Being a regular volunteer at the Habitat ReStore
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Volunteering at the Habitat ReStore in the Capital District has been a vital part of my experience. The ReStore has regular volunteers, who take time out of their week to make personal connections and provide great customer service to people looking to buy great furniture and other supplies at a discount.

In my experience here, I worked in the ReStore’s Etcetera Shop, with other volunteers that were passionate about Habitat’s cause. ReStore volunteers look like all kinds of people and truly reflect our community.

Being a younger ReStore volunteer, I was surrounded by people of all ages, who made me feel comfortable, and helped me learn about the store. I would come in every morning, and help clean and organize store merchandise, vacuum floors, and help customers check out and leave with their items. As a young person, the ReStore helped me take a moment to reevaluate the time in my seemingly busy day that I could take to give back, and help out a great cause.

Working at the ReStore, all volunteers were able to work around their available times to most conveniently come in and help out. I personally worked with other students who would come in at later times to do volunteer hours to fulfill graduation requirements. Some personally picked these shifts so they could still have time to get breakfast with their friends, and do social activities after their volunteer hours. For many other ReStore volunteers, they have similar situations. They are able to come and help out in the store, while still having time to do things with their families and friends, and outdoor activities.

I would personally recommend all young people to spend some time volunteering at the Capital District Habitat ReStore just because it can help them get involved and help out in their own community. It is a very positive work environment and will serve as an opportunity to get to know people that have similar visions and care about the same things as them. Working at the Habitat ReStore can also help encourage younger people to still work hard at a job and get satisfaction from doing good work, but at the same time have fun and leave a positive impact on all customers while they are doing it.