian family.

## Thanks!

Past Board members Glenn Weidner, Mike Piemonte and Joanne Eckhardt were recognized during the Holiday for their long term commitment and dedication to Old Colony Habitat. Together, their collective service to the Board spanned over 25 years! You all deserve a big thank you from so many for so much!



Past President and treasurer Glenn Weidner received plaque from President Bill McKenna

# Brush with Kindness Completes 16th Project

Old Colony Habitat for Humanity has worked hard to translate the priorities and objectives set for the A Brush with Kindness Program to an effective plan of action that brings needed support to families throughout our Bristol and Norfolk County service area. The program began in the fall of 2014 and has been funded through generous contributions from The Peach Pit Foundation, Bristol County Savings Bank, Mansfield Bank, Webster Bank and Rockland Trust Bank. Since its start in November, 2014, Old Colony Brush with Kindness has completed 16 projects for eligible families and has two additional projects scheduled for summer, 2016. Some of our completed projects are noted below:

**A Ramp for Pat in Attleboro.** A call from Attleboro Services for the Elderly initiated our work to provide a new ramp for Pat. A recent amputee resulting from Diabetes, Pat was restricted to her home with no safe way to exit. An old wooden ramp located at the side entrance was rejected by the city for safety reasons and our team prepared the area for the installation of a new all aluminum, code approved ramp. Pat now has easy access to and from her home and is able to continue on with her daily routine and activities.



**Robyn in Norton ... Window and Gutter Repairs.** Robyn lives alone in her small and well-kept home in Norton. Recent eye surgery combined with a fixed income has made it extremely

difficult for Robyn to deal with regular and routine home maintenance issues.

Her request for assistance included the replacement of gutters on her home and the replacement of a badly deteriorated bay window. We were very fortunate to have received a donation of a new bay window from Lowes of North Attleboro that was the correct size! The project was completed over a period of two weekends. Robyn is both relieved and excited that her home is once again safe, dry and secure.

## **A Talking Thermostat for Janice.**

A long term Norton resident, Janice has progressively lost her eye sight over the past decade and now is nearly totally blind. What a wonderful experience it has been getting to know and support Janice. She is totally independent, lives in her own home and carries on with life with vitality and passion. The ABWK team has begun work at Janice's house, completing the installation of a talking digital thermostat, and delivering and installing new storm doors.



THANKS GUYS .Our Friday Crew from Finberg School!

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