

**Richland County
Habitat for Humanity**

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Red Lobster Donates Décor to Habitat for Humanity

Ontario Red Lobster is getting a facelift and Habitat for Humanity is benefitting. As part of a major remodel of its restaurants, Darden Restaurants, Inc. has partnered with Habitat for Humanity Affiliates across the country, including right here in Richland County.

More than 300 of the company's Red Lobster, Olive Garden and LongHorn Steakhouse restaurants are slated to be remodeled over the next three years, and Darden plans to continue donations during this time, providing Habitat Affiliates across the country with furnishings for resale. Donated items have included art work and other décor, dining tables and chairs, booth seating, host/hostess stands and more.

Since the partnership began in October 2010, items donated to Habitat for Humanity from remodeled Darden Restaurants have topped \$1.2 million in value. The gift-in-kind donations to Habitat began in 2010 when Darden began updating more than 300 of its Red Lobster, Olive Garden and LongHorn Steakhouse locations.

To date, 150 Darden restaurants have been remodeled -- contributing art, furnishings, hostess stands and decor to Habitat Affiliates. Locally, Richland County Habitat for Humanity has benefitted with donations of tables, booths, bar tops, décor, and more from the remodel of Red Lobster in Ontario.

About Richland County Habitat for Humanity

Richland County Habitat for Humanity's mission is that by working together with volunteers, community partners and other faith-based Christian organizations, Richland County Habitat for Humanity will revitalize lives and communities by building and renovating homes. If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please call the Habitat office at 419-524-8361.

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