

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

There are several ways to volunteer with Habitat Birmingham:

CONSTRUCTION (new house construction and home repairs) volunteers assist with construction tasks from framing to landscaping led by a Habitat Construction Supervisor. Supervisors demonstrate and teach volunteers, ensure safety and oversee quality control.

HABITAT OUTLET STORE volunteers stock shelves, price merchandise and help with general cleaning.

HABITAT OFFICE volunteers assist with answering phone, cleaning and general office duties.

WORKSHOP LEADER volunteers with expertise in banking, social services and insurance lead education classes to potential homeowners.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Volunteers are encouraged to register online at www.habitatbirmingham.org. Volunteers can also call Habitat Birmingham at 205-780-1234. On your scheduled volunteer day you will be asked to sign in on site and wear a name tag.

SCHEDULE:

Construction - Construction takes place Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 4 pm. Work begins with a safety orientation and prayer. It is important to arrive promptly at your scheduled time in order to achieve building goals for the day.

Habitat Outlet Store – The Outlet Store is open Monday – Friday, 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Habitat Office – Open Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Workshop Leaders – Homeowner education classes are offered monthly.

TOOLS: Tools are available on site, however, volunteers are asked to bring basic tools such as a nail apron, hammer, tape measure, utility knife and pencil if possible. Work gloves are helpful. Please consider donating your tools used on site.

CLOTHING: Wear clothes appropriate for construction activities – Do not wear open-toed shoes or sandals, large ear rings or over sized clothing.

ON SITE PROVISIONS: No one under the age of 14 is allowed on the construction site. Water, portable toilets, construction materials and work supervision are provided. Lunch, snacks or transportation is not provided. Don't forget your camera!

WEATHER: In case of inclement weather contact the construction site supervisor.

Habitat reserves the right to remove any volunteer from the worksite if, in the opinion of a Habitat staff member, the volunteer is acting in a manner that creates risk of injury or harm to that volunteer or others.



Mission: Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses to provide quality, affordable housing opportunities so that every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends.



- Non-profit Christian housing ministry recognized as one of the top 20 Habitat affiliates (out of 1,700) in the US by Habitat for Humanity International.
- Builds quality, affordable housing and revitalizes existing houses that encourages family stability and promotes self-sufficiency, educational achievement and responsible citizenship.
- Receives more than 1,700 requests for housing assistance each year.
- Completes 25 to 30 new houses each year; to date more than 267 houses have been built.
- Houses are sold to low-income families at cost and financed at zero percent interest; houses are not given away.
- Began Home Repair Program in March 2006; to date 72 families have benefited from Habitat's critical repair program. Families qualify for Habitat Birmingham's Home Repair Program based on proof of ownership of home and income.
- Provided more than 1,020 men, women and children with quality, affordable housing and improved living conditions in Jefferson and Shelby counties.
- The cost to fully sponsor a family to live in a house starts at \$44,000. The average principal payment for families is currently \$250 per month.
- A family selection committee evaluates prospective homeowners for new construction using three criteria: (1) Need for quality, affordable housing; (2) Willingness to partner with Habitat Birmingham (minimum 300 "sweat equity" hours and 10 hours of homeownership education workshops); (3) Ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage.
- 501(c)(3) charitable organization governed by a local Board of Directors made up of a diverse group of community, business and religious leaders.



RELEASE WAIVER

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Nickname _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Birthday ____ / ____ / ____

Name of Group (if applicable) _____

Place of Worship _____ Employer _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Primary Contact Number _____ Alternate Number _____

Medical conditions / allergies _____

Insurance _____ Policy number _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Please Read Carefully. This is a Legal Document that affects your Legal Rights. This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by _____ (the "Volunteer"), and (in the case of a minor child) _____, the parent having legal custody and/or legal guardian of the volunteer ("the Guardian"), in favor of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation, their directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, "Habitat").

The Volunteer (and Guardian) desires that the Volunteer work as a volunteer for Habitat and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer (the "Activities). The Volunteer (and Guardian) understands that the Activities may include constructing and rehabilitating residential buildings, working in the Habitat office, working in the Habitat Warehouse, and living in housing provided for volunteers of Habitat. The Volunteer (and Guardian) hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

Release and Waiver. The Volunteer (and Guardian) does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Habitat and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer's Activities with Habitat. The Volunteer (and Guardian) understands that this Release discharges Habitat from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against Habitat with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damages that may result from Volunteer's work for Habitat, whether caused by the negligence of Habitat or its officers, directors, employees, or agents or otherwise. The Volunteer (and Guardian) also understands that, except as otherwise agreed to by Habitat in writing, Habitat does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

Medical Treatment. Except as otherwise agreed to by Habitat in writing, the Volunteer (and Guardian) does hereby release and forever discharge Habitat from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer's Activities with Habitat or (in case of a minor child) with the decision by any representative or agent of Habitat to exercise the power to consent to medical or dental treatment as such power may be granted and authorized in the Parental Authorization for Treatment of a Minor Child.

Assumption of the Risk. The Volunteer (and Guardian) understands that the Activities included work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, loading and unloading, and transportation to and from work sites. Volunteer (and Guardian) hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of harm in the activities and releases Habitat from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

Insurance. The Volunteer (and Guardian) understands that, except as otherwise agreed to by Habitat in writing; Habitat does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance for any Volunteer. Each Volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health and auto insurance coverage.

Media Release. The Volunteer (and Guardian) does hereby grant and convey unto Habitat all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images or video or audio recordings made by Habitat during Volunteer's Activities with Habitat, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

Other. The Volunteer (and Guardian) expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Alabama, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama. The Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of the Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

ATTENTION MINORS / Age 14 – 17

Additional parent / guardian signature is required to operate power tools and / or participate in roof construction.

Volunteer has permission to work on roof.

(signature of parent /guardian) _____

Volunteer has permission to operate power tools / equipment.

(signature of parent /guardian) _____

Volunteers age 14 – 17 must have parent / guardian signature

Signature of Volunteer: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

Date: _____

(if volunteer is 14 to 17 years old)

**A completed Release Waiver is required for each volunteer.
Waivers are valid for 12 months.**

**Please bring signed Release Waiver
with you on your scheduled volunteer day.**