

Women Build volunteers from all walks of life have come together to build stronger, safer communities. Women Build is a terrific way to involve your friends and family of all ages in crucial work with a lasting impact. The atmosphere is collaborative and friendly. *No experience is necessary.* Volunteers work under the guidance of construction professionals, and also alongside other volunteers and future Habitat homeowners.

Whether learning new skills or simply adding a few to your tool belt, this is a rewarding experience for all involved, and builds a stronger community. Women build isn't about excluding anyone. Men are welcome too. It is about including women and opening new doors of opportunity.

Women Build Team Leaders

- Serve as the main contact between Habitat staff and their team
- Recruit a small group to volunteer on the build site & sign up for a day
 - Volunteer groups can have up to 8 people per shift
 - Each team can volunteer one day (can be split into a morning and afternoon shift)
- Help your team raise \$1,500 to support the work (fundraising is due July 21, 2023)
- Share important information with team members as it becomes available
- Have FUN!

Who can volunteer?

- No construction experience needed, just a willingness to learn.
- **Volunteers must be age 16 or older to volunteer on the build site.**

2023 Important Dates

May 2 Habitat staff will email a list of build dates and the Build Day Choice form

May 16 Build Day Choice forms due to Habitat

May 23 Habitat staff will email confirmed build day schedule

July 10 First day of the build!

July 21 ALL FUNDRAISING DUE TO HABITAT OFFICE (can be turned in earlier)

Visit our website for details and forms at <https://hfhdouglascounty.org/volunteer/women-build.html>

Questions? Contact Sara at 320-808-6744 or sara@hfhdouglascounty.org

Build group size and times: *

- Volunteer groups up to eight (8) people.
- Volunteer shifts:
 - 8:30 am – Noon
 - 1:00 – 4:30 pm
- Volunteers must be age 16 or older to volunteer on the build site.
- No walk-in visitors or volunteers will be allowed.

Before arriving at a volunteer site:

- Please assess your signs and symptoms. Do not come to volunteer if you are feeling ill or have been exposed to someone ill.
- **All volunteers are required to complete an [online waiver](#).**

What to bring to the build site:

- Please bring your own individually filled and **labeled water bottle**.
- Please bring your own **glasses** – prescription, sunglasses, or safety glasses. A limited supply of safety goggles are available and appropriately sanitized.
- Please bring your own **gloves**.
- Sunscreen.

What to wear:

- **You will get dirty.** Wear clothing that you do not mind tearing or staining.
- **Wear closed toe shoes or boots and long pants.** Open-toe shoes and shorts are not proper work site apparel and will limit your ability to participate in construction activities.
- **Layered clothing is recommended.** You may not know in advance if you are working indoors or outdoors. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Upon arriving at the build site:

- Upon arriving at the build site, please check in with the Site Host.
- Let the construction staff know if you have a medical condition that they should be aware of, such as allergies, asthma, heart problems, etc. **If you do not feel comfortable doing a task, please let us know.**
- In the event of an emergency, please notify the construction staff immediately.

Food and beverage:

- Each person is encouraged to provide their own labeled and filled water bottle.
- No common source onsite food or water will be provided by Habitat.

Photos:

- Habitat staff may take photos of your build day.
- We encourage you to take photos and share them via social media, provided they do not interfere with your work or safety. Be sure to tag @HFHdouglasCoMN!

Your time on site has impact in so many ways! You are building a stronger community, building a home where a family can grow and thrive, building relationships with other volunteers as we serve together, and building a sense of joy and accomplishment for your time. **Thank you for building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.**

*Additional safety precautions may be implemented as needed and will be communicated prior to groups arriving onsite.

Each build team is asked to raise \$1,500. These funds may come from many sources such as individual donations, special fundraisers or events, church donations or business donations. Get creative and have fun...the opportunities are endless!



Host a coffee hour with a free will donation



Have a garage sale with proceeds going to the Women Build program



Bean bag tournament



Bag groceries



Sew, quilt or craft



Have a neighborhood BBQ



Host a bake sale



Hold a chili feed



Hold a car wash



Have a silent auction

Did you know... Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent Action Teams to organize fundraisers, including any of the above suggestions as well as other fundraising event ideas.

Business/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

YES, we will be a proud sponsor of the Faith Build!

_____ Enclosed is our contribution of _____. (Payable to Habitat Douglas County)

_____ Please bill us in the month of _____ for \$_____

The team we are sponsoring is called/led by _____

Thank you for your support!



Team Name: _____
Be Creative!

Team Captain: _____ **Team Co-Captain** (if applicable): _____

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