INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL HABITAT CONSTRUCTION GROUPS

What is the typical size of a Habitat Team Build Group?
A Habitat Team Build Group ranges from 10-15 individuals up to a maximum of 25 individuals from the same business organization who volunteer at Habitat. The largest group size is 25 individuals due to supervision and safety requirements.

How can a new crew get started?
1. Fill out and return (by mail, fax, or email) the Corporate Team Build Group Volunteer Application Form below.
2. Once we receive your application, the Volunteer Coordinator will contact you with one or two possible dates within the time frame you listed. You will need to respond within one week to confirm that date. Please note that there is often a waitlist for groups that are not house sponsors.
3. As the workday approaches, you will receive information about your workday, including the address of the site and a description of the tasks that will be performed.
4. On your assigned day, please arrive by 7:45 to sign in. The day will begin at 8am with a group orientation, which is mandatory for all volunteers as that is when we review safety and assign tasks.

What is a day like on the site?
A representative from Habitat will gather everyone at the beginning of the workday. He or she will begin with introductions, safety instructions, an outline of the work to be done and an opening prayer. The folks present will then be divided up into smaller groups to work on specific jobs. Each group will have a leader on site to explain the task and provide supervision of the task.

Is there an age limitation?
No one under the age of 16 will be permitted on a building site while work is being done. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to use any power equipment, work on a ladder, the roof, or participate in any hazardous activity. It is best when trying to include Youth Volunteers to let the Volunteer Department know ahead of time. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the Waiver and Release of Liability.

What about youth or school groups?
In order to ensure proper supervision for a safe and effective work site, there must be a 1 adult to 5 youth ratio. In addition, an adult must be designated as the leader or co-leader of the group. Tasks appropriate to groups of 16 & 17 year olds are landscaping and painting.

Who is responsible if someone gets hurt while working at Habitat?
Each Habitat volunteer must sign a Release of Liability form and bring it to the job site on their first volunteer date. We keep that form on file, so it only has to be filled out once a year. Your and your group’s personal health insurance plan should cover the individual while engaged in volunteer work; however, each volunteer should verify that he or she has this type of coverage prior to signing the Release form.

What about working with the future owner of the home?
The relationship you build with your partner family is just as important as the house you construct. Make sure that the homeowner is an integral part of the building process. There may also be a crew of future homeowners who are trying to earn hours so they can begin working on their own home, and we encourage groups to get to know these people as well.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BROWARD, INC.
CORPORATE TEAM BUILD
GROUP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date: _______________

(Please Print)
Name of Group: __________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ___________________________________________________________

Contact Address: __________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________________ Cell Phone: ______________________ Fax: _______

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________

VOLUNTEER PREFERENCES

Group/Donation Size: _______________________________________________________
___ 10-15 individuals: $1,500
___ 15-20 individuals: $2,500
___ 20-25 individuals: $5,000

What is your preference for volunteer workdays? _______________________________
___ Weekday
___ Saturday

How many members of your group are under 18? _____

Which area would you like to volunteer? _________________________________
___ Construction
___ ReStore

Has your group volunteered with us before? ______

When would your group like to come out and volunteer?
___ January – March
___ April – June
___ July – September
___ October – December
___ Specific Date: ______________________

CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE
Please describe any specific construction skills people in your group may have, for instance, roofing, landscaping, or painting. We welcome volunteer groups of all skill levels.

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