



Volunteers



The Habitat for Humanity Mission

To mobilize volunteers and community partners to provide affordable housing and promote home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Habitat York is building homes for those in need in our local community. We build in Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Markham, King, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Bradford West Gwillimbury.

When we build homes, we build hope by working towards a time when each family in our community will have a home they can be proud to own.

We are working together as partners, with volunteers, prospective homeowners, corporate and individual donors to build a stronger and richer community in York Region and Bradford West Gwillimbury.

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Volunteers: Offering a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out

Volunteers are critical to the success of Habitat for Humanity York Region (“Habitat York”). We invite volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, skill sets and professions to partner with us in various ways to help us build homes for the working poor in **York Region** and **Bradford West Gwillimbury**.

Habitat homes are largely built with volunteer labour which keeps these costs at a minimum. It provides you with a great opportunity to learn a new skill, all under the experienced eye of our site supervisors.

“ Volunteering for Habitat York is an exhilarating, fun and rewarding experience. I learn new skills and I get to meet like-minded people who believe in giving back. I get the satisfaction of actually ‘seeing’ the efforts of the entire team turn into a safe, affordable home for a family. ”

— Karen Symons



Quick Facts

- Minimum age of 16 years required for all ReStore and Build volunteers
- Police records check (local and RCMP files) required for some volunteer positions
- All volunteers are required to attend a Habitat York Orientation and Safety Training session
- ReStore volunteers must commit to a minimum of 40 hours
- Build volunteers must provide their own CSA approved safety boots

How You Can Help

You probably have heard about how we build homes for those in need, but building homes is just one small part of the Habitat York volunteer experience.

ReStore

Volunteer your time in customer service or warehouse operations. With two locations in York Region, the ReStore plays a pivotal role in helping fund our operations by offering donated new and used household and building materials for sale to the public.

ReStore Salvage Crew

Salvage crews visit donors’ homes to recover sellable items from home renovations and demolitions. Our most common salvage job is full kitchen removal. Participation on the salvage crew does not require a fixed time commitment as volunteers are called as jobs arise. Trade and construction experience is preferred.



Committees

Contributing to the overall direction of Habitat York are a number of active committees that facilitate our operations. Marketing and Communications, Fund Development, Community Outreach, Family Services, Build, Site Selection and Administration and Operations are various committees that typically meet once a month to work on several different annual initiatives.

Volunteering on a Build

Whether you are a high school student looking to complete your community service hours, part of a workplace looking for a unique team building experience or an individual seeking to help out in your community, volunteer builders are always needed. Visit www.habitatyork.ca or call **905-868-8722** to check the building schedule and to sign up for a build and arrange for safety training.

Ask us about our ADOPT-A-DAY program!