

Habitat for Humanity re-launching ReStore

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The Orangeville ReStore (202 First Street, Unit #1), which supports Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin, is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for its re-launch this weekend.

On Saturday (Nov. 20) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. a celebration will be held with Mayor Sandy Brown and Dufferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

The store isn't new, but is re-launching under a new affiliate, which is Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin, whereas the store was previously operating under Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph.

Katrina Rittinger, regional manager of ReStore operations, said there's going to be great deals for the grand opening in Orangeville.

"We'll have some brand-new clothing, some high-end Whirlpool appliances at a great price," said Rittinger. "The re-launch is really just to get recognition for the ReStore, because there are people in Orangeville who have no idea it's here, we found."

The revenue generated from Habitat For Humanity's ReStore's goes towards covering the not-for-profit's administrative expenses as well as supporting the builds if there's extra money left over.

This allows Habitat's fundraising initiatives to directly support the building of affordable homes.

While the ReStore focuses on selling quality new and used building materials as well as furniture, appliances, and home accessories, Rittinger noted that they also carry jewellery and clothing.

"It's not your typical resale retail. We sell everything from a brand-new window or door to a nice shawl to a beautiful vase to a new couch," she noted. "We are the thrift store that has everything other than food."

The store is 9,000 square feet in size so it has lots of space to house furniture as well as other goods.

The Orangeville ReStore accepts donations from the public between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. People can also donate through Habitat's pickup program online: habitat.ca/en/restore/donate-to-a-restore

"We really love it when people come donate and tell us the stories of their donation because if it was grandma's dresser or hutch, or side table, or China cabinet. Everybody has a story to tell when they're donating their loved one's goods," Rittinger said. "We love to hear those stories."

The local ReStore is in need of volunteers, those interested can contact nvidda@habitat-hm.ca who is the volunteer manager.

Rittinger said she'd encourage everyone who's never been before, to check out the Orangeville ReStore for the grand opening on Saturday (Nov. 20).

"We are hoping to get a lot more new customers that didn't realize that we didn't just sell trim or roofing supplies and tools ? that we have a lot more to offer the community in regards to selections," she remarked.

"That's what we really want to get out there. The selection is amazing."