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Habitat for Humanity Sewing, Selling Face Masks *Sales support home building, engage new volunteers*

MISSOULA, JULY 10 – With the City-County Health Department’s new order to wear face coverings inside all businesses, Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore in East Missoula is ramping up efforts to create and sell protective cotton masks to the public. The masks are handcrafted by volunteers and available in a variety of patterns.

“Bringing people together to help, and empower, each other is just what we do,” says Habitat Executive Director Heather Harp. “The sewing process is relatively easy, and the benefits of each sale are manifold – an affordable, re-usable protective mask goes to a community member, funds are raised for building homes, and we’re able to engage volunteers in a new way.”

Since the onset of COVID-19, Habitat, like many other organizations, has had to adjust their operations to maintain staff and volunteer safety. From temporarily closing the office and ReStore in March and April to restricting the size of volunteer groups on the build site, these changes have challenged Habitat’s financial stability. Habitat staff hope to see the mask sales help alleviate this.

To purchase a mask, come to the Habitat ReStore at 3655 Montana Highway 200 East. Masks are \$10 each and machine washable. The ReStore is open from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, as well as 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday.

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