



WELCOME TO THE THE NETWORK OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN IN HOSPITALITY, INC. BUILD DAY!

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (HFH GLA), thank you for coming out to build! Because of your dedication and support, we are able to successfully progress towards our goal of eliminating poverty housing throughout the world – starting in our own backyard of Los Angeles. The houses that we will build 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 goal is that our volunteers have FUN while they work. Habitat for Humanity wants to provide a fulfilling experience and although you may leave the job site bumped, bruised and tired, we believe that the time you spend volunteering will be rewarding in ways that you never imagined. Thanks again...now, **LET'S GO BUILD!**

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Saturday, October 18, 2014

8:00am	Volunteers Arrive on site
8:20am	Orientation, Safety Briefing and Assignment of Tasks
8:30am	Work Begins
11:30am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
3:30pm	Work Ends

***It is strongly recommended that all volunteers arrive on-time in order to receive a proper safety briefing.**

“Owning my own home provides my family with the stability and security we have always dreamed of.”

— Martha Peralta, Lynwood Partner Homeowner (pictured below)





BUILD SITE LOCATION

[3305 Magnolia Avenue, Lynwood, CA 90262](#)



This project features the construction of 7 new units of housing on a 22,250 sq. ft. lot in the City of Lynwood.

Six of the homes:

- Are 2 stories and 1,345 sq. feet
- Have 3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms

One unit:

- Is one story and 1,125 sq. feet
- Has 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms

The single story home was designed by renowned architect Michael Graves and is fully handicap accessible.

PARKING

THIS BUILD SITE IS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA SO PLEASE READ ALL POSTED SIGNS BEFORE PARKING TO AVOID STREET SWEEPING DAYS/TIMES, ETC. AND CARPOOL WHEN YOU CAN. KEEP ALL VALUABLES OUT OF PLAIN SITE AND EITHER AT HOME OR IN YOUR TRUNK.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Volunteer Experience

We are a unique volunteer experience for people of all races, religions and abilities. The tangible results of a day on the construction site or the emotional involvement in a family's growth are things that make the Habitat for Humanity experience more fulfilling than you can ever imagine. We give volunteers an opportunity to not only make a difference with a day's work, but also make a connection with a family moving towards stability, and homeownership. Anyone over the age of 16 is welcome to volunteer on any of our build sites.

Registration

Each volunteer must read and sign the Volunteer Information Form & Waivers. In order to save time, please complete all volunteer forms (attached) prior to arrival at the work site and turn them in at the registration table.

What to Bring

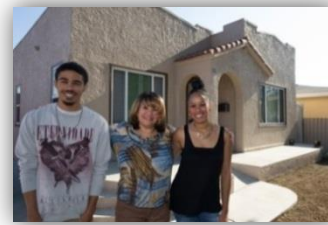
- Volunteers should wear **comfortable clothing**, but not garments that could easily get caught on objects or in power tools. **Boots or sturdy, closed-toed shoes** (hiking shoes or athletic shoes) are required. **As you may be doing some painting, please come in clothes that can get paint on them!**
- Please check the **weather report** (www.weather.com) in order to dress appropriately. We build rain or shine all year round!
- A **water bottle!** A five-gallon water dispenser will be on site to refill your bottle, so please bring one!

Tools and Safety Equipment

All tools are provided for your use on your workday. If you bring your own, please clearly identify them with your name. We cannot be responsible for personal tools that are lost or stolen. Hardhats, gloves, safety glasses and any other necessary safety equipment will be provided, but you may bring your own if you prefer.

Social Media

HFH GLA loves to connect with volunteers through social media and we encourage you to share your build day experience on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Important handles and hashtags for your build day are: **@HabitatLA** and **#BuildHLC**





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate substandard housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat for Humanity invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with low-income, hardworking families and individuals. Habitat for Humanity has more than 1,500 local affiliates in the United States and more than 70 national organizations around the world. Together, we have helped to build or repair more than 800,000 houses and serve more than 4 million people worldwide.

How does it work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity builds decent, sustainable and affordable homes with the help of the partner homeowners. Habitat for Humanity homes are sold to partner families and individuals at no profit and financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build even more Habitat for Humanity homes.

Habitat for Humanity provides a hand-up, not a hand-out. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, partner homeowners invest up to 500 hours of *sweat equity* labor into building their home and the homes of others.

How are the Partner Homeowners Selected?

Habitat for Humanity partner homeowners are selected through an application process that evaluates the following eligibility requirements:

- Must demonstrate need. Homebuyers must be low-income, earning between 30-80% of area median income for Los Angeles County.
- Must have good credit (no recent bankruptcies, liens or judgments).
- Must be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles by:
 - Completing *sweat equity* hours
 - Completing an 8-hour [HUD-certified pre-purchase homebuyer education workshop](#)
 - Completing an 8-hour Habitat Education Program, as well as additional courses through HFH GLA's comprehensive homeownership education program.
- Must be a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.
- Families and individuals must be coping with substandard living conditions such as overcrowding, lack of adequate heating, water, electricity, or bathroom facilities, health-related issues or dangerous living conditions.

How can I make a financial donation to help further the work of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles?

Financial contributions allow us to help more people in need. You can make a donation online at: www.habitatla.org or contact your **build day organizer** for more information.

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We look forward to building with you!