

ReStore Focus: New Deconstruction Department!

By Christa Lewis, Advancement & Communications Manager

The ReStore is pleased to announce the official formation of our very own Deconstruction Department. The ReStore used to schedule deconstructions every now and then, whenever staff and volunteers were available. Now that we have hired our former AmeriCorps member, Jillian Cain, as the Deconstruction Department Manager, these will be ongoing and will be a significant source of additional revenue for the ReStore.

A deconstruction is when either a homeowner or business owner plans to remodel or demolish their building and they call the ReStore to first come in and remove items they no longer want to then be resold at the ReStore. Items that can be removed range from fixtures to furnishings to appliances. Deconstructions are very profitable for the ReStore because they provide an additional source of quality merchandise to be sold to the public. They are also important for our environment because through this, we are selling material that would otherwise go to a landfill.

Jillian officially began in this capacity in August, and already has made hundreds of business contacts, completed six deconstructions, and has brought in more than \$10,000 worth of merchandise to the ReStore. These deconstructions ranged from a private home on Kiawah Island to the Seabrook Island Clubhouse.

"People are really, really receptive to this idea," said Jillian, "At the Guillard's home expo this fall, I was surprised that the architects were very interested in this. One is even going to require their clients to recycle and would possibly promote the ReStore Deconstruction Department as their way to recycle."

The "green movement" has certainly gained a lot of traction, and the Deconstruction Department fits with the ideals to reduce our

environmental impact and reuse materials. Jillian said, "Through the deconstructions we've already done, we've diverted 7.2 tons of material from landfills into our store."

In order for this to continue to grow and help raise more funds for Sea Island Habitat, we need your help! Jillian could use several people that would be willing to volunteer and deconstruct buildings with her. Like the construction site, no experience or skills are required; she'll teach you how to remove the items. Please contact her if you are interested, and she will answer any additional questions. Thank you for considering helping in this new way!

Jillian can be reached at: 843-768-0998 or deconstruction@seaislandhabitat.org.



Gifts in Kind...how KIND!

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With each new neighborhood that Sea Island Habitat develops, we need professional assistance in the site planning and engineering. Seamon, Whiteside & Associates has graciously offered their professional services to guide SIHH through the process.

Because of being involved in the Charleston area for 24 years, the engineers at Seamon, Whiteside & Associates (SWA) know that giving of their talent & resources in this community is a gift in perpetuity. Anne Stjern of SWA said she knows that by donating their talent, "those without homeownership opportunities will now have that chance and this will, in turn, positively impact the economy and our school systems."

Their help is appreciated in a big way, as they have worked on three different sites for Sea Island Habitat in the past year! Stjern said, "Every project is a challenge because Charleston County is very aware of wetlands, so we stay on top of the permitting and look at it from the community's standpoint. We enjoyed taking on these challenges and helping more affordable homes get built."

Seamon, Whiteside & Associates (843-884-1667) is a landscape



architecture & civil engineering firm with offices in Mt. Pleasant and Greenville, SC. They partnered with Sea Island Habitat because of their desire to continue serving their community and had previously worked with SIHH's Executive Director, Andy Beck, on a project when Andy worked in the for-profit sector..



Bethany Bay, to be built in Hollywood, SC