



## Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Although children under the age of 15 (or 16 for construction) are not permitted to volunteer at Habitat, there is a variety of ways that youth can support Habitat's mission. Many of these ideas can be implemented by both individuals and groups looking for a way to give back to their community. For more information on any of the opportunities listed below, contact Kate Weidner, Marketing & Volunteer Coordinator, at [katie@hfhcc.org](mailto:katie@hfhcc.org) or call 610-384-7993, ext. 10.

- Welcome home a new Habitat family
  - Make a welcome basket for new homeowners. These baskets can consist of cleaning products, household items, and other basics needed to start a home. A list of suggested items and number of new Habitat families is available upon request.
  - Create welcome home/congratulatory cards for our new homeowners. Template is available upon request.
  - Decorate a flower pot, birdhouse, or other small item and give it to the new Habitat homeowners.
  - Collect basic tools to prepare our new homeowners for future home maintenance. A list of suggested items and number of new Habitat families is available upon request.
  - Gather your favorite recipes and create a recipe scrapbook for new homeowners.
  - Build a wooden planter box for homeowners' front porches.
- Host a tool drive
  - Our construction crew and volunteers are always in need of new and like-new tools and supplies to use at the site. A full list of items is available upon request.
- Decorate or refurbish an item and donate it to the ReStore to be sold.
- Provide lunch or snacks for our daily construction site or ReStore volunteers. Coordinate this with a Habitat staff member.
- Dine to Donate
  - Host a "charity night" at a restaurant where they donate a certain percentage of the night's profits to a non-profit. Coordinate this with a Habitat staff member.
- Hold a bake sale, flower sale, car wash, etc. and donate the funds to Habitat.
- Offer to do a neighbor's yard work, snow shoveling, painting, or other household chore and ask for a donation to Habitat in return for your hard work.
- Penny Wars
  - Hold a contest to see what group of people can collect the most points. Each group has their own jar and pennies count as one positive point each, but silver coins and paper money count against the classroom. The opposing group can sabotage their competitors' jar by placing silver coins and paper money into it. At the end of the competition, donate the money to Habitat.