

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities: New Build Dates, New Sign-Up Procedure!

Do you like to work with your hands, learn new skills, and make new friends? Would you enjoy rubbing elbows with other friendly, faithful folks from area Lutheran churches, St Paul's Episcopal, and Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Community? Do you want to help put God's love into action?

Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat's mission is to build safe, decent, and affordable homes in partnership with hard-working families in need. The safety and solidity of a home can be the hope that transforms the life of a family. Fort Collins Lutherans (FOCOLU) is a partnership of four Fort Collins Lutheran churches: Trinity Lutheran, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Spirit of Joy Lutheran, and Our Saviour's Lutheran. Most months of the year, FOCOLU participates in a Habitat Build Day, when volunteers spend a Saturday working on the new Habitat neighborhood at Harmony and Taft. We of St Paul's and Mary of Magdala are invited to join them, working together as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Build Days are Saturdays, from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM. You don't need to come every Build Day! Come once and try it out. Then if you like it, come back again. You are welcome to come only as often as you wish or are able. A free lunch is provided onsite by a different FOCOLU congregation each Build Day, on a rotating basis.

No construction experience is necessary, and all tools are provided. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. The work is basic, but doing it well is as challenging as you care to make it. You'll be doing things like hanging siding, installing drywall, hanging windows or doors, installing shelving, baseboards, or moldings, painting, caulking & weatherstripping, and so on. An experienced Habitat staff member will show you what you need to know at the start of the day, then you and your crewmates will work at your own pace. You'll learn a lot, and you'll go home tired but with a great sense of accomplishment!

Upcoming 2018 Build Days are Saturdays: 09/29, 10/27, 11/17, and 12/08. Habitat recently changed the sign-up procedure. If you would like to work on one or more of those dates, please send a brief email indicating the desired date(s) to gray.currier@gmail.com as soon as possible, and in all cases no later than the Saturday before the desired date(s). Gray will email you back Habitat's Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet and Volunteer Waiver, which you will need to complete and email back to Habitat by noon of Monday before the Build Day. Available spaces will then be allocated by FOCOLU primarily on a first-come basis, but also with an eye toward sharing this rewarding experience as widely as possible. Don't delay, apply today, or you might be able only to be wait-listed (darn!).

Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Come join us, it's really fun!