



# Volunteer Day: FAQ

## What volunteer opportunities are available?

**New Construction, A Brush With Kindness** (minor interior & exterior home repairs), **ReStore** (home improvement thrift store), **Youth United** (for youth who are between 5-25 years old), **Office, Warehouse, Special Events, and Family Selection Committee.**

If you are willing to volunteer, we will find a place for you to help!

## How do I SIGN-UP?

**Individual Volunteer:** Attend a New Volunteer orientation, dates are posted on the website. To register, email [volunteer@milwaukeehabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@milwaukeehabitat.org) or call 414-562-6100x14.

~ THEN Sign-up by going on online, calling 562-6100x14 or emailing [volunteer@milwaukeehabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@milwaukeehabitat.org) your available date(s) you would like to volunteer that coincide with the activity you choose.

**Groups:** Sign up online, email or call to sign-up your volunteer day. Please have at least THREE (3) possible volunteer days that coincide with your chosen activity. An orientation will be held on-site on your volunteer day.

## What do I WEAR?

Dress for the weather and comfort, but no open-toed shoes.

Bring a long-sleeved t-shirt and work gloves.

No spaghetti strap tank tops

## WHAT do I BRING?

**TOOLS:** Basic tools if you have them.

**'Basic Tools'** include: 16' Tape Measure, Phillips and flathead Screwdriver, Safety glasses, Claw Hammer, Utility Knife, Carpenter's pencil, Tool belt or nail apron, Hard hat, if you have one, Power tools (generators are not needed)

**FOOD/WATER:** Bring plenty of water (especially during hot weather) or Gatorade type beverage, lunch and snacks.

\*please know lunch is not provided except for during Build Weeks

## Is there an age requirement?

Yes, we require our volunteers to be at least 16 with supervision, 18 years old without. (Due to our insurance policy). However, if you are between the ages of 5 and 25 and would like to be a part of our YouthBuilds program, please contact 414-793-1099.

## What should I EXPECT for a regular volunteer day (non- Blitz Build)?

9a- meet at the warehouse (weekday) or worksite (Saturday, Build weeks)

***SIGN WAIVER and ATTENDANCE SHEET***

9:10-9:30a: Houseleader huddle: discuss the day's activities and

Safety talk, workday instruction

9:30-11:45a: construction work

11:45a-12:30p: lunch

12:30p-2:45p: construction work

2:45p-3:00p: clean-up

3:00p: end of work day

### **What skills are required?**

No prior construction skills are required- just a positive attitude and willingness to learn! On-site crew and houseleaders will train the volunteers the day of.

### **What is a Blitz Build Week?**

The Blitz Build week is a special volunteer week where we will rough frame multiple homes at the same time. Volunteers work Monday-Friday, from 8am- 4pm during this week. During our July and September Build Weeks, additional houses will be open for drywall crews. No prior experience is required, just a great attitude and will to learn!

### **Typical Build week work schedule:**

**Monday:** Build and raise first floor walls, second floor cap (time permitting)

**Tuesday:** Second floor cap, second floor exterior walls, start porch work

**Wednesday:** Finish second floor exterior walls, second floor interior walls, start staircase, continue porch, trusses arrive (install if time permits).

**Thursday:** Finish trusses, sheathe roof, finish porch, install windows, and start siding

**Friday:** Finish Roof (if necessary), framing check-list, window and exterior door installation, Siding

### **Typical Build Week Daily Itinerary:**

**8:00a** Volunteers arrive on-site

**8:15a** Devotions (optional)

**8:30a** Team Huddle, Safety Talk, then start working

**11:30** Lunch (first shift)

**12:15** Lunch (second shift)

**1:00p** Continue working

**4:45p** Clean-up

**5:00p** Finish for the day

### **What to Bring for a Blitz Build workday:**

Tool belt or apron

Framing Hammer

Tape Measure

Pencil

Utility Knife

Speed Square

### **Why is there a minimum of 3 volunteer days required during Blitz weeks?**

Due to the tight schedule of the Build week and need to complete the homes by the end of the week, it has been found that having brand new volunteer crews each day slows down the process. By having consistent crews, volunteers are able to complete more work and keep on schedule. If you can only commit to one or two volunteer days, please sign up for one of regular workdays. Our regular volunteer days are from 9a-3p, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

Please contact Katie Kowalski, Volunteer Coordinator at 414-562-6100x14, [kowalski@milwaukeehabitat.org](mailto:kowalski@milwaukeehabitat.org), or visit our website [www.milwaukeehabitat.org](http://www.milwaukeehabitat.org)