

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Thank you for choosing to take part in a Group Build Day with Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity. Without groups like yours we wouldn't be able to partner with low-income and deserving families to help fulfill their dream of first-time homeownership. You are about to take part in something so big, something so meaningful, and so worthwhile. Thank you for supporting IVHFH and please contact us with any questions by calling 337.8949.

1. COMPLETE THE LOGISTICS

- How many people will volunteer? (up to 20 per shift)
- Which day will your group volunteer? (Thursday, Friday or Saturday; please look to our [online Volunteer Calendar](#))
- Which shift you would like to volunteer? (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 – 5 p.m., or all day)?

2. CONTACT US

Once you have all this information, call IVHFH at 337.8949 with the logistical information, your group name, and your group's contact information.

3. ORGANIZE FOOD

We'll have small snacks on the site, however if your group will be volunteering all day or if you'd like to have breakfast or lunch on-site, please organize this within your group. We will have cooler space available for your group and will have water at the site.

4. SUPPORT IVHFH

If your Group Build Day is planned far enough in advance, consider planning a small fundraiser. Collecting donations from each member (suggest donation: \$5 - 10/member) to help support the home you are building is encouraged and can really make a huge difference within our organization.

A common misconception of Habitat for Humanity is that we are funded by the government or that we don't have to pay for the homes we build. In fact, we rely on partnering with businesses, service groups, faith organizations and individuals from the community in order to not only build safe, decent homes, but in order to fund them as well.

On average, it costs IVHFH \$110,000 to build a home in Johnson County, which includes the cost of necessary materials, labor hired in – HVAC, electrical, and plumbing, which are all required by law to be completed by professionals, and the land costs. Every donation helps and every donation will pay for the home your group had a hand in building.

Fundraising ideas

- Collect pledges for each hour you're building
- Go around a neighborhood and offer to complete small household tasks or chores in

exchange for a donation to Habitat for Humanity (we'll can provide you with pamphlets and information to pass out).

· Hold a Neighborhood Can Drive (please see the link on the Volunteer page)

Please contact [Kasie](#) at 337.8949 for help with fundraising or for any additional ideas.

5. SPREAD THE WORD

In order to prepare the group for their volunteer experience, please inform the members of:

1. The build date, time, and location.
2. Our website. Each member should know the link to our homepage so they can check for any weather cancellations/delays on the day of the volunteer event (please see weather link at top of the page at www.IowaValleyHabitat.org).
3. The dress code. Please tell your group members to dress for weather. All on-site volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes (no sandals allowed; tennis shoes and boots only). Pay attention to the weather the day of and dress accordingly.
4. What they should bring. We'll have all the tools/equipment for your group, however if a member wants to bring their own tools or gear, we happily welcome that. Otherwise, the members only need to bring themselves and a fun attitude!

6. WATCH FOR THE WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, be sure to check our website at www.IowaValleyHabitat.org on Build Day, and look for "weather updates" link at the top of the homepage. If the shift is delayed or cancelled, this site will be updated with the current information.

7. SHOW UP, HAVE FUN, AND GET READY TO MAKE LASTING MEMORIES!