



**WELCOME TO SEAL BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SMALL GROUP BUILD DAYS!**

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity, thank you for being a part of **Seal Beach United Methodist Church Small Group Build Days!** 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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SCHEDULE: Third Thursday of Every Month, 2017

8:00am	Volunteers Arrive & Register
8:20am	Orientation, Safety Briefing and Assignment of Tasks
8:30am	Work Begins
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm	Back to Work
3:00pm	Site Clean-Up
3:30pm	Work Ends

BUILD SITE LOCATION: May Change Monthly. Build Days are the 3rd Thursday of Each Month. Contact Greg Fellers at: gregnkathy220@gmail.com for Current Information.





THE HAYES FAMILY- FUTURE HABITAT LA HOMEBUYERS!

After experiencing homelessness for 8 months, the Hayes family now shares a 2-bedroom apartment with another family of four. The high rent has confined them to an overcrowded housing situation even though Durneall is working two jobs to support her daughter and grandchildren. Durneall is determined to become a homeowner to provide a solid foundation for her family. "Completing my sweat equity hours is a daily reminder of my determination to make a difference in my life along with my family," Durneall says. She looks forward to planting flowers, a vegetable garden, and starting traditions in her new home.

Durneall currently works as a restaurant Assistance Lead at Staples Center and as a Home Care provider. She has also been an active member of her church for more than 20 years where she is currently serving on the adult and youth development committee. Ronnika and Mashayla are both in the church youth choir, and Daquan enjoys playing basketball. Along with church activities, the family is actively involved in the Long Beach community through helping with holiday food drives.

Durneall feels privileged to be part of the organization's long history of families and volunteers. "I am honored to be a part of the Habitat for Humanity family. Thanks for making my family's dreams come true!"

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who can Volunteer?

We are a unique volunteer experience for people of all ages, 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 Habitat for Humanity 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

- ☒ Crew members 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.
- ☒ **Hard hats** may be required depending on the scope of work (and will be provided) on the construction site. If you prefer, you can bring a baseball cap or bandana to wear underneath your hard hat.
- ☒ A **water bottle!** A five-gallon water dispenser will be on site to refill your bottle, so you will only need one.
- ☒ It is important to wear **sun block**, and **sunglasses** are also a good choice!
- ☒ Many of you have never used a hammer, saw or worn a hard hat before so feel free to bring your **camera** to have proof that you helped build a house!

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.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness from the world, 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 families and individuals in need. Habitat for Humanity has built more than 500,000 homes around the world, providing more than 2 million people in more than 3,000 communities with simple, sustainable and affordable shelter.

How does it work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity builds simple, 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, 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 labor - called sweat equity - 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: 1) Completing Sweat Equity Hours, 2) Complete an 8-hour [HUD-certified pre-purchase homebuyer education workshop](#) and 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 Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles' work?

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!