

# *Building on Faith*



Richmond Metropolitan  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®



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Richmond Habitat - Faith Partner Packet

2025-2026

# Richmond Habitat's Mission:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.



## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Habitat for Humanity was created to demonstrate the love of God in action, so it is natural that faith communities are a primary partner in Habitat's work. These partnerships are essential in grounding the work of Habitat in our mission of hope and uplifting the ministry of Habitat in prayer. Successful Habitat for Humanity affiliates are the ones with the support of faith communities. They have proven to be Habitat's most reliable and long-term partners. We look forward to having you involved in any way that fulfills your mission.

## OUR WELCOMING FAITH

### *At Richmond Habitat...*

**We build** affordable and safe housing for individuals and families in the Richmond Metro area. We believe in a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**We build** for diverse communities full of neighbors from all backgrounds.

**We build** to make the dream of homeownership possible with the help of generous donations, volunteers, proceeds from our ReStores, and hard work from our Habitat homeowners.

**We build** so our neighbors may find the stability, security, and self-reliance they need to thrive.

We believe that everyone can make a difference. As a community of different beliefs, backgrounds, religious and non-religious worldviews, Habitat brings people together to celebrate our diversity and honor our shared commitment to the common good.



## OUR IMPACT

- Since our start in 1986, we have built and rehabbed nearly 400 homes in the Greater Richmond Metro area.
- In fiscal year 2025, we helped a total of 31 families find strength, stability and shelter through homeownership, home repair, rental programs.
- Last year, 1,462 dedicated volunteers showed up 6,564 times - giving more than 25,000 hours to help build homes and hope.
- Our ReStores helped to divert 2.8 million pounds of usable goods from local landfills.
- We save an average of nearly \$60,000 on every home we build with volunteers!







## HOMEOWNER SPOTLIGHT

On June 13, 2025, we held a Home Dedication celebration for one of our newest homeowners, Rose Thornhill!

Thinking of her family, Rose wanted to make sure she could live both comfortably and independently in her golden years. After paying more than half of her income toward rent, she turned to Richmond Habitat for a better option. She purchased her Habitat home ensuring she pays no more than 25% of her income on housing. Rose gave a moving testimony of her involvement with Richmond Habitat saying, "this is my new beginning."

Thanks to US Senator, Tim Kaine, and Matoaca District Supervisor, Kevin Carroll, for joining us. Welcome home, Rose!



## CONSTRUCTION & REHAB POSSIBILITIES

Habitat homes are built and rehabbed by a volunteer workforce. No experience is necessary, just a willing attitude and desire to help! Volunteers are guided by our professional construction staff who teach you everything you need to know on the build site. There are a variety of tasks, both indoors and outdoors, available to all levels of skill and ability. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteer build days are Wednesday-Saturday, 8AM-3PM all year.

Below are some projects underway and coming soon! Please contact Burdette Robinson for an update on where your community can help out and volunteer. ([brobinson@richmondhabitat.org](mailto:brobinson@richmondhabitat.org))

### *New partnership with Chesterfield County*

Richmond Habitat recently began a partnership with Chesterfield County that will give us the opportunity to rehab blighted homes into affordable housing. The Sheldeb Drive and Rams Circle properties will be renovated and sold to an income-qualifying family to become part of the county's affordable housing inventory. Most have been vacant for some time so they, and future homes, will need a lot of love! An interfaith collection of nine groups began working in summer/fall 2025 at the Sheldeb site in Bon Air.

### *We're printing homes!*

Richmond Habitat is ready to print some houses! In July, our construction team went to Virginia Tech to get training on the concrete printer we will use to create houses along Darbytown Road - a project we hope will begin in the '25-'26 year. Stay tuned as we think outside the box to bring more affordable housing to our region!



### *Construction at Highland Grove*

In September 2024, RMHFH joined other non-profits and Richmond city leaders to break ground on a new neighborhood on Dove Street that we hope will be a model for increasing the affordable housing stock in the city. Known as Highland Grove, the mixed-income community will include more than 120 single family units, including detached homes, duplexes, and triplexes. Around half will be reserved for first time home buyers. We hope construction will begin soon!

# FIRE UP FAITH & FELLOWSHIP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## RETIREES



Retirees can fellowship with one another by volunteering monthly or weekly at a build site or at one of our ReStore locations. No experience is necessary! Help is especially needed Tuesdays through Fridays.

Seniors often enjoy collecting household items for our 'Welcome Home Baskets' which are given to new homeowners.



## CHILDREN (AGES 5-12)

Youngsters can hold fundraising drives and participate in monthly activities posted on the youth page of our website. They can also take part in events like our Annual Youth LEGO Build.



## YOUTH (AGES 13-18)

Youth Groups can support our Habitat ReStores by holding a furniture and building materials drive. They also enjoy landscaping projects around our newly-constructed homes.

## FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

Everyone can pray for those who need safe, decent, permanent housing around the world.

Parents can volunteer with their kids at a ReStore or at a build site (age 16+).

Professionals can advocate for Habitat at their workplaces and encourage those they work with to get involved by volunteering or donating. Habitat is a great way to introduce others to the wonderful work of faith partners in our community.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL!



Richmond Habitat for Humanity has ways for everyone to make a difference through shared passion and meaningful community engagement. Having members working together from your synagogue, temple, mosque, church or ward in this mission is a great way to strengthen existing congregational relationships. Working with other faith groups creates common unity toward a shared vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live.

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES



Hospitality Ministry Members can purchase and deliver doughnuts and coffee on build days. Some faith groups support Habitat by preparing and delivering lunches to build crew volunteers at the build site.



Women's Ministries and Mission Groups can participate in Richmond Habitat's Annual Women's Build. Over 200 did in 2025! Groups can also learn about Women Build's international work and Global Village.

## WOMEN'S GROUPS



## COMMITMENT & PARTICIPATION



Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity (RMHFH) is grateful to our Faith Partners for joining us in providing housing and enabling our mission to succeed. In this packet you have seen ways that your community can get involved. As a statement of faith, we ask you to consider where you would like to commit your time and talents.

The covenants of support represent a working agreement between Faith Partners and RMHFH, confirming our cooperation to build unity, complete homes, and serve families together.

**A Faith Partner** contributes in ANY way to support the mission of RMHFH – through all volunteer efforts (construction, lunches, ReStore, Welcome Home basket, etc) as well as giving.

**A Faith Fund Supporter** provides a financial pledge or contributions that support the cost of constructing Habitat homes, thus allowing volunteer participation on our construction sites.

All sponsors giving a total of \$500 or more will receive reserved a volunteer build day as well as acknowledgement on our website and on a construction sign. Gifts can be made under any schedule by any means, but are encouraged by June 30, 2026.

Use the **Commitment and Participation Form** on the next page to indicate how your Faith Community would like to support Richmond Habitat in the 2025-2026 year.

You can mail it (using the address on the front of this packet) or scan and email to [brobinson@richmondhabitat.org](mailto:brobinson@richmondhabitat.org).



## THE FAITH COUNCIL

Richmond Habitat's Faith Council has been active since August 2023. It has been a valuable group to assist in planning and conducting our faith events and connecting us to communities and resources in the area. The group represents various faiths and denominations united to support the mission of Richmond Habitat. We are always open to new participants. If you would be interested in learning more about becoming a member, please contact Burdette Robinson - [brobinson@richmondhabitat.org](mailto:brobinson@richmondhabitat.org)

## OUR INTERFAITH EFFORTS



Every year, mission-minded faith communities join in building and rehabbing homes, and serving in our ReStores, thereby sharing God's love in our community. All faith groups are welcome! This year we will work toward two initiatives: 1) having larger volunteer groups, so faith partners can work together, and 2) having regular Sunday construction options. We are excited to have interest from Islamic, Jewish and Christian congregations supporting Richmond Habitat. These ministry experiences allow you to engage those around you, live your faith and offer an opportunity to love your neighbor in a practical way.

## FAITH FOOTINGS

As construction footings provide support and reinforcement to a building's foundation, our Faith Footings newsletter gives quarterly updates and reports on faith happenings to bolster communication and participation in Habitat's work. There are announcements of upcoming activities, recognition of faith work, and general information about the work of Richmond Habitat. Contact [brobinson@richmondhabitat.org](mailto:brobinson@richmondhabitat.org) to be added to the email list to receive the newsletter. (Don't forget to find us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn!)





# 2025-2026 COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION FORM

## Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity

A **Faith Partner** contributes in ANY way to support the mission of RMHFH – through all volunteer efforts (construction, lunches, ReStore, Welcome Home basket and/or landscaping, etc) as well as giving.

A **Faith Fund Supporter** provides a financial pledge or contribution that supports the cost of constructing the homes, thus allowing volunteer participation on any construction site during the year.

### 2025-2026 Faith Fund Supporter

Our faith community/group commits to sponsoring Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity during 2025-2026 through financial gifts by June 30, 2026 at one of the following level:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000+    \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 - \$9,999    \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 - \$4,999    \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 - \$2,499    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 - \$999

\$\_\_\_\_\_ (other) Estimated Pledge amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ and fulfillment date: \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_

### Benefit

All groups giving a total of \$500 or more will receive reserved volunteer build days, as well as acknowledgement on our website and on a construction sign. Gifts can be made under any schedule by any means, but are encouraged by June 30, 2026.

### 2025-2026 Volunteer Engagement

Volunteer engagement is available to ALL faith partners, regardless of sponsorship commitment level. Please check all options that apply and Richmond Habitat will contact you.

We will support RMHFH through the the following gifts of time in 2025-2026:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer – Construction Site (age 16+)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer – Habitat ReStore (age 16+)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide lunch for construction volunteers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide 'Welcome Home' basket or basket items for new homeowners
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in landscaping of completed homes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Committing to pray for the work of Richmond Habitat and our partner families

Faith Organization (as it should appear in print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU...

...for helping us provide opportunity for families to build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable home ownership, made possible by people and faith partners who care.

...for putting faith and love into action, bringing diverse people together to build community and hope.

### TO RETURN THIS FORM OR FOR INFORMATION ON FAITH PARTNERSHIPS, CONTACT:

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