

Starting Your Day:

- **Work days run from 8:30 am to approximately 4:30 pm.** To keep construction running smoothly, please notify us in advance if you must be absent, arrive late, or need to leave early. We will inform you as soon as possible if there are changes or cancellations to the schedule due to weather or material delays.
- **Please arrive on site at 8:20 am.** We will begin promptly at 8:30 am with orientation and safety training.
- **When you arrive, check in with the Site Host. You will be asked to complete a volunteer waiver.** You will be asked to sign in and wear a name tag to help others get to know you.
- **The Construction Manager and Crew Leaders will be on hand** during the day to make your experience with Habitat rewarding, enjoyable, and safe.

What to Wear:

- **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.
- **Bring work gloves with you.** Work gloves with leather palms are the best. Habitat may also have extra gloves.
- **Layered clothing is recommended.** You may not know in advance if you are working indoors or outdoors. Dress appropriately for the weather. **You will get dirty.** Wear clothing that you do not mind tearing or staining.

Tools:

- **Habitat has the necessary tools on site.**
- **Safety guidelines** are followed. If you do not feel comfortable doing a task, please let us know.

Breaks:

- **Fresh drinking water is provided at the site.** You may wish to bring a refillable water bottle with you.
- **The construction site is equipped with portable toilets.**
- **We will take short breaks in the morning and afternoon.** Snacks are provided by Habitat.
- **We will break for lunch at approximately noon.** Habitat does not coordinate meals. We ask that you bring your own lunch unless you are told otherwise. If you are volunteering as a group, you are welcome to bring lunch for your group. We simply ask that you take care of coordinating those details within your group.

Medical Emergencies:

- **Let the construction staff know if you have a medical condition that they should be aware of,** such as allergies, asthma, heart problems, etc.
- **In the event of an emergency,** please notify the construction staff immediately.

Photos:

- **Habitat staff or volunteers may be on site taking 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!

Thank you for volunteering!

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.**