

THE PLAYHOUSE PROJECT

A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-MIDOHIO BUILD YOUR DREAM INITIATIVE



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio's Playhouse Project is designed to offer a dynamic, fun, and meaningful construction/teambuilding experience for corporate and faith partners who might not be able to commit a team for an entire traditional build day at a Habitat construction project. Habitat provides a 5-6 hour event—building and decorating usable and durable playhouses that are given to families in need.

Each playhouse takes 5-6 hours to build and paint with the help of about 8-10 volunteers. Sponsors assemble the sides, door, windows, and trim, and will construct the roof and paint the completed structure. Several playhouses can be built at once to engage more team members. The Playhouse Project sponsors make a meaningful contribution to support the home-building that we are doing throughout Central Ohio.

THE PLAYHOUSE PROJECT CAPTAINS

Playhouse Project Captains will coordinate groups of 8-10 volunteers in assembling and painting playhouses. Playhouse Project Captains may also assist in playhouse kit creation through an assembly line process prior to a playhouse build. Playhouse Project Captains allow us to engage more groups and lead playhouse builds more effectively.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- o Attend an interest meeting for potential Playhouse Project Captains.
- o Option to assist with Playhouse Project kit creation prior to the build day.
- o Assist with one or two playhouse builds in order to feel comfortable with the process.
- o Lead teams of 8-10 volunteers, by answering questions, keeping them on time, and organizing tools and paint on playhouse builds.
- o Arrive an hour prior to the beginning of the playhouse build to assist with set up and stay after for the clean-up, with the total commitment being about 6-8 hours for one build depending on build location.
- o During peak season, Habitat MidOhio could build anywhere from 1 to 3 playhouses per month, in addition to a special one-day Blitz Build event on May 8, 2020 where we will build 40 playhouses. Captains are not required to come to a set amount, but they will be offered the opportunity to come to as many as they would like, with an emphasis on assisting with the May 8, 2020 Blitz Build event at Huntington Park.

QUALIFICATIONS

- o Basic knowledge of construction techniques
- o Basic knowledge of tool usage
- o Willingness to learn
- o Ability to give direction in a constructive, positive way
- o Ability to work with and respect others
- o Attention to detail
- o Being safety-focused
- o A positive attitude
- o At least 18 years of age
- o Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds

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TIME FRAME

- o Playhouse Project kit creation will occur prior to the playhouse build at Habitat MidOhio's warehouse located at 3140 Westerville Rd, Columbus in 3-4 hour shifts.
- o Captains are not required to come to a set amount of kit creation sessions, but they will be offered the opportunity to come to as many as they would like.
- o Each playhouse build is about a 6-8 hour time commitment, including set up, the build and clean-up.
- o Usually, Playhouses will be built during business hours throughout the week or on Saturdays, with occasional night or Sunday opportunities.

CONDITIONS

- o Some opportunities will be at Habitat MidOhio's warehouse.
- o Some events will occur off-site at a sponsoring organization's campus/parking lot.
- o Events will take place outdoors and volunteers can expect to stay on their feet for the full shift.

BENEFITS & SUPPORT PROVIDED

- o Be a part of Habitat MidOhio's mission to end substandard housing in Central Ohio.
- o Opportunity to network and build relationships with a variety of people and businesses.
- o Learn and teach basic construction skills.
- o Educate people around Central Ohio on affordable housing, the housing crisis, and Habitat MidOhio's involvement in addressing those issues.
- o Help a local child's dream come true!

TO GET INVOLVED

- o To sign up for a training or to get involved, please contact Lauren Rivera at (614) 296-2004, or via e-mail: ThePlayhouseProject@habitatmidohio.org.



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