



Volunteer Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What Volunteer roles are available?

There is a variety of opportunities for volunteers at Habitat for Humanity:

- **Construction Volunteers**
Donate your time to help build a home. Typical onsite construction tasks vary depending on the home's stage of completion. Tasks can include framing, flooring, sheathing, door and window installation, siding, soffits and fascia, building wooden sidewalks or sheds, rigid insulation, and on the ground roof preparations. It may also include landscaping. No prior skills are required.
- **Group Volunteers**
Your group can partner with Habitat for an exceptional Team Building opportunity. Organizations can sponsor a day for which they will receive specific recognition benefits. For details visit <https://www.habitat.mb.ca/teambuild/> or contact Susan Buffie Manager, Sponsorship Development at sbuffie@habitat.mb.ca
- **Event Volunteers**
Habitat for Humanity holds various events throughout the year in order to raise awareness and to fundraise in order to build affordable housing. Some our events include: Holes for Homes Golf Tournament, House Party Gala, Ride around the Lake, Cycle of Hope, Steel Toes and Stilettos and more.
- **Administrative Volunteers:** Occasionally we need assistance within the office by providing additional support to staff.
- **Committee Volunteers:** Through a variety of committees, volunteers help to carry out Habitats mission to provide strength and stability through affordable home ownership.
- **ReStore Volunteers:** Volunteer positions may include general maintenance and cleaning, merchandising and other customer services roles. Contact each store directly for details.

Construction Volunteer Requirements:

In order to register as a construction volunteer, you will need to:

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Commit to a minimum of one full day of building
- Complete the required registration, and safety training
- Be able to follow instructions and work independently
- Be able to climb stairs and have good mobility
- Use and understand conversational English

Construction Volunteers

What can I expect as a volunteer?

Typical construction can include joisting, framing, sheathing, window installation, ridged insulation, siding, or building sidewalks and sheds. Landscaping takes place throughout the fall. Building takes place rain or shine.

Can I volunteer if I have no previous construction experience?

You are not required to have any previous construction skills.

If I am between the ages of 16 – 18, do I have to volunteer with an adult?

An adult does not need to accompany you. We will provide you with a waiver to be printed and signed by a parent or guardian and submitted prior to you building.

How can I register to become a volunteer?

Volunteer registration for individual volunteers is done online at <http://habitatmbca.volunteerhub.com/>. We require all volunteers to sign up for shifts at least one week in advance. If you are part of a Team Build, you will receive a link to register with your group.

Am I required to have my own tools?

Habitat will provide all of the tools required to carry out your volunteer assignment.

What type of safety gear should I bring with me to the build site?

We can provide you with the designated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as CSA approved steel toe boots, hard hats, gloves, hearing protection and safety glasses. If you have your own PPE you are welcome to wear it.

Is there a dress code for construction volunteers?

Mandatory safety boots (CSA approved) and hard hats are required at all times on site. Volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors and in various weather.

Acceptable: T-Shirt or long sleeve form fitting shirts. Pants are preferred, however if shorts are worn, they should be no higher than 5 inches above the knee.

Unacceptable: Tank Tops, shirts with bare backs or midriffs, excessively baggy pants, skirts or *short* shorts.

General Questions

Are there any evening or weekend opportunities to build?

Build opportunities generally take place Tuesday to Friday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

I have a required number of volunteer hours to complete. Can you provide verification for me?

Yes, but you are required to bring your confirmation of hours letter to your shift and the site supervisor will sign off on the work hours that you have completed at the end of the day. If it is for Community Service, it must be set up in advance of volunteering.

How can High Schools become involved?

We do have the **High Schools for Habitat** program for students; however, students must be a minimum of 16 years of age. Please visit <https://www.habitat.mb.ca/get-school.cfm> for more information or email kkluger@habitat.mb.ca