

Frequently Asked Questions

When and where do you offer volunteer opportunities?

Build site opportunities are offered Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM. Build sites occur across Pinellas, West Pasco, and Hernando Counties..

Special Event opportunities are offered throughout the year. Dates, times, and locations vary by event.

Are there any age restrictions for volunteer opportunities?

- 14-15 – May help on sites during Priming, Painting, and Landscaping days only. Per child labor laws, children under 16 may not be on a construction site where power tools or heavy equipment are being used.
- 16-17 – May help on any construction site. They may not use power tools or climb ladders over knee height.
- 18 and above – Fair game! All tasks and sites are open for volunteering.

How often are the volunteer opportunity calendars updated?

- Construction Calendar – updated weekly; check back at the end of each week for the following week
- Special Events Calendar – updated as special events are planned

What does a build site day look like?

On your volunteer day, our Site Supervisors will greet you for sign-in several minutes before the scheduled start time for the day. Then, they will provide a brief safety orientation. Please note that safety is very important to us and your presence at the safety orientation is mandatory.

After orientation, Site Supervisors will break the group into smaller teams (if necessary), inform you of your tasks for the day, and begin training. If there is ever anything you are asked to do that you are uncomfortable with, our team will be happy to help you get comfortable with the task or find another task for you. Water breaks are encouraged often with a formal break occurring between 10-10:30AM followed by a lunch break around 12PM.

What do volunteers do on build sites?

Volunteers assist our Site Supervisors in the following tasks:

- Framing
- Installing insulation & baffles
- Installing exterior doors and windows
- Installing cabinets, interior doors, and trim
- Exterior priming and painting
- Landscaping
- Punch & finish tasks

What should volunteers wear to a build day? Should volunteers bring anything?

Volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes while on site (no Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, etc.). Volunteers should wear clothing that they will not mind getting a little dirty, and possibly sweaty. Try to avoid loose, baggy clothing and any jewelry.

Volunteers should bring their own lunch to the site. Water will be provided, but any other drinks should be brought from home as well. Volunteers should also bring sunscreen and other sun protection gear (hats, sunglasses, etc.). All other items will be provided on site including tools, materials, gloves, masks, safety glasses, hard hats, etc.

Can I volunteer with family, friends, and co-workers?

Yes! Check out our [Group Volunteer Page](#) for more information.

I need to complete Community Service Volunteer Hours, can I complete them with Habitat?

Yes! Visit our [Court-Ordered and Educational Program Page](#) to get started.

What if I need to cancel my volunteer shifts?

Volunteer shifts can be canceled by revisiting the calendar you signed up on. Instead of a registration button, a “Cancel Registration” button will appear. If you need assistance, email volunteer@habitatbgbg.org.

What if bad weather is expected on my volunteer day?

Our volunteer opportunities occur rain or shine. If inclement weather will cause a cancellation, you will be notified immediately by the Volunteer Services team.



Additional questions? Email kdorsey@habitatbgbg.org for more information!