

## Mentor Volunteer Description

### **Goal of the Mentor(s)**

The Mentor is committed to carrying out the purpose of Habitat for Humanity and to support the approved Homebuyer by empowering them through homeownership. The goal is for Mentors to build a rapport with the partner Homebuyer, being a cheerleader, a listening ear, a resource, compassionate and open-minded. Mentors are encouraged to work alongside the partner Homebuyer in completing sweat equity requirements, when possible, and attend Habitat and community events.

### **Responsibilities**

- Be a positive voice for Habitat
- Meet with Homeowner Services Coordinator (HSC) and Homebuyer(s) to discuss expectations, as needed
- Connect with the Homebuyer once or twice per month (phone calls or texts) to ensure they are continuing to complete sweat equity hours.
- Continue communication through the first year of homeownership to make sure the homebuyer is set up for success through the four seasons (fall, winter, spring, summer), this is not a big time commitment, it could be 4 times of contact.
- Attend Blessing of the Build, share a few words about what you're looking forward to
- Participate in build days with Homebuyer(s) (depending on comfort level)
- Touch up paint towards end of construction with homebuyer
- Assist, when needed, with product registration cards with Homebuyer(s) after closing
- Attend Dedication, share a few words about the Homebuyer(s) at the Dedication, if available
- Attend home walk through with Homebuyer(s), if available
- Participate in final home cleaning with Homebuyer(s), if available
- Assist Homebuyer(s) to purchase insurance for home, if they'd like help
- Follow-up with homeowner after closing to ensure they applied for new driver's license, applied for homestead credit, completed new voter registration and changed address at post office
- Provide support to the homebuyer
- Attend annual Friends and Family picnic with homebuyer(s), if available
- Participate in Habitat community events, if available

Optional- Be a member of the Homeowner Support committee to feel supported as a Mentor. Typically two meetings per year.