



Volunteer FAQs

What skills are required?

We love experienced volunteers, but the vast majority of our volunteers have never had more construction experience than painting a bedroom or hanging a picture on the wall. Our site supervisors and CORE construction volunteers will teach you everything you need to know on your build day.

When can I volunteer?

Habitat of the LV posts all volunteer dates on our "Volunteer Hub". Volunteer Hub is our online volunteer database and volunteer schedule. All volunteers participating with us are required to create an account. You only need to create this account once. Click this link to create your account: <http://habitatlehighvalley.volunteerhub.com>

Where can I volunteer?

You can either volunteer to build at one of our construction sites (Allentown, Easton, Bethlehem), or you can volunteer at our ReStore (Whitehall, PA) which is a retail outlet that sells donated items. On occasion, we need office volunteers. We also have unpaid internship opportunities.

Can individuals sign up for a day listed as "RESERVED"?

No, there is only room for individual volunteers on days that are NOT marked as RESERVED. When marked as 'reserved' it is for a specific group.

Is there a minimum age requirement?

You must be at least 16 years old to work on our construction site. All 16 & 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult chaperone on your build day or have a note signed from apparent or guardian. You must be 16 years old to volunteer at the ReStore.

Do you ask for a donation when we volunteer?

We do not require that individual volunteers make a donation but pledging a donation helps us to buy the materials and supplies that you will be using on your build day, as well as, pay our Construction Supervisors who will be working with you. Ultimately, contributions help us build more homes for families who need our help!

What will I do volunteering at the ReStore?

Work at the ReStore includes, but is not limited to: cleaning donated items, paint mixing, pricing and sorting items, greeter, polishing wood furniture, moving furniture from donation center to sales floor, general store housekeeping, and providing customer service.

Where do I build?

Once you have scheduled and confirmed your build day, all important information (site location, required paperwork, proper dress, directions) will be posted on the Volunteer Hub. All of our sites are in the Lehigh Valley area, are accessible by public transit, and generally have street parking available.

What will happen when I arrive at the site?

At the beginning of each workday, our Volunteer Manager and Habitat site supervisor will start the morning with an introduction, a safety talk and instructions. The group will then break into crews to work on the various building tasks. The activities range from hanging drywall, painting, stacking lumber, framing, sanding, demolition, cleaning, and anything else that needs doing!

How long do build days last?

Volunteers build with us from 8am to 2pm unless noted otherwise.

Is my work day cancelled if rain or snow is predicted?

You will be contacted by us if a work day is cancelled for any reason. Our site supervisors can be reached for emergencies. All contact information is listed on the volunteer hub.

How often can I volunteer?

We try to encourage as many people in the community to volunteer as possible. You may volunteer as much as you would like.

What should I bring?

- *Proper Dress:* Wear comfortable clothing and expect to get dirty with spilled paint, dirt etc. Closed toe shoes are a must and layers in the wintertime are key as our homes are often not insulated or heated.
- *Food and Drink:* Bring any food or drink you will need for the day. BOTTLED WATER IS PROVIDED. Convenience stores are within a short driving distance from some sites
- *No Tools or Supplies Required:* Habitat of the LV will provide all tools and building materials for your build day.

I still have questions!

Do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions by email at Camille@habitatlv.org or by phone at 610-776-7737 ext 318.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us!