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WICED and PTN Donate Time for Habitat for Humanity

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For its fourth annual Habitat for Humanity work day, the [Women in Code Enforcement and Development \(WICED\)](#) chapter donated its time working at the Habitat for Humanity—Mid-Ohio East ReStore in Columbus, Ohio. Amber Armstrong, Eirene Knott and Sarah Rice represented the chapter for the annual service day.

Pairing with WICED for the third consecutive year were members of the [PermitTechNation \(PTN\)](#) chapter of the International Code Council. In addition to PTN members Tamara Hagerman, Jammie Newsome, April Schrader, Cindi Somers and Jessie Sorenson, Eileen Kelley and [Metropolitan Kansas City Chapter of the ICC](#) Vice President Dave Byl also participated.

The Habitat for Humanity—Mid-Ohio ReStore receives donations from a national design chain. In an agreement with the retailer, all the brand information must be removed from the donated items. The group spent the morning unpacking and stripping labels from more than 3,000 donated household items before they were placed on the sales floor. A great amount of work was done in a short amount of time. The work they accomplished this year in four hours would have taken the ReStore employees two months to complete.

“The Code Council can make a difference in the communities in which we hold our conferences, and what better way to do so than by hosting a Habitat Build,” said WICED Past President Eirene Knott. “It is an opportunity to get involved and spread the important message of safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient construction in our communities.”

The Habitat Build Day is a perfect opportunity for ICC chapter members to get involved and make a difference.



WICED, PermitTechNation and other ICC chapter members partnered to handle donations to the Mid-Ohio East Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Pictured (left-right, front row): April Schrader, Tamara Hagerman, Jammie Newsome, Eileen Kelley and Jessie Sorenson; (back row) Sarah Rice, Cindi Somers, Amber Armstrong, Eirene Knott and Dave Byl.

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This year's group unpacked and handled more than 3,000 household items that had been donated by a national design chain. Pictured (left-right): Eileen Kelley, Sarah Rice, Amber Armstrong, April Schrader and Jammie Newsome.



WICED and PTN welcome others to join their efforts by volunteering to work or contributing to Habitat for Humanity. They are looking forward to helping the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, in conjunction with the 2018 ICC Annual Conference in Richmond, Va. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, visit WICED's website at www.wicedicc.org for more information. You can also [follow WICED on Facebook](#). The chapter is also looking to host a booth at the 2018 ICC Building Safety & Design Expo in Richmond where they will raise money for future adventures with Habitat for Humanity.

During the 2017 ICC Annual Conference, both WICED and PTN were recognized for their work with Habitat for Humanity when they [received the ICC Community Service Award](#). The award is presented for meritorious service to promote public health, safety and welfare. Working together, these chapters have established a growing tradition of service that is a highlight of the Annual Conference.

WICED also held its annual meeting during the ICC Annual Conference and new officers are: Amber Armstrong as president, Sarah Rice as treasurer, Sandy Morris as secretary and Eirene Knott as immediate past president. Vice President Lorraine Ross was not able to attend the chapter meeting due to Hurricane Irma.

WICED is an ICC chapter that promotes the value and recognition of women in the arena of code enforcement and development. The chapter was formed in 2007 to provide mentoring, advocacy and education to these women.

PTN is an ICC chapter that promotes the value and recognition of permit technicians. The chapter was formed in 2016 to provide mentoring, advocacy and education for those in this position. **BSJO**