

Building on Faith



Richmond Metropolitan
Habitat
for Humanity®

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Richmond Habitat Faith Partner Packet

2024-2025

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 to help make affordable and safe housing for low-income individuals and families a reality. We build for 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 home ownership possible in the Greater Richmond area with the help of generous donations, volunteers, proceeds from our ReStores, and hard work from our partner families.

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 over 393 homes and completed more than 176 critical home repairs in the Greater Richmond Metro area.
- In fiscal year 2024, we served a total of 52 families through our programs
- Last year, we mobilized 2,194 construction, ReStore and special event volunteers to fill 6,063 spots - a total of 34,061 service hours.
- Our ReStores helped to divert 2.9 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 Tuesday, June 18th, we held the Home Dedication for one of our newest homeowners, Melissa!

Melissa learned about Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity because her grandmother was a part of the program and she grew up in that Habitat home.

“Owning a home will mean that I am able to give my kids everything they need. I want to say thank you for helping my dream come true.”

This house was extra special thanks to our unique partnership with Reveille United Methodist Church who had some big dreams - to build a whole Habitat house and frame it in their backyard! They raised over \$100,000 toward the construction and started framing in the parking lot of their church’s Cary Street Road campus. We transported the panels to the final site and completed the home. This marked the first time Richmond Habitat started a panel build off-site. It was quite successful thanks to Reveille’s commitment and passion.



CONSTRUCTION POSSIBILITIES

Habitat homes are built 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 everything you need to know on the build site. There are a variety of tasks, both indoors and outdoors, in which to participate that can use all levels of skill and ability. To volunteer on a construction site you must be at least 16 years old. Construction projects are Wednesday-Saturday, 8AM-3PM all year.

Below are some area projects that are underway! Contact Burdette Robinson (brobinson@richmondhabitat.org) throughout the 2024 - 2025 year for an update on where your community can volunteer.



Construction at The JXN Project

In September 2024, the Skipwith-Roper Cottage project broke ground at 303 E. Bates Street in Richmond. One part monument, one part innovation hub, the reestablished cottage and community center will honor Abraham Peyton Skipwith. Known as ‘The Founding Father of Jackson Ward,’ Skipwith became the neighborhood’s first Black homeowner in 1793. Richmond Habitat will be involved as a community partner to bring volunteers to the site to help build.

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.



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 Wednesdays 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 involved from your synagogue, temple, mosque, church and/or ward in this important mission is a great way to strengthen existing congregation relationships and create new bonds that transcend age, life stage, and preferred worship styles.



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 150 did in 2024! 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 this journey of 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 and/or landscaping, 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. Faith groups could partner together for their contribution and build days at whatever level.

All sponsors giving a total of \$500 or more will receive reserved volunteer build days as well as acknowledgement on our website, at the home dedication, and on the construction sign. Gifts can be made under any schedule by any means, but are encouraged by June 30, 2025.

Use the **Commitment and Participation Form** on the next page to indicate how your Faith Community would like to support Richmond Habitat in the 2024-2025 year. You can mail it (using the address on the front of this packet) or scan and email to brobinson@richmondhabitat.org.



OUR INTERFAITH EFFORTS

Every year, mission-minded faith communities in Metro Richmond join in building and rehabbing homes for deserving families, and serving in our ReStores, thereby sharing God's love in our community. All faith groups are welcome! In the first part of 2024, volunteers and contributors from Islamic and Jewish congregations were a part of 40 faith groups who supported Richmond Habitat in multiple ways. 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. You may have the opportunity to work with a future Habitat homeowner.



DO YOU HAVE LAND?

Another valuable way to contribute is helping us locate buildable land and homes we can renovate to sell, enabling us to continue making homeownership accessible to low-income families. Land values continue to rise and the supply of buildable lots is diminishing. We will happily accept donations of all property types. Through these donations, you support our mission to create affordable homes to sell to families in our Homeownership program. All land and property donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law, and some donations may be eligible for tax credits. Please contact Jenn O'Rourke at jorourke@richmondhabitat.org to get started.



COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION FORM 2024-2025

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2024-2025 Faith Fund Supporter

Our faith community/group commits to sponsoring Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity during 2024-2025 through financial gifts by June 30, 2025 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__

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2024-2025 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 2024-2025:

- _____ 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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