

Habitat for Humanity gets storage solution for donations

Your Extra Closet steps in to offer free space

JONESBORO, Ark. — Habitat for Humanity of Greater Jonesboro is again accepting donations like appliances and building materials, now that a storage company is giving the nonprofit free space.

Your Extra Closet, which owns six facilities in Northeast Arkansas, has partnered with the local Habitat organization through the company's program for nonprofits, #store4good. Micheal Sullivan, executive director of Habitat Jonesboro, said the group previously had to turn away donations for lack of a space to store them.

"Because of this space, we no longer have to worry about where to store our donations," Sullivan said. "Everyone has their own way of helping, and Your Extra Closet has found a unique way of doing that."

Your Extra Closet arrived in Northeast Arkansas in 2018 with the purchase of six facilities stretching from Paragould to Valley View, making it the largest self-storage operator in the area. In four of the facilities, it has invested in extensive renovations for security, safety and customer convenience. See all facility locations at <https://www.youreextracloset.com/locations>.

Founder and CEO Floyd Hubbell said the company has supported nonprofits at its other locations in Oxford and Starkville, Miss., and wanted to do the same in Arkansas.

"It is important for us to be involved with the communities we serve," Hubbell said. "After talking to Habitat for Humanity, it became clear that they had a tremendous need for storage, but didn't have it in their budget to purchase space. It means a lot to us to be able to support their mission by providing a clean and safe unit."

The company has set aside units at each of its six NEA facilities as a part of its #store4good program. Charities in need of storage space to support their work can email store4good@youreextracloset.com to learn more.

Habitat Jonesboro has been building homes for families in need in Northeast Arkansas since 1992. Families submit an application to the organization and, if selected, Habitat works with them to build their new home. Sullivan and his team are also developing a home-repair program.

"We are a hand-up program, not a hand-out program," Sullivan said. "We serve families who wouldn't be accepted for normal mortgages. The families do pay a mortgage, but with no interest and at their own affordability."

The organization also operates a Habitat Store, which raises money by selling donated building materials and hardware. The store accepts appliances, clothing, hardware and building materials, Sullivan said.

“When people want to tear out their kitchen cabinets, they can give them to us,” Sullivan said. “But all of those donations need a place to be stored. We have been storing them in a small storage shed and a warehouse, but those spaces are full.”

Donations for Habitat Jonesboro may be dropped off at the Habitat Store at 317 W. Huntington Ave. during store hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To arrange for a pick-up, call 870-336-0462. Volunteers for the store are also needed. To learn more or to get involved, visit <https://www.jonesborohabitat.com>.

For more information about Your Extra Closet and its investment in Northeast Arkansas, visit <https://www.youreextracloset.com/about-us>.

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