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**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to Build Strength, Stability and Self-Reliance**

Habitat for Humanity is known worldwide for building homes. However, one of its lesser-known programs is its thrift store, the ReStore. Proceeds from all sales go directly to their vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Locally, Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity operates a ReStore at Atlee Road and Rt. 301 in Mechanicsville. It has an ever-changing selection of new and gently used home improvement materials, furniture, appliances and more. Items that are donated to the ReStore get a second chance at life rather than being taken to a landfill. And for over 20 years, the environmentally conscious staff and volunteers have taken this to another level. With an all-volunteer crew, they collect aluminum cans to be recycled, along with broken or unsellable appliances. Those metals are turned into cash and all of the resulting funds go to building affordable homes and making critical repairs.



*Can Day - Getting the aluminum cans ready to be taken to the recycling center, weighed, and turned into cash.*

In Habitat's last fiscal year, the recycle program collected \$24,500 through their recyclables. Based on ReStore sales, they collectively eliminated 761,514 pounds from local landfills.

Hanover and King William Habitat is currently in a grant competition where the Habitat affiliate who collects the most cans in weight wins \$10,000 from Novelis. Since June 1, they have collected 3960 pounds equaling \$2022.65. Anyone wanting to help in this endeavor can drop their clean cans off at the front of the ReStore at Atlee Road and Route 301 or in a designated 'can hut' at any Hanover transfer station.



*Frank, a dedicated volunteer, stripping an HVAC unit to retrieve the recyclable metals*

The ReStore is not your ordinary thrift store. By reducing, reusing, and recycling, they are turning proceeds into strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter here locally. Keep supporting your local ReStore through donations, purchases, and even dropping off your recyclables.

## **About Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity**

Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity was formed in 1990 by a committed group of Hanover citizens who wanted to provide safe and affordable housing in Hanover County. For 30 years, they built homes alongside 72 families who pay an affordable mortgage. Habitat's repair program began in 2017 and addresses critical repairs around the home. In 2021, they expanded to serve the residents in King William County. With our help, and the help of the community, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Opportunity Housing Agency, and an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. To learn more about the organization, visit [www.hkwhabitat.org](http://www.hkwhabitat.org).



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