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## Habitat Buffalo's ReStore Prepares to Host Third Annual D.I.Y. Contest and Auction

*Furniture flipping experts and D.I.Y. enthusiasts repurpose Buffalo ReStore finds for a good cause.*

Buffalo, N.Y. (October 12, 2017) – The ReStore Find & Flip, a one-night-only event, seeks to bring the community together at the Buffalo ReStore to benefit the Habitat for Humanity mission; giving a hand-up and building homes for families in need.

Over the past few months, local furniture flipping experts and D.I.Y.-ers have been donating their time to repurpose and create pieces of furniture made with products from the Buffalo ReStore. The completed items will be actioned on October 13, 2017 and 100% of the proceeds will **directly support the construction of Habitat Buffalo homes. The furniture donations will also place contestants in a friendly competition in five different categories: Shabby Chic, A Touch of Metal, Stylish Storage, Kickin' It, and One-of-a-Kind.**

The eco-friendly and social-conscious home décor fundraiser approach sold 76 pieces to raise over \$12,000 for the organization at last year's event. This year's event, sponsored by Harmac Medical Supplies, will include beer from Flying Bison, and wine from Merritt Winery, and three food trucks: The Rolling Cannoli, Ms. Judi's International Cravings, and Souped Up.

"We had an incredible turnout in 2016 and we're hoping for an even bigger event this year," said Teresa Bianchi, Habitat for Humanity of Buffalo's Executive Director. "This event joins creative and talented people who are also passionate about Habitat Buffalo. We love seeing the community rally and come together for such a fun evening to help our Habitat families."

The third annual event will take place on **Friday, October 13 from 6:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at Habitat for Humanity's South Buffalo ReStore location at 1675 South Park Avenue. Tickets to the event are \$20 and are now available for purchase [online](#).

[Habitat Buffalo's ReStore](#) is a social-conscious retail outlet, selling gently-used furniture, household appliances, building materials, and home accessories. ReStore inventory changes daily, and items are sold at a fraction of retail price. Thousands of items are kept out of landfills, and every purchase helps Habitat build homes for families in need.

***Habitat for Humanity Buffalo works to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through homeownership. Habitat Buffalo was established by a group of dedicated volunteers, concerned about the lack of affordable homes in the City of Buffalo. Seeking to create homeownership opportunities for low income families, Habitat Buffalo subsidizes the cost of homes through donations (both, monetary and materials) and volunteer labor. Families that purchase homes through our program are required to first contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity", working alongside community volunteers to construct their home and the houses of other families in the program. Once approved, families purchase their homes from Habitat Buffalo by paying a low-interest, affordable monthly mortgage. For more information, visit [www.habitatbuffalo.org](http://www.habitatbuffalo.org).***