



WELCOME TO THE WESTSIDE CHURCH COALITION'S BUILD DAY!

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity, thank you for being a part of our Home Repair Program and the Westside Church Coalition's build day! Because of the dedication and support of individuals and groups like you, we are able to successfully progress towards our goal of eliminating poverty housing throughout the world – starting in our own community of Greater Los Angeles. The house that we will renovate together will be a symbol of hope in the community and a tangible sign that the differences which divide us racially, economically, and culturally *can* be overcome when people choose to work together.

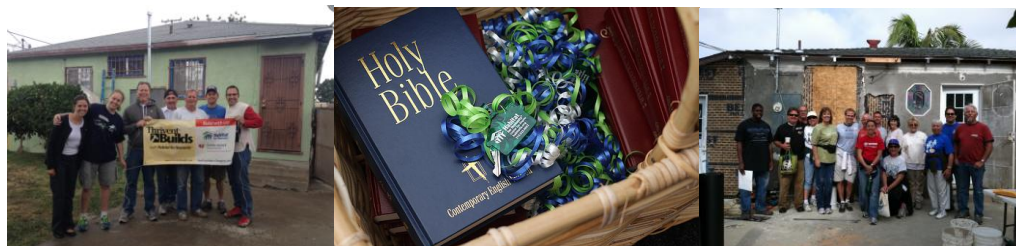
This guide will answer most of your questions about what to expect at the build site. One very important factor we cannot forget to mention: It is our goal that volunteers have FUN while they work. Habitat for Humanity wants to provide a fulfilling experience for you all and although you may leave the job site bumped, bruised, and tired, we believe that the time you have spent volunteering will be rewarding in ways that you never imagined.

Thanks again...now, **LET'S GET TO WORK!**

Please contact Chris Untiet, Associate Director of Faith Relations, at 424-246-3622 or chrisu@habitatla.org with any questions.

BUILD DAY SCHEDULE

8:00am	Volunteers Arrive & Register
8:20am	Orientation, Safety Briefing and Assignment of Tasks
8:30am	Work Starts
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm	Work Starts Again
2:30pm	Clean-up
3:00pm	Work Day Ends



WORKSITE LOCATION

Location:

TBD in the South LA Region

We will know the exact location as we get closer to the build.

(before)



(after)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

Each volunteer must sign a Release of Liability Form and a Work Crew Safety Form. Prior to your arrival, please have each volunteer complete both forms **(attached)** to be turned in all together at the registration table on your work day. The Work Crew Safety Form must be read by each volunteer before they register on their work day.

What to Bring

- Crew members should wear **comfortable clothing**, but not garments that could easily get caught on objects or in power tools. **Boots or sturdy, closed-toed shoes** (hiking shoes or athletic shoes) are required.
- **Hard hats** may be required (and will be provided) to work on the construction site. If you prefer, you can bring a baseball cap or bandana to wear underneath your hard hat.
- It is important to wear **sun block** and **sunglasses** are also a good choice!
- A **water bottle!!!** (We have water on site, but no cups. Please bring a cup or bottle that can be refilled. You will want it, it's hot out there!)
- Bring a **camera** to record the memories.

Tools and Safety Equipment

All tools are provided for your use on your workday. You may bring your own, however, please clearly identify them with your name. HFH GLA can not be responsible for personal tools that are lost or stolen. Gloves, safety glasses and any other necessary safety equipment will be provided for your use, but you may bring your own if you prefer.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Habitat has built more than 225,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

How does it work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor -- sweat equity -- into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

How are the Families Selected?

Habitat homeowner families are selected through an application process that evaluates:

- Level of need (through home visits, interviews, etc.)
- Willingness to partner with Habitat by spending up to 500 hours of “sweat equity” building their home and/or the homes of their neighbors as a down payment
- Ability to pay back a zero-interest mortgage loan
- Families must be coping with substandard living conditions that relate to overcrowding, dangerous living conditions such as gang violence, or lack of adequate heating, water, electricity, or bathroom facilities

Habitat LA Home Repair

What is the Habitat LA Home Repair Program?

Habitat LA home repair seeks to help low-income families restore their homes so they can continue to live in safe, decent and affordable housing while bringing volunteers together to live out their values by helping a homeowner in need. Examples of possible projects include painting, landscaping and minor repairs that increase the safety of the home and revive its appearance. Habitat Home Repair preserves housing stock in the Greater Los Angeles area. Volunteer teams are matched with homeowners based on the size and difficulty of the project and the experience and size of volunteer team. We rely on churches, businesses, civic groups and community organizations that contribute financial, volunteer and material resources to effectively serve homeowners in need. Homeowners are eligible to participate in the program based on several factors such as the conditions of the home, the income of the homeowners and a demonstration of challenging circumstances such as disability, illness or age that prevent them from doing the work themselves. The services will be free of charge to qualified homeowners.