

Menominee River Habitat for Humanity

Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River works in partnership with God and people everywhere to serve families in need. We build and renovate houses while improving neighborhoods to help create communities where people are able to live and grow to their full potential.

Our Story

Locally, the Menominee River Affiliate has housed over 20 families since our beginning in 1994. Partner families purchase their home with an affordable mortgage. The money from the mortgage payments is used by the affiliate to construct or renovate additional affordable housing as well as in our neighborhood revitalization program. We are audited annually.

Our Plan

Our goal is to increase the number of families served each year. We are currently serving Dickinson and Iron Counties in Michigan and portions of Florence and Marinette Counties in Wisconsin.

**“It is important to
volunteer because you’re
not aware of the need until
you are in need yourself.”**

Genny, partner family

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Frequently Asked Questions About Volunteering



About Volunteering

I am thinking about volunteering for Habitat, but I don't know much about house construction. Is this ok?

Volunteers are needed no matter what their skills or interests. In fact, we need both skilled and unskilled volunteers, and Habitat is a wonderful way to learn construction. In addition, there are many ways people can help on the construction site that don't involve physical labor. Coordinating volunteers, providing food or checking in volunteers are a few examples.

Is it ok to volunteer with my children?

Volunteering with your children can be very rewarding. It is the policy of Habitat for Humanity that children under the age of 16 are not allowed on the work site while there is any construction in progress. Minors 16 and 17 years of age are allowed to participate in general construction; however activity such as the use of power tools, excavation, demolition, or working at heights above 12 feet is not permitted until age 18.

Do I need to have tools on the construction site?

While we encourage volunteers to bring their own basic tools (hammer, tool belt, gloves) we do have some tools available at the construction site.

While I am interested in helping Habitat, I don't know if I can make a major time commitment now.

We have no minimum amount of time needed for volunteering. We gratefully accept whatever amount of time you are willing to donate to Habitat. Call the office to learn how your available time can be best utilized. If you would rather that we called you after a certain date just let us know.

Will I end up standing around at the building site?

Hopefully not. Each build day has a list of tasks needed to be accomplished. There may be some down time if one task is waiting on another to be completed (welcome to the world of construction).

Are there other volunteer opportunities besides building?

Yes! Habitat also uses volunteers in performing many other tasks, including administrative assistance, fund raising, staffing or coordinating special events, public relations, mentorship, and church relations. You can also volunteer in the ReStore.

If you enjoy being involved in the behind the scenes action, consider joining one (or more) of our 10 Dickinson County committees and 5 Iron County committees. Please call the office for more information on the specific tasks and needs of the committees.

What is a group build?

A group build is any group (businesses, organizations, churches, family reunion, etc) who wants to work together. Typically, group builds are on Saturdays, but you can schedule any day which fits your needs (and our build schedule). Just call the office to get started with your team building opportunity.

The only day I can help is on Saturdays when Habitat normally has group builds. Can I join them?

Sure, call the office if you have a particular date in mind to volunteer, and we can let you know our build schedule.

What if it rains during a Saturday build day?

We always try to have options during scheduled builds. If the plan is to do something outside, we'll try to have a backup plan with inside work. If there is no other option, we'll reschedule the build.

Are Habitat families given their houses?

The families that partner with Habitat buy their house with 20-30 year affordable mortgage. They also invest 200 hours per adult in sweat equity (labor) on their house.

We welcome the opportunity to talk with you if you have interest in volunteering with Habitat. Experience is not necessary, just a willing attitude and a desire to help.

Please call the office at 779-5377 or stop in and say hello.

