

Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity Action Team Descriptions (2018)

Listed below are volunteer teams seeking additional volunteers to participate. Our teams are volunteer led and typically meet for an hour or two once a month. Meetings are generally held in the late afternoons or early evenings, though most teams are flexible and other meeting times can be arranged if necessary. For more information regarding volunteering on our teams, please contact the Habitat office.

A. Homeowner Selection

Our Homeowner Selection Team is responsible for working with our applicants before they can become homeowners. The Homeowner Selection Team reviews applications looking for a need for improved housing, an ability to repay the loan and a willingness to partner. They are responsible for following up applicants with additional questions related to their applications. They also conduct home visits with potential applicants before making a recommendation to our Board of Directors. Volunteers must remain objective and keep the interests of the organization in mind. This team works very closely with our Homeowner Selection Director.

Occasionally members of this team will also lead application orientation meetings. When there is a lot of interest in our community, it is easier to invite all potential applicants to a meeting to learn more about our program.

B. Homeowner Support

Once a homeowner is approved by our Board of Directors, they become a Habitat Partner Family and begin their journey to homeownership. Our Homeowner Support Team assists them on this journey and works closely with partner families from the time they are selected until about a year after moving into their home. When we say “support” we do not mean any financial support! This team is dedicated to mentoring and empowering our homeowners. These volunteers act as liaisons between the Habitat Staff, the Construction Staff and the partner family. They often lead parts of special Habitat ceremonies for our families such as our Wall Raising Ceremony and House Blessing.

The Homeowner Support team works with a diversity of people so being able to mediate, empathize and support without patronizing are all key qualities. We will train all volunteers on the background of Habitat for Humanity and our program so they can better assist homeowners.

C. Special Events/Fundraising

Fundraising is a key component of Habitat for Humanity’s mission as raising more funds means more families can be served! Volunteers on this team work to organize and execute events throughout the year, one large and others small.

We are seeking people eager to spread the word about our mission and our events and participate in them the best way they know how whether that be through Public Relations, Marketing, Soliciting Donations, Finding Sponsors, Organizing the Event, etc.

D. Finance

Our Finance Team works with the Board Treasurer and the Finance Program Manager on the annual budget and finance record keeping. For more information, please contact our Finance Program Manager directly. (Brent Householder- bhouseholder@wvh4h.org, 812-235-5914)

E. Faith Relations

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide. As such, volunteers on our Faith Relations Team work with local ministries and church groups to recruit volunteers and possible partner families, raise funds, etc.

Often times, this committee also makes presentations at churches in order to raise awareness in the faith community of Terre Haute. In the past, this team spoke with churches to donate various items for our homeowners to utilize in their new homes from cleaning products to kitchen towels and door hangers made by youth groups.

F. Resource Development

The Resource Development Team works on two levels. If you are interested in grant writing or have experience in writing grants, as a team member you would assist on the financial level researching grants and applying for them on Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity's behalf.

On the other hand, this team works to develop our in-kind resources by working with local suppliers and contractors to develop opportunities for In-Kind donations and pro-bono skilled labor in critical areas such as plumbing, painting, roofing, etc. These volunteers can either seek out the services of others or donate their own time if they are skilled laborers.

G. Meal Prepping

When our volunteers are out on the worksite, they typically work from 8:00am until 2:00pm. We love thanking our volunteers with lunch on the worksite; however, this is not always a feasible option for Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity as we do not have the funds to supply lunch every work day.

Therefore we rely on community partners who wish to supply lunch for our volunteers on the worksite. This can be anything from homemade soups and sandwiches to ordering a pizza for our volunteers the day of.