

## Volunteer Today!

### Habitat for Humanity of Omaha: Faith House Coalition



#### About Habitat

Habitat is about more than swinging a hammer. We rely on the dedication and generosity of our wonderful volunteers to further our mission of building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Since 1984, more than 1,425 families have been directly served through Habitat Omaha's housing solutions. ***In 2018, Habitat Omaha will build or renovate up to 50 homes for low- to moderate-income families, complete up to 100 home repairs and Rock the Block projects, and demolish up to 30 blighted and condemned properties.***

In order to build decent, affordable homes in partnership with local families, we have opportunities available for volunteers from all walks of life and with all kinds of skill levels.

#### Is there an orientation I can attend?

Yes! The day of your volunteer date, a staff member will greet you, share important information about the mission and work of Habitat for Humanity of Omaha and provide an overview of on-site safety.

#### Do I need construction experience to help build?

No! It's great if you have construction skills, but certainly not necessary. Your crew leader for the day will ensure that you receive training for the task at hand. Before you know it, you will pick up handy new skills you can bring home with you or use next time you're out on the Habitat build site.

To volunteer on the construction site, you must be at least 16 years old. There are other volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity of Omaha for all age groups. Contact Emily Lowndes Prauner at [elowndes@habitatomaha.org](mailto:elowndes@habitatomaha.org) or 402-884-7390 to learn more.

### **What kind of work will I do at the construction site?**

Though we try to let you know what you'll be doing before your work day arrives via email, sometimes weather and other factors make predicting construction tasks somewhat a challenge. Our construction team ensures you are comfortable with the job you are assigned. If you are unable to complete a task or feel uneasy, tell your crew leader—we're happy to find a job that better suits you. Some examples of what you might do include:

- Framing and siding
- Installing insulation and drywall
- Deconstruction
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Light cleaning
- Loading and unloading materials

### **What should I wear?**

If you're volunteering on a construction site, wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty or torn. Closed-toe shoes are required. Dress for the weather; be sure to wear layers and bring a warm hat and gloves. The construction crew leader will provide a hard hat, eye protection, and work gloves for you to wear on site.

### **What should I bring?**

Lunch, a snack, and a bottle of water will get you through the day. You are welcome to bring your personal tools if you have them (we recommend labeling them), but our construction team will provide all the tools you will need on site. Optional items you can consider bringing include sun block, a hat, sunglasses, and a camera.

### **Where do I sign up?**

All volunteers must register online using the CERVIS registration portal.

Registering online helps:

- Keep our volunteers safe – the online registration stores contact information and emergency contact information.
- Habitat communicate with you – all registered volunteers will receive a reminder of their upcoming shift and receive a thank you email with an opportunity to provide feedback of the day, as well as other ways you can get involved.
- Habitat keep track of volunteer hours – Habitat uses these reports for grant purposes.

**To register for your volunteer shift, go to <https://habitatomaha.org/volunteernow/> and type in faith2018 under the "Use Reservation Code" field.**