# Driving Habitat ReStore Business Decisions with Data

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# Session Learning Objective:

After examining some of the national Habitat ReStore data and thrift trends, attendees will work in break out groups to brainstorm challenges and possible solutions within our control as we continually navigate an uncertain environment.

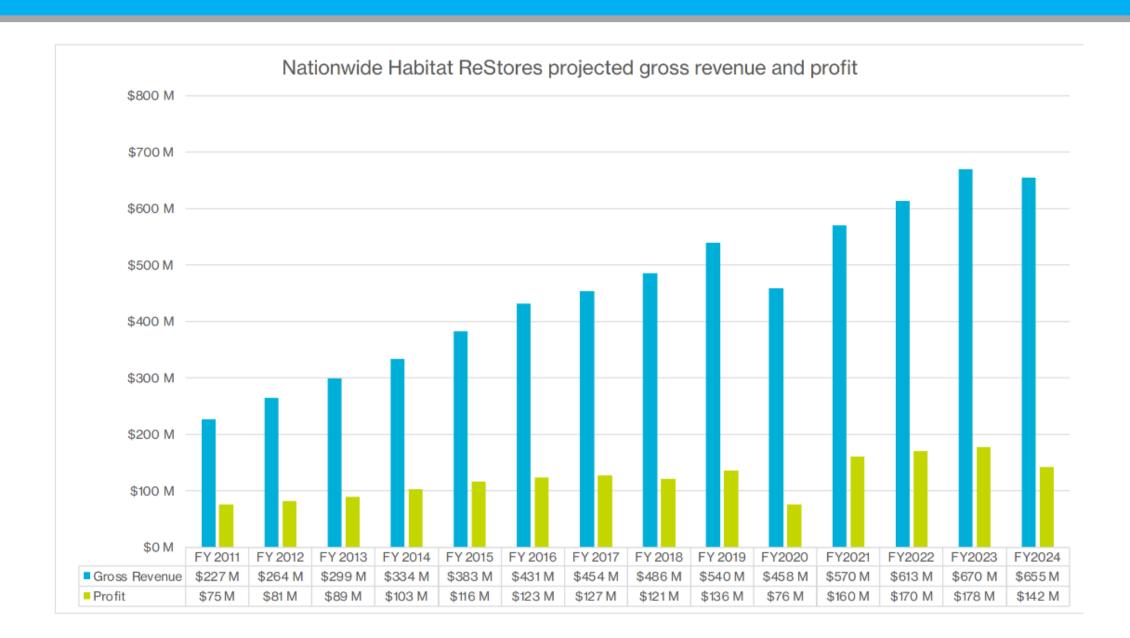
# FY2024 Habitat ReStore year in review

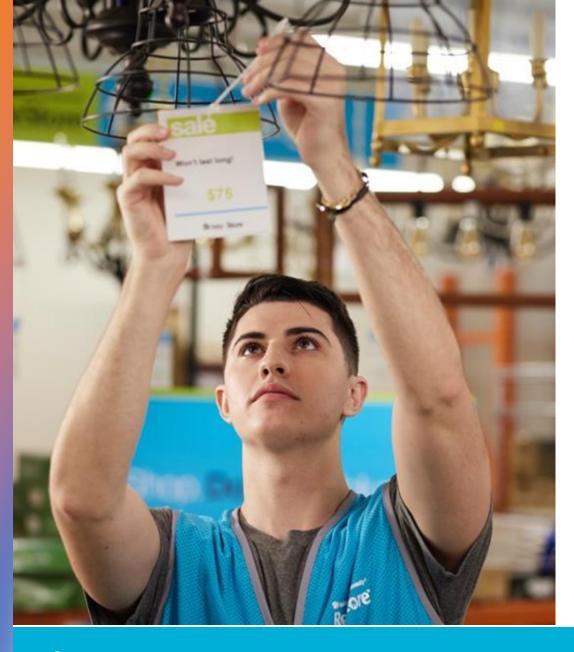






## **Habitat ReStore Growth Trend**





## Habitat ReStores at a glance

### **Number of Habitat ReStores:**

- U.S. 893
- Canada 105
- International 33

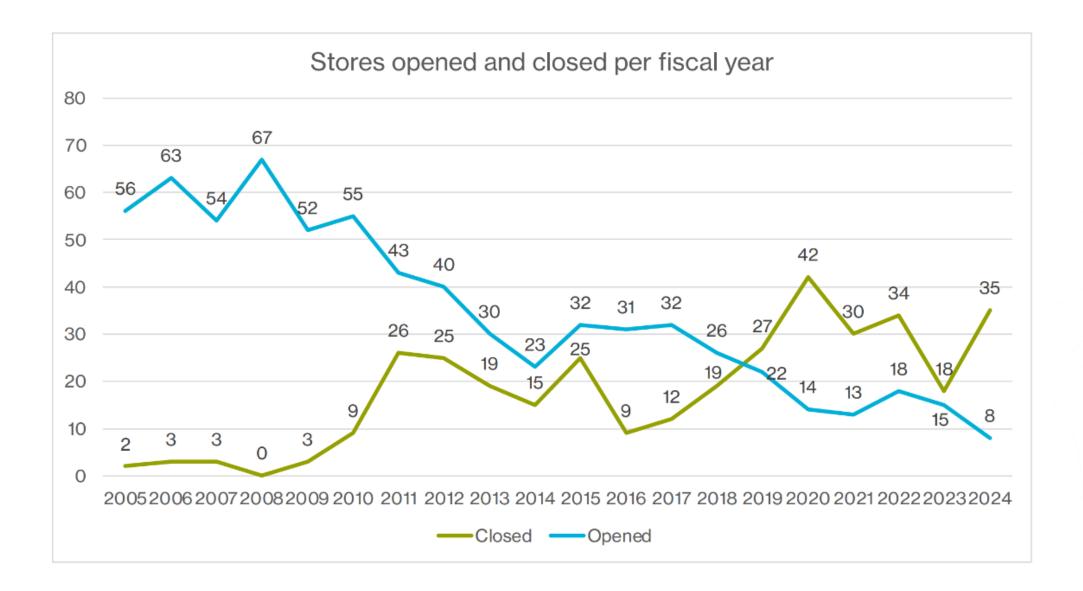
### FY2024:

35 stores closed, 2 affiliates opened their first store, 7 affiliates opened an additional store, and 24 stores relocated.

### FY2025 (YTD):

27 stores closed, 8 stores opened, and 4 stores relocated.







35 stores closed in FY24	
Consolidated 2 stores to 1	3
Disaffiliated	5
Dissolved	0
Focus on mission	2
Lost lease	5
Not profitable	10
Poor location	2
Staff turnover	1
Unknown	6



Profit margin						
		Change YOY in		Change YOY in		
Fiscal Year	Average	Average	Median	Median		
FY2020	13%	-39%	16%	8%		
FY2021	24%	90%	27%	68%		
FY2022	22%	-8%	26%	-4%		
FY2023	23%	1%	24%	-6%		
FY2024	17%	-26%	22%	-10%		





# Performance Metrics

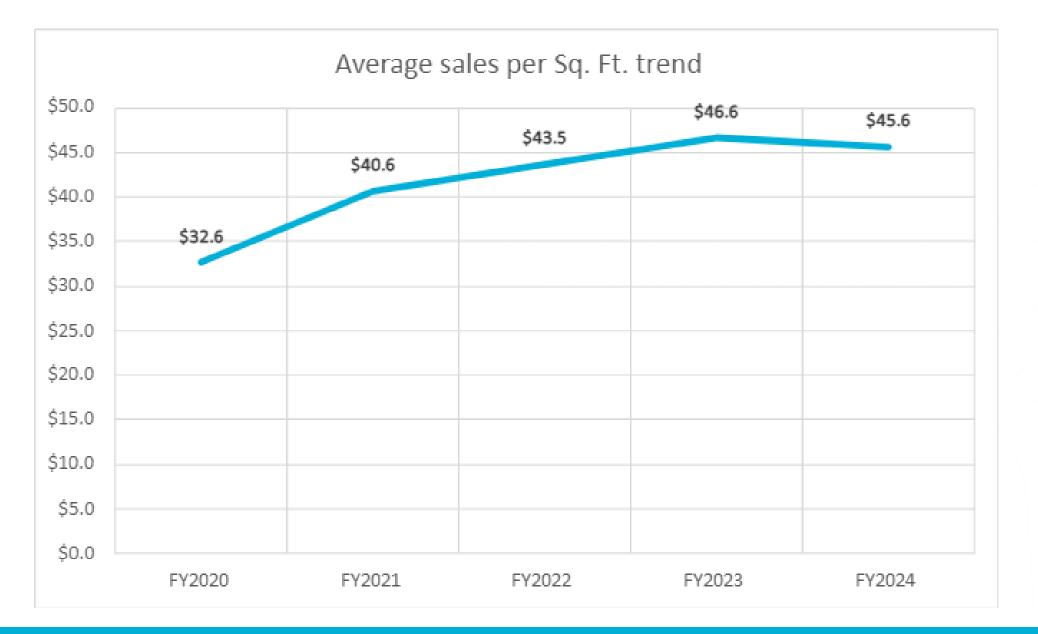






		Sales per Square Foot			
Store Size (Sq Ft) 🔽	# of ReStores	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Median
<5K	46	\$57.45	\$2.56	\$217.99	\$47.51
5K-10K	160	\$42.95	\$2.72	\$179.36	\$37.29
10K-15K	196	\$45.46	\$2.12	\$160.81	\$39.69
15K-20K	126	\$46.79	\$2.98	\$167.55	\$43.64
20K-25K	99	\$47.53	\$5.83	\$118.84	\$45.06
25K-30K	50	\$44.79	\$12.51	\$100.09	\$43.43
>30K	76	\$40.83	\$5.83	\$99.59	\$36.21
Overall	753	\$45.63	\$2.12	\$217.99	\$40.50







# **National Trends YOY**

## Home furnishing sales heavily impacted nationally:

- RH (formerly Restoration Hardware) net revenue -1.7%
  - ☐ CEO Gary Friedman called "the most challenging housing market in three decades"
- Williams-Sonoma net revenue down -5.4%
  - □ Pottery Barn declined -10.8%
  - □ West Elm declined -4.1%

\*Forbes, June 21, 2024

# **National Trends YOY**

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- Ethan Allen net sales down -21.4%
  - ☐ "sluggish" demand in the overall industry amid elevated interest and inflation rates, according to CFO Matthew McNulty.
- Wayfair net revenue down YOY -1.6%
- Home Depot net sales down -2.3%
- Lowes net sales down -4.4%

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# **National Trends**

## **Housing Market's Impact on** the Home Furnishings Sector

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## **Habitat ReStore-Specific Data to Monitor**

- Average donation value
- Payroll percentage and number of FTEs
- SPSF and SPSF by department

- Gross, net and profit margin
- Retail sales floor percentage
- Occupancy cost and percentage
- Marketing spend percentage

# **Possible Challenges**

- Staffing shortages and increase in labor and operational costs
- Household discretionary spending affected by cost-ofliving increases
- Interest rates affecting home purchases and remodeling
- Sluggish furniture (number one departmental sales for Habitat ReStores) and home furnishing sales
- Diminishing donation value
- Donors monetizing waste stream





# **Possible Solutions**

- Creative staffing approaches
- Investment in staff training and onboarding
- Purchased product to offset donations
- Focused procurement efforts
- Expanding donation categories
- Marketing and community outreach





# **Break Out Groups!**



#### **Evaluate your current operations (additional and relocating stores)**

Part of the process when <u>deciding to add a store or relocate</u> an existing store is to both evaluate your market presences and assess operational efficiencies and inefficiencies. When conducting operational evaluations, solicit sincere feedback from shoppers, donors, volunteers and staff members.

Consider using the following evaluation tools available on MyHabitat:



Habitat ReStore assessment and action planning guide



Habitat ReStore assessment metrics tool

#### **Understand key metrics**

Consider reviewing the following resources that explore additional key Habitat ReStore metrics:

- Evaluating & understanding a Habitat ReStore: This resource will help you learn about each commonly used metric and its respective formula.
- Sales per square foot by department: This document will help you understand the need and mechanism to independently track and analyze departmental (sales category) Habitat ReStore sales data.
- Tracking donor and donation frequency: This document explains why tracking donor information is an important tool in understanding the overall donation capture rate of a market.



## "You can't really know where you are going until you know where you have been." — Maya Angelou

### Analyzing current operations vs. promising practices

Habitat for Humanity ReStores play an integral part in Habitat's mission, bringing financial support for our work and offering a unique opportunity for various audiences to experience and interact with the organization. Use this section to analyze current operations and help further Habitat's mission by creating a consistent experience.

#### How to use this section

This analysis tool is separated into five main sections: donations, staffing, merchandising and sales, facilities, and marketing. Fill in each section with current and relevant information — not desired goals. The information gathered in this section will help you complete Step 3: Goal Setting and Action Planning.

Each of the five sections is broken down into two subsections: metrics and evaluations.

#### Metrics

The metrics sections are the culmination of years of research and data, compiling promising practices and industry benchmarks to help each affiliate run an efficient and effective Habitat ReStore. The metric explanations will likely be significantly different from those listed during periods of substantial growth and during the first few years of operation as a store ramps up. They represent a healthy, stabilized store.



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Habitat ReStore Metrics Worksheet								
ReStore Metrics	Last Year	Forecast for this year	Formula	Next Year Budget	Benchmarks			
Total Gross Sales		_						
Gross Income (\$)	\$0	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	Variable			
Sales per Square Foot								
	\$0	\$0	Gross / Square Ft	\$0	Minimum Goal \$40.00			
Facility Square Footage								
Total Square Footage	0	0	1	0	Variable			
Occupancy Cost								
Occupancy Percentage (%)	0%	0%		0%	14%-20% total OC			
Occupancy Costs (\$)	\$0	\$0	1	\$0	See Occupancy %			
# of Donations			•					
Avg Donation Value (\$)	\$0	\$0	Gross / # of donations	\$0	Not a benchmark			
Donations per Week (#)	0	0	Gross / 50 wks. /Avg \$	0	Not a benchmark			
Marketing								
Marketing Expense (%)	0%	0%		4%	4%-7% of gross sales			
Total Marketing Expense (\$)	\$0	\$0	Gross X .04 (4%)	\$0	See marketing %			
Staffing Level								
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	0.0	0.00	Gross / 100,000	0.00	1 per \$85- 100K in sales			





# Additional Habitat ReStore Evaluation and Assessment Resources



### **Habitat ReStore Annual Reports**

#### Eric Allen

Sr Spec, ReStore Expertise Hub

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The Habitat ReStore Annual Reports discuss nationwide statistics, benchmarks, and presents analysis on various metrics. Previous reports are organized by fiscal year below and the data sets that informed the reports.

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- >>> FY2023 Annual Report & Data
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