

# volunteer information

Four important steps to prepare for a safe and fun build day:

1. Read the Rules to Build By.
2. Review the Project Build Schedule.
3. Arrive at the build site (warehouse for Day 1 builds) on time. Builds begin at 7:30 a.m.
4. Commit to helping for the full build day.

## what to wear

When you volunteer to build a new house with Atlanta Habitat, you will be working on a construction site. From head to toe, we want you to be safe and dressed comfortably.

- Weather appropriate shirt, sweater or jacket
- Sturdy pants such as jeans, khakis or shorts just above the knee (Leggings, tights, tennis skirts are not appropriate and potentially unsafe)
- Work gloves (We provide them, or you can wear your own)
- Hard hats (We provide them, or you can wear your own)
- Hard sole, sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting dirty (Construction boots, hiking boots, or sturdy running shoes/sneakers recommended. No sandals or open-toe shoes allowed on site)
- Plenty of sunscreen
- No jewelry

Gear such as safety glasses, ear plugs, and dust masks will be provided at the build site for work requiring extra protection.

Thanks for volunteering with us!



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## rules to build by

### Time Commitment

- **Arrive on time at the work-site** to participate in the required safety orientation.
- Commit to helping for the full build day.
- All volunteers are needed to help clean up at the end of the workday.

### Age Restrictions

- No one under the age of 16 is allowed on site – no exceptions.
- Volunteers ages 16 and 17 must have a parent or guardian sign their *Release and Waiver of Liability*.
- Volunteers ages 16 and 17 will be excluded from certain activities, such as but not limited to, using power tools.

### Tools and Materials

- All tools and supplies provided at work-site.
- Volunteers may bring tools; they must be marked with your name and phone number. Volunteers are not permitted to bring power tools. Atlanta Habitat is not responsible for damaged or lost items.
- Drinking water is provided on site.

### Parking and Automobiles

- Volunteers are strongly encouraged to carpool. Parking is very limited.
- Please remove anything of value from your car. Atlanta Habitat is not responsible for car damage or stolen items.

### Weather Conditions

- Atlanta Habitat builds year-round, rain or shine.
- Workdays are not typically canceled in advance due to adverse weather conditions.
- The house leader will shorten the workday if inclement weather persists or conditions become dangerous.

# project build schedule

## Eight Build Days

We build new homes in eight days over nine weeks. Each year, we help about 50 new families to become first-time homebuyers. You and the homebuyer will be guided by a house leader and skilled supervisors to build high quality, affordable and energy-efficient homes.



### Day 1\*

- Build exterior and interior wall frames in the Atlanta Habitat warehouse

### Day 2

- Set floor joists and lay floor decking
- Apply sheathing to wall panels
- Install exterior and interior walls
- Install front porch deck, columns and beams
- Build side porch and stairs

### Day 3

- Install
  - exterior doors and security doors
  - windows and trim packages
  - exterior trim and siding
  - exterior steps

### Day 4

- Interior framing and air seal
- Complete siding installation
- Install soffit and fascia boards

### Day 5

- Interior Trim
- Interior Doors
- Install soffit and metal
- Exterior Paint

### Day 6

- Install
  - porch handrails
  - interior doors
  - kitchen cabinets
- Continue soffit and fascia board installations

### Day 7

- Exterior painting
- Install
  - baseboards, window sills and interior trim
  - doorknobs and bathroom hardware

### Day 8

- Clean interior of house
- Touch-up painting
- Complete miscellaneous tasks
- Remove construction debris from property
- Install landscape materials (sod, plants, trees, etc.)
- Dedication Day
  - on the final day of construction, house sponsors and volunteers join the new homebuyer family to dedicate the new home

Visit [www.atlantahabitat.org](http://www.atlantahabitat.org) to learn about Atlanta Habitat's programs for first-time homebuyers, seniors and military veterans.

\*All Day 1 volunteers meet at the Atlanta Habitat warehouse, 824 Memorial Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30316. All other build days begin at the construction site.

# habifacts 2020-21

## 2020

- Voted Best Charity by Atlanta Journal-Constitution Readers
- \$15.5 million Commitment to Community capital campaign goal surpassed (\$15,531,725)

## 2021

- \$750,000 Home Matters Mortgage-Relief campaign goal surpassed (\$770,000); provided housing payment assistance to 250 families, helping them keep their homes
- \$4.8 million investment in affordable housing
- Raised \$14.8 million for operating
- 1,500 volunteers contributed 12,000 hours of service, a \$340,000 time value

## Mission

Atlanta Habitat for Humanity transforms communities by acting as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization through education, innovative development, partnerships, and long-term relationships with families.

## And Still We Build, Thrive and Grow

Atlanta Habitat's operations drastically changed in 2020, leading us to find safe and innovative ways to continue to serve Atlanta Habitat families. We launched:

- Virtual homeowner education classes
- Online ReStore
- Remote volunteer opportunities



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Atlanta Habitat has worked with more than 5,000 family members to achieve the dream of affordable homeownership since 1983. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Atlanta Habitat continued to empower families. Our first-time homebuyer program, critical home repair (Repair with Kindness) and paint services (Brush with Kindness), homeowner education and financial coaching programs are a vital part of our mission.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we created the Home Matters mortgage-relief fund to assist homeowners impacted by the pandemic.

In 2021, Atlanta Habitat served 129 families. Our 2021 impact includes

## Families

- Served 129 new families
- 56 homebuyers closed on their homes
- 119 mortgages paid-off since 2015
- 5 VGA scholarships awarded
- 94 percent met their mortgage obligations
- 175 financial coaching sessions attended
  - 83 percent are better-off financially

## Volunteers

- 1,506 volunteers
- 11,905 hours of service
- \$340k value of volunteer time

## Communities

- 24 new home builds
- 42 Repair with Kindness projects
- 63 Brush with Kindness projects

## ReStore

- Open to the public to sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories and building materials at a fraction of the retail price
- Restore - \$1.8 million in sales
- 1,500 tons of materials diverted from landfills; Over 17,000 tons diverted since 2001

