



2008 VOLUNTEER BROCHURE

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Thank you for your time and effort to help eliminate substandard housing in the Saint Louis area!

Where to park?

Everyone must park in the only secured parking lot on Webster Ave between Brantner Pl. & Sheridan Ave.

Where do we meet?

Webster Ave at the Site Support / Registration Trailer; one block south of the parking lot

What do I bring?

- **Lunch & water is provided during a blitz week & on Saturday's.** Check with your Group leader. Group leaders must provide Habitat with a count.
- Signed waiver (if not previously submitted)
- Work Gloves & Dress in layers
- Wear clothes which can get dirty and stained
- Wear sturdy shoes - **no sandals**, crocs, house slippers or open toed or heeled shoes!
- Gatorade, snacks, fruit, hat, & Towelettes for the Porta Potties
- **Bring rain and/or sun protection!**
- Flexibility, patience, a sense of humor and cooperative spirit

NO Children UNDER 16 years old
ONE adult for every 4-5 youth in your group!

NO Glass Containers

NO Valuables

NO Pets



What about tools, etc.?

We have tools! But.....

If you have them (depending on task of day as to whether you will need them), bring hammer, nail belt, tape measure, pencil, utility knife, chalk line, tin snips, speed square and any hand tools.

Please have your name on your tools.

Habitat will not be responsible for misplaced personal tools.

Do I need safety equipment?

Safety equipment will be available - including gloves, hard hats (when needed), safety goggles, ear protection and dust masks when appropriate.

What will the full day be like?

- Please **meet** on Webster Ave, just after Sheridan Ave on the east side of the street **at 7:50 AM**
- Turn in waiver, sign in & get ID button
- Staff will direct you to task or house; ask questions if unclear.
- Break for lunch @ House Leaders discretion; **do not** go off site for lunch.
- Continue tasks to completion
- Clean up
- Return tools and materials
- Work Day **ends when this is all done** - may be 3:30 – 4:30 PM!

Where is the 2008 Building Site?

June—Dec In JeffVanderLou –1/2 mile east of the intersection of Grand Blvd and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

⚡ What should I do if I cannot work as scheduled?

If you are with a sponsor or volunteer group contact your sponsor contact or group leader. If you are a construction leader, individual or an entire group that is canceling please call **314-371-0400 X27** before assigned date if you cannot work. We have scheduled work for you and will need to find a substitute if you cannot make your scheduled workday. We value your volunteer services. Our homes cannot be built without you!

⚡ What if the weather looks bad or if there is a heavy rain the day before? ⚡

Call morning of workday after 6:30 AM
314-371-0400 X45 for update

🕒 What if I am late?

Latecomers – Wait for staff to advise you. Registration closes at **9:30AM** during a blitz week & on Saturday's. Latecomers need to arrive prior to then as staff will not be available after 9:30AM for registration.

Can I work just a half a day? **NO**

To keep our build on schedule, the work tasks are planned for each volunteer to work **a full work day.**

😊 What will I take home?

- ★ Hope for the future of our families
- ★ A strong sense of community
- ★ New construction skills
- ★ Pride in a job well-done
- ★ New friends

Will I meet the homeowner?

YES! Homeowners need 450 hours of sweat equity before they can move in after their house is finished so they will be working hard to get enough hours. Be sure and introduce yourself and take some time to get to know him/her and the family! What better way to build a community as well as a house!

Who's in Charge?

Volunteer Leadership -The **House Leader** *purple shirts* oversees the entire work force on a house, with several **Crew Leaders** *teal shirts* who work with volunteers in a small group. **Crew Leader Trainee's** *white shirt* first year Habitat leadership who work with small groups. Feel free to ask questions if you do not understand or see something that seems to be unsafe.

Staff on Site - **Project Managers** in *blue shirts* give assignments and oversee specific phases. **Site Assistants** in *green shirts* – will help you with tools materials and side tasks. **Construction Manager** in a *red shirt* oversees and manages the entire build and may be on site. **Site Support** in *gold shirts* run registration, organize lunch, water/ice & answer questions & comments.

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INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

If you are interested in volunteering outside of your sponsor or volunteer group, attend an Individual Volunteer Orientation to find out more about Habitat volunteer opportunities!

ARE SCHEDULED FOR **SATURDAYS**

Feb 9th, May 17th, & Aug 16th, 9-11AM

FOR **WEDNESDAYS**

March 12th 6-8PM, June 18th 12-2PM, & October 8th 6-8PM
3763 Forest Park Ave.

RSVP to mary@habitatstl.org or call 314-371-0400

Parking Disclosure:

"At Habitat, we make our best efforts to ensure the safety of your possessions while you volunteer your time with us. For that reason, there will be a security guard on duty all day in the parking lot that we provide. However, in the event of an unfortunate occurrence, Habitat can not be responsible for loss, theft or damage. To further ensure the safety of your vehicle, please do not leave any valuables of any kind in your car, not even under the seat. We recommend that you **do not bring ANY** valuables to the site, but if you must, please place any purses or other items in the trunk of your car **BEFORE** you get to the parking lot."

What if I want to contact Habitat?

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis
3763 Forest Park Blvd. 63108
Phone 371-0400 Fax 371-0404
Email: habitat@habitatstl.org

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis greatly appreciates your time, interest and talents!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trivia Night April 11th

Golf Tournament May 9th

Habitat Night at the Ballpark September 11th

The BIG Party September 27th

For information on sponsoring / co-sponsoring a home, or details regarding a special event.

CALL COURTNEY AT 371-0400

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Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere from all walks of life. Its purpose is to develop communities with God's people in need by building houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all that God intended.