

## IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEER INFORMATION COVID-19 Update

- **Registration:** You must be registered for your shift. We are limiting shifts to 8 volunteers to encourage physical distancing. Those not registered may be turned away.
- **Hours:** Please plan to work the shift time noted on your confirmation email. A timely arrival is important, as a Habitat representative will provide task instructions & safety guidelines at the beginning of the shift.
- **Weather:** Unless you hear otherwise from a Habitat staff member (via email by 6:45am the day of the shift), plan to volunteer rain or shine. Habitat supervisors can often adjust work tasks to accommodate for inclement weather.
- Volunteer Tasks: Volunteers work on nearly all phases of construction. Plan to perform the task listed in your confirmation email. However, be aware that build schedules are often adjusted. Be sure to check your email prior to the shift for any updates. Thank you in advance for your cooperation & flexibility!
- Age Restrictions: The minimum age to volunteer on a Habitat construction site is 16; no one under 16 is permitted on the job site while work is being done. Task restrictions for 16 & 17 year old volunteers: cannot use power tools/ work at heights 6 feet & above (no roof work!)/participate in demolition or crawl space tasks.
  - o 16 & 17 year old volunteers are required to submit a "Release of Liability for Minors" waiver completed by either a parent or guardian.
- "Release of Liability" Waiver Form: All volunteers are required to submit one completed "Release of Liability" waiver form each fiscal year (July 1 June 30). You should have been prompted to read & electronically sign this waiver while registering through HFHC's volunteer portal. If you did not register through HFHC's online system, you must complete & submit a hardcopy (provided at worksite). In addition to the "Release of Liability" form, 16 & 17 year old volunteers must submit a "Release of Liability for Minors" form.
- **Physical Distancing:** Maintaining 6' of distance is encouraged on build sites. Please try to limit your movement around the build site.
- Masks: Masks are required on build sites. Please bring your own if possible. Limited supplies of masks are available.

- **Clothing:** Wear comfortable work clothes & proper footwear (work boots or athletic sneakers). No open-toed shoes!
- **Tools:** All necessary tools and safety gear will be provided by HFHC. If preferred, you may bring your own. Please label all personal tools with your name. We suggest volunteer bring their own work gloves, if available.
- Lunch & Water: Bottled water is provided on site or you may want to bring multiple reusable bottles of water. We are no longer providing communal water coolers. Lunch is not provided by HFHC. Volunteers can off-site for lunch, bring bagged lunches, or arrange for food delivery. Boxed lunches and wrapped single serve snacks are encouraged.
- **Parking & Valuables:** Parking space may be limited. Please be mindful of neighborhood residents by not parking in front of mailboxes, driveway entrances, trash/recycling cans, etc. Be sure to lock your cars and keep valuables at home or out of sight.
- Working with Habitat Partners Families: Volunteers may have the opportunity to work with HFHC partner families completing their sweat equity requirements. If so, we hope you enjoy getting to know them!
- Additional Questions: Contact the Volunteer Services Staff at 704-716-7077 / volunteer@habitatcharlotte.org