



## Meet Allen Rushmer

Allen Rushmer has been painting lately ... a lot. But not in his own home. As a Habitat volunteer, Allen has taken brush to hand in the renovation of 3 homes in Lancaster and Lebanon.

“Our house really needs painting too,” he mused. “My wife, Pamela, might point that out someday.”

Whether splattered with paint or dusted with drywall (pictured here), Allen has been getting his hands dirty with Lancaster Lebanon Habitat since 2015. In addition to Habitat, Allen volunteers regularly in the kitchen at Water Street Mission in Lancaster and attends local prayer groups twice a week. This schedule is a far cry from the 70-hour work weeks that filled his time until this past fall.

A newly-retired veterinarian, Allen and Pamela had owned a practice that specialized in embryo transfer in cattle. Days were long and filled with travel. The opportunity to stay closer to home by volunteering in and around his community of Paradise is appealing to Allen.

Allen has been to three Habitat home dedications to date, with more on the horizon. He enjoys working alongside the families who will one day live in the spaces where he’s hammered, fitted, sanded and, yes, painted. Whenever possible, Allen has donated a portion of his volunteer hours to these families. This donation has helped the future homebuyers meet their required number of sweat equity hours needed before purchasing their Habitat home.

“It gives me a sense of helping the families on their journey towards purchasing a home,” he said.

We are grateful for Allen’s support and look forward to seeing him at many home dedications to come!

*“Thank you, Allen,  
for your dedication  
to Lancaster  
Lebanon Habitat  
for Humanity and  
your community!”*



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