

Team Habitat

A partnership between Habitat for Humanity and your group, to stabilize neighborhoods, build community and transform lives!

What is Habitat for Humanity?

A non-profit organization.

As the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we are dedicated to enriching our whole community through a legacy of affordable homeownership for hard-working families in Washtenaw County.

A community-sponsored organization.

We highly value community partnership. Without the support of local congregations, companies, groups and individuals who believe in our cause, we would never be able to accomplish our mission.

A volunteer-driven organization.

Volunteers really are the heart of Habitat. Every year more than 5,000 volunteers work at our construction sites, office and ReStore to help us make homeownership a reality for our families.

A life-changing program.

Since our founding in 1989, we have helped more than 100 families achieve the dream of homeownership, providing safe and stable homes for more than 225 children and changed the trajectory of families' lives for generations to come.

A family.

When you're with Habitat people, whether sponsoring a build, shopping in our store, volunteering at a site, or helping out at the office, you're part of something special. By joining our Team Habitat Program, you can become part of our amazing family!

What Do We Do?

Our affiliate is currently renovating foreclosed homes in Washtenaw County, primarily in Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Superior Township and Ann Arbor. In 2012, we will renovate 15 homes. An additional 15 homes are planned for renovation in 2013. We're strategically focusing our efforts in specific areas creating sustainable neighbors that will provide the most dramatic community-wide impact.

While the houses we acquire come in a variety of conditions, we are committed to turning every one into a simple quality home that is affordable for our families. Every home is brought up to an Energy Star 5 Rating to ensure energy efficiency and reduce the cost of our homeowners' monthly utility bill payments. When we're done, the house is safe, beautiful and ready to transform into a home for one of our families for many years to come.



A Current Habitat Family!

Fast Facts About Habitat For Humanity

Habitat homeowners purchase their homes.

We do not give houses away. Families purchase homes with a no-percent interest mortgage, a down payment as well hundreds of "sweat equity" hours on Habitat homes.

Habitat homes revitalize neighborhoods.

Habitat is strategically focused in communities to stabilize property values and transform neighborhoods.

Habitat homeowners are great neighbors.

Habitat homeowners care deeply about their homes and their neighborhoods.

Habitat homeowners give back.

Habitat families pay taxes, stabilize school systems, and become active and energetic community supporters.

You know someone who could benefit from Habitat

The Barista who prepares your coffee. The patient assistant who wheels you to your hospital room. The cashier at the grocery store. Habitat home owners are all around you. Contact our office at 734.677.1558 for more information.

We need you!

Volunteer, donate, advocate - we can't do it without you!



The Habitat Staff at a build!

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What is Team Habitat?

Team Habitat is our group volunteer program, ideal for corporate, faith, student and community groups to come together for a day of team building. The combination of volunteer hours and financial contributions doubles your group's impact. By the end of a Team Habitat day, your group will be connected with each other and with the community in a truly unique way. The satisfaction that comes from working with your hands, our partner families and our staff will leave your group motivated and exhilarated!



Team Habitat volunteers at a build!

The Benefits of Team Habitat

Have a fun, productive day.

By renovating a home together, your group will learn how to communicate, cooperate and problem-solve to get the job done. Construction provides natural team-building opportunities that encourage bonding and leadership.

Experience the joy of giving back to the community.

Your group will feel great about directly helping hard-working local families experience the stability of homeownership.

Receive recognition as a Habitat for Humanity partner.

Associating your name and employees/members with Habitat is a very powerful statement. Based on your fundraising level, your group will receive photos from your build, be featured in our home dedication programs and on our website and be highlighted in local press releases.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the financial commitment our group is expected to contribute?

We ask that each of our Team Habitat groups try to raise a minimum of \$250 and up to \$1,000 (or more!). Donations can be made by your sponsoring company or organization, by your volunteers or by a special fundraising event prior to your Team Habitat Day. Your financial contribution will support the cost of our trained House Leader, construction materials, tools and other necessary supplies for the day.

How many volunteers can we bring?

Typically, our renovation sites can support 8-12 individuals. However, from time to time we do have special projects that can accommodate a smaller or larger group.

Do we have to have experience?

No previous construction experience is necessary. A skilled House Leader will be on site with your group throughout the day to guide and train you.

Do we bring our own lunch?

We ask that Team Habitat groups provide their own lunch. This could mean that all volunteers bring a bag lunch, or your sponsoring company or organization could provide lunch at the site. Water will be provided for you by Habitat.

What is a typical Team Habitat day like?

Your day will begin promptly at 8:00am with a brief talk about Habitat, safety, and the projects to be accomplished. You will break for lunch at noon and end your day at 4:00pm. Projects may include demolition, framing, siding, insulation, painting, landscaping, and many other tasks.

Can we work a partial day?

For maximum efficiency and productivity, we ask that Team Habitat groups commit to a full day of work.

Do we need to bring our own tools or safety equipment?

Habitat will provide all necessary tools and safety equipment, however you are welcome to bring your own, as long as they are clearly identified with your name.

Will we have the opportunity to work with the family who is purchasing the home?

Volunteers often have the opportunity to work alongside the family who will be purchasing the house as well as with other families who are earning their sweat equity. However, it is not always possible due to work and family obligations.

How do we sign up?

It's easy! Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volcoor@h4h.org or 734.677.1558 x 121.

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What You Can Expect From Us

All Team Habitat groups can expect:

- A place on our waitlist for upcoming construction opportunities on days and locations determined by Habitat.
- A great volunteer experience from start to finish with coordination support from our Volunteer Coordinator, on-site guidance from our skilled House Leader, and a personal thank you from Habitat staff after your build.
- An invitation to the dedication of the home your group worked on and recognition in the dedication program.

Team Habitat groups raising \$250 or more (up to \$1,000) can expect:

- A scheduled volunteer day as determined by Habitat, taking into consideration the preferences of the volunteer group.
- A great volunteer experience from start to finish with coordination support from our Volunteer Coordinator, on-site guidance from our skilled House Leader, and a personal thank you from Habitat staff after your build.
- An invitation to the dedication of the home your group worked on and recognition in the dedication program.
- A personal greet by a Habitat staff member on your volunteer day including photos of your group. These photos will be emailed to you after your build day and will be posted on our website at www.h4h.org.

Team Habitat groups raising \$1,000 or more can expect:

- A scheduled volunteer day as determined by the preferences of the volunteer group and Habitat's construction schedule.
- A great volunteer experience from start to finish with coordination support from our Volunteer Coordinator, on-site guidance from our skilled House Leader, and a personal thank you from Habitat staff after your build.
- An invitation to the dedication of the home your group worked on and recognition in the dedication program.
- A personal greet by a Habitat staff member on your volunteer day including photos of your group. These photos will be emailed to you after your build day and will be posted on our website at www.h4h.org.
- Recognition on Habitat's website and a press release distributed to local media outlets promoting your contribution.
- All volunteers receive a Habitat for Humanity t-shirt.

What We Can Expect From You

We expect all Team Habitat groups to:

- Keep Habitat up-to-date on your group's fundraising progress and volunteer recruitment throughout the planning process.
- Make sure that all volunteers arrive on site promptly at 8:00am and expect to stay on site until 4:00pm.
- Make sure that all volunteers sign in and sign our safety waiver prior to the beginning of their workday.
- Be ready to work hard and have a great time!

Why Do We Ask You To Fundraise?

At Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley, we are grateful for every single volunteer who comes out and works at our sites. We have homes to be renovated and lives to be changed and we need your help.

However, it takes money to pay for House Leaders, construction materials, tools and education for our homeowners. Our House Leaders are skilled Habitat employees that rely on Habitat for their income. All of our families are also required to participate in home maintenance and financial management classes that will help to make sure they succeed.

Simply put, the more funds we raise, the more homes we can renovate for hard-working families in Washtenaw County and the more volunteer opportunities we can provide for volunteers like you!

The next page has some fun and simple ideas to get you started with your fundraising. Your donation, no matter how small or large, will make a real difference in our community, lasting well beyond your volunteer day. If you have any further questions about scheduling a Team Habitat Day or need more help with your fundraising, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volcoor@h4h.org or 734.677.1558 ext 121.

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“Fun”draising Ideas

Power of 10: This is perhaps one of the easiest and most effective fundraisers. Send out a letter to 10 of your family members and/or friends informing them of what you’re doing, your fundraising goal, and a suggested donation of at least \$10.00. We all want to support those that we love and care for!

Sponsor Me: Have your friends, family and colleagues sponsor you for each hour that you work out on the construction site!

Can Drive: Let your friends, family, classmates or coworkers know that you are collecting cans to support Habitat and ask them to save their returnable cans for you.

Car Wash: Who doesn’t need their car cleaned? Grab a bucket, some soap and a hose and get ready to get wet as you raise money for Habitat.

Goin’ Casual for Charity: This is a favorite among corporations and companies! Every Friday, each employee can choose to wear jeans/shorts to work, taking a break from the required business attire. In order to do this, each staff member makes a contribution for each day they “go casual”.

Ice Cream Social/Chili Cook-off/Spaghetti Dinner: People love to eat great food! Ask your friends, family, coworkers or group members to contribute a dish to share with everyone, then charge a nominal fee to enjoy the culinary delights.

Bake Sale: Sell yummy baked goods to your friends, classmates and coworkers to support Habitat!

Ultimate Frisbee/Flag Football/Video Game/Euchre etc. Tournament: Grab your friends, family and classmates and put together a tournament. Charge an entry fee or have players get sponsors.

Run/Bike for Habitat: Plan a special run or bike race to benefit Habitat. Ask people to sponsor you or your team and collect pledges per mile you run or bike.

Game/Movie Party: Throw a party for a sporting event or movie screening. Set up a place to watch the game or movie and sell food and refreshments to raise money for Habitat.

Battle of the Bands Concert: Host a concert where local bands battle it out until the best band is left standing!

Karaoke Night: Have people donate to nominate their friends to sing on stage!

Scavenger Hunt: Invite people to participate in a scavenger hunt that requires them to find particular items or complete certain tasks. Teams pay an entrance fee to raise money for Habitat.

Trivia Challenge: Charge a small fee per team and have people answer fun trivia questions.

The Guessing Game: Have people donate a dollar to guess any of the following: how many nails it takes to build a house, how many nails are in a jar, or how many volunteers it takes to build a home. The person closest to the actual amount wins a prize!

Flamingo Yard/Office Decorations: One of the sure fire ways to bring laughs and money! Place a flamingo in the yard or office of a friend, family member or colleague. A donation is the only way to get rid of the flamingo and get it passed on to a person of your choice.

Habitat Olympics: Create an Olympics competition between people and see who wins the gold. Creativity is the key to make this event a success! People must donate to participate.

Hobbies for Habitat: Put your hobbies and talents to work for you by offering your services and skills to others for a donation to Habitat. Sell your wares to friends and family, host a craft show or run a silent auction. The possibilities are endless!

Garage Sale: Host a sale in the spring or at the end of the school year where everyone can donate items they don’t want to take back home with them. All the proceeds go to Habitat!

Parents Night Out: Youth can provide babysitting services in return for a donation towards Habitat.