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Habitat for Humanity of Martin County Group Participation Application

Thank you for your interest in coordinating a Day of Service with Habitat for Humanity of Martin County. This application is to be used for schools, churches, or civic groups. Below are some common questions that you may have for your group. Our Volunteer Director, Mary Jones will assist you with coordinating your Day of Service. Please keep in mind that group volunteer days fill up quickly.

How do I sign up my group?

1. Complete and return (by mail, fax or email) the Group Volunteer Application
2. Be sure to provide the month(s) that your group is interested in building.
3. All available dates are on a first come, first serve basis.

What happens once my group has been confirmed?

1. You will receive a confirmation email with letter attached that confirms your Day of Service. This letter will provide work site address and directions and scheduled task for the day.
2. The Habitat Liability Waiver will be emailed to your group leader to have all participants sign and return on your Day of Service.
3. You will be informed of what to expect on the build site.
4. At least 2 days before your confirmed Day of Service, you will receive a follow up email or phone call to confirm details, confirm final headcount, and provide updates if any changes made since scheduling.

Is there a fee involved to volunteer with your affiliate?

Habitat does purchase all construction materials and supplies needed for each house. We do look to our community to help us cover the cost of construction. Even though we do apply for grants and other state and local funding, they do not always cover all expenses. Our affiliate does ask that a group help fundraise for a build day. Fundraising ideas can be provided if requested.

What other things can groups do besides construction?

Your group may want to consider volunteering at the Habitat ReStore. Help is always needed in stocking/organizing merchandise, answering phones, loading/unloading trucks, providing customer service, greeting customers, general housekeeping, or sorting donations.

Will someone from Habitat come speak to our group before we register for a Day of Service?

Our Volunteer Director will be glad to meet with your group to provide information about Habitat for Humanity and our programs. Our website can also provide useful information about our Martin County affiliate. Visit us at www.habitatmartin.org. Any other questions can be answered by our Volunteer Director at 772-223-9940 ext 226.

We want to do service-oriented teambuilding. Can my group of 50+ volunteer together?

Working on a Habitat project is a great way to bring a group together to get to know one another while serving the community. Our primary mission is to build decent, affordable homes. In order to ensure safety on the build site and that everyone has a positive experience, we must limit the group sizes between 5-15 people. If your group is very large, we suggest breaking into smaller groups to volunteer on different days.

What days of the week can we volunteer?

Our construction days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays year round. We build from 8:30am- 1:00pm.

Can we bring kids with us to build?

One must be 15 or older to work on a build site due to safety. However, we may allow children under the age of 15 to help in certain phases of construction such as landscaping and painting. You will need to contact the Volunteer Director at 772-223-9940 ext 226 for additional information.

What if we do not have any construction experience?

Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer driven organization. We teach everyone who is willing to learn. We have Construction Staff and Crew Leaders on the build site at all times with our volunteers. Come with an eagerness to learn a new skill and bring along your patience!

What type of work can our group expect to be doing?

Our volunteers help with all phases of construction. Volunteers install roof trusses, shingles, interior framing, install windows and doors, insulation, hang drywall, paint, install flooring, install interior trim, landscaping and cleaning. Some of these tasks may not be as glamorous, but they are equally important to complete the construction of the home. Please keep in mind that many of the tasks are physically demanding.

We will work up an appetite on our Day of Service. Will any snacks or lunch be provided?

Habitat for Humanity will provide water for the group volunteers. You will need to make arrangements to bring your own snacks or lunch for your group.

What should we wear?

Please wear comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. Dress appropriately for the weather. You may also want to bring a hat or sunscreen. Be sure that everyone in your group wears tennis shoes or boots. Flip flops, Crocs, or sandals are not allowed at any time on a build site.

Do we need to bring our own tools?

Habitat tries to provide all necessary tools and materials. It is always good to bring your own work gloves. If your group desires to bring your own tools, please make sure they are clearly marked with your name (or we'll thank you for your tool donation).

Will we get to meet the family whose home we are helping to build?

Our families work hard to achieve their dream of homeownership. Our families are required to put in 300 hours of "sweat equity" on their homes and/or any other home under construction, so they are often seen working on the build sites. Most of our families work full time, so they are most likely to be building with volunteers on Saturdays.



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Group Volunteer Application for Schools, Churches, or Civic Groups

Name of Group: _____

Build Group's Address: _____

Contact Name of Group Leader: _____

Phone: (work) _____ (Home) _____ (Fax) _____

E-mail: _____

Volunteer Preference: _____ Build Site _____ ReStore

Donation Amount per Group: \$ _____ (Not a requirement, but appreciated)

Approximate Group Size: _____

Preferred/Selected Dates: _____

First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____ Third Choice: _____

I have thoroughly reviewed the Group Participation Guidelines. I will send the appropriate donation to the Habitat for Humanity of Martin County office at least one week prior to the Build Day once our requested date is approved.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Habitat Confirmation: _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____

Please submit the completed application via Fax, Mail, or Email.

Questions? Contact the Volunteer Director at 772-223-9940 or at mjones@habitatmartin.org

Thanks for your participation and support!



What to expect on the job site

- Please arrive by 8:15 am. Work generally ends around 1:00pm or when weather or materials restrict the workday. All workers are asked to assist with site clean-up at the end of the day.
- Volunteers will be greeted and asked to complete the sign-in sheet and sign-out at the end of the day.
- We will begin the day with Devotion and prayer, safety instructions, and a construction supervisor will then direct the volunteers to the task at hand.
- Please be aware that a construction site can be a dangerous place. Habitat will do all that can be done to keep the site clean and accident free. By signing in, you are agreeing to our safety rules and practices.
- If you do not bring your own safety equipment, it will be provided for you at the site. This includes hard hats, safety goggles, ear protection, work gloves, and dust masks-when appropriate.
- Be prepared for the tropical Florida weather. Bring water, sun protection and dress appropriately.
- Wear clothes you expect to get dirty and stained, especially if you are painting.
- Wear closed-toe shoes with thick soles—NO SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS or CROCS!
- There will be restroom facilities on site.
- Parking is limited, so please car-pool if possible.
- Young children requiring supervision are not permitted on the worksite.
- If you are unable to speak/understand English, please bring an interpreter.

What to bring:

- Hat
- Sunscreen, water
- Work gloves, tape measure
- If you bring your own tools, clearly mark them with your name.
- Drinks and snacks
- Patience

What not to bring:

- Young children requiring supervision (Age minimum is 15 years old)
- Pets, glass containers, MP3 Players

What you will take home:

- New construction skills
- A strong sense of community
- Pride in a job well done
- New friends