

If you've been to one of our ReStore locations, you know Hank and Karen Henderson. They are two amazing individuals who have been volunteering at both Restores soon after we opened our first location 8 years ago. *They are also our reigning ReStore trivia night champs.*

Recently Hank suggested the idea of having a "Shed Raffle" as a fundraiser. He created, organized and is helping run the raffle that has raised nearly \$40,000 since February. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Saturday, June 19th.

Even though they absolutely love living and giving back on the Cape, they aren't originally from here. Karen grew up in Hudson, MA and Hank comes from Woodbury, NJ. Hank moved to MA to work at Digital Equipment Corporation. With how outgoing and friendly they both are, it comes as no surprise that the two met at a party.

Hank and Karen have been happily married for over 51 years and are the proud parents of 4 great kids, Julie, Scott, Brian and Mark. They have also been blessed with 10 amazing grandchildren with whom they spend as much time as possible.

Prior to retiring, Karen was an office manager for the Hudson Chamber of Commerce, where she also ran a Holiday Coalition for Giving. The Coalition provided presents to over 450 kids.

Hank was first introduced to Habitat when he was traveling with his son Mark to South Dakota when Mark was working as an Americorps Volunteer on the Crow Creek Reservation. While there, Hank met the Executive Director of the local Habitat for Humanity Dacotah Tipis. After a long conversation, he agreed to help recruit volunteers, to build a website, and to become a board member! He liked everything about Habitat for Humanity.

After retiring to Cape Cod, Karen and Hank visited the Yarmouth ReStore and immediately started volunteering. ***"We loved being at the ReStore there so much! We work in Yarmouth all day most Mondays and we pop in other days to visit and post Facebook pictures. We work in Falmouth on Saturdays, and sometimes on Wednesdays."***

In what spare time they have, not volunteering and enjoying their grandchildren, Karen likes to quilt, and Hank enjoys hiking.

A couple of years ago they did move off the Cape for a brief time. Again, they immediately began volunteering at their local Habitat. Hank presented the idea the shed raffle to the Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity board, and it was approved. The pandemic had already started, so it was difficult to get help, but he learned a lot and somehow it worked. Karen kept track of the ticket sales, and Hank actually helped build that shed!

They would probably still be in Western MA but the black bears in their yard sent them packing back to us and we couldn't be more grrrrrrrateful!

“Habitat has a great reputation for building affordable housing, and it is well deserved. But they also build a community of people working together, encouraging each other. That is what keeps us going. Through our volunteer work with the Habitat Cape Cod, we have made some loving and caring friends.”