

Habitat for Humanity Needs You

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustee members attend meetings every other month, provide fiscal oversight; and help to plan and implement the affiliate's strategic plan. There are 15 seats on the Board of Trustees. Trustees can serve two, three-year terms. **Before becoming a board of trustee member, we ask you to volunteer a minimum of 6 months on a committee (committees are listed below).**

Church and Faith Relations

Increase awareness of the many ways Habitat can partner with churches and faith organizations to help individuals and families in your neighborhood. Help maintain relationships with churches who already support Habitat's mission. Identify faith organizations with whom we share interest and work around affordable housing. Engage new partners by visiting and making presentations to these various groups.

Events and Special Projects

Event and special project volunteers help to plan and participate in fundraisers, other reoccurring events and administrative tasks like data entry, copying, mailing, etc. Volunteers will help to identify and approach potential donors (individuals, churches, and businesses) for either a financial donation or "in-kind" gifts of material, labor, and/or property. Develop fundraising material and help with grant writing. You will be surprised to find that people are willing to give when they understand the principles of Habitat!

Construction

People who have an interest in and may have knowledge of various aspects of home construction will enjoy this committee work. Committee members include surveyors; architects; people who know building codes; carpenters; concrete or masonry workers; plumbers; electricians; and individuals from the utility and building supply industry. There is a lot to know about building houses. If you have any knowledge at all, or if you would like some on-the-job training please join us!

Public Relations

Individuals who enjoy writing and speaking publicly will enjoy being a part of this committee. One or two who like to work with the local media are needed, and individuals who want to write newsletters, articles, or letters to the editor. Persons interested in volunteering to serve on this committee may be asked to do speaking engagements to church groups, youth groups, community groups and organizations about Habitat's past and future projects, as well as, our mission. People on this committee help the affiliate "get the word out."

Family Selection

This committee meets to review applications from individuals or families who have made application to be a partner family with Habitat. The goal is to determine if the applicant is the right fit for the program. Have they demonstrated a housing need? Are they within the income guidelines? Working with the Family Support Committee, you will find certain joy in making what seems an unobtainable dream come true for some of these families!

Site Selection

Individuals on this committee will research and assess requests to donate land to Habitat. Committee members will determine if lots are buildable and suitable for carrying out our mission. This committee may work with lenders, property owners, and local government officials on acquiring land and lots for building or insuring there is ample water and sewer connections available.

Family Support

Individuals with good "social/people" skills will work with partner families before, during, and after construction to be sure that the soon to be homeowner is meeting the sweat equity requirements, attending financial classes, maintaining a budget, saving for closing costs, and will help in the transition of true homeownership.

Volunteer Relations

Individuals who serve on this committee help organize other volunteers by assigning places to work, providing orientation and on-going training. Committee members keep track of volunteer hours, sets criteria for volunteer recognition, and plans volunteer events.

Restore

If you would like to volunteer at the ReStore, just stop by our location at 300 Rice Industrial Parkway, Amherst and speak to one of our volunteer coordinators.

In order to provide the maximum amount of revenue for our building projects, the ReStore must run lean. ReStore volunteers make up the majority of our staffing. Volunteers assist in accepting donations, processing items for resale by cleaning, pricing, and stocking. Volunteers arrange inventory on the showroom floor and help keep our warehouse and showroom floors well organized and sparkling clean. Volunteers assist our shoppers by providing helpful customer service and support too.

Relying on volunteers to accomplish our work helps keep the cost of store operations down, helps to drive up profits which translates into more affordable housing. Keep in mind that 100% of these profits are donated to help build decent, affordable homes throughout Lorain County. Your volunteer efforts help to build up our community.

ReStore volunteers also help with deconstruction projects. Before a home is demolished, Habitat for Humanity is called upon to deconstruct any salvageable item (i.e. windows, doors, cabinets, counters, garage doors, exterior and interior doors, furnaces, etc.). Often times we are called to clean out a home after an estate sale, a church after a rummage sale, or when a family member is moving in or out of assisted living. Anytime items are no longer needed, the ReStore is there to help clear out the items and make them useful once again!

Administrative Support

Administrative opportunities are available throughout the year. Many of the duties are designed to keep the organization running smoothly. You can be assured that there is always enough work to go around. The office is generally open Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, we ask that you devote a minimum of 2 hours per visit and be consistent in how you schedule your time. Even if you can only donate one day a month or once a week, we welcome your service.

Community Engagement

There are plenty of opportunities in the community to represent Lorain County Habitat for Humanity. Every month there are fairs, presentations, and networking events. After thorough training, you will be helping us to reach more people by simply attending these social events. We always appreciate individuals who on a smaller scale can keep Lorain County Habitat in the minds of those you interact with in the community to help spread the good news about what we do.

Marketing

Habitat have events all year long that could always use a new perspective. Come help work on our marketing material, public and media relations, writing, design or event planning.

Photography/Videography

Pictures speak louder than words. Help us speak louder by contributing to our media efforts for our various events and programs.

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