

## **New Hope Outreach- Habitat for Humanity Wall Build- Volunteers Needed**

As you may already be aware, New Hope is sponsoring an all-church outreach for Habitat for Humanity the weekend of June 19-20. Unless noted otherwise below, there are no special skills needed and all are encouraged to join our effort. We will be working in small teams to construct wall frames that will be used to for a new home for a local family in need. Our northern Columbus partnership of churches raises funds and builds homes in an ongoing process. New Hope donates financially to those efforts and all are encouraged to volunteer at a jobsite at any time, but this exercise represents an opportunity for our New Hope congregation to join together and be 'God's hands' as we serve our community.

To ensure that this effort proves to be the rewarding and fruitful exercise that we anticipate, we will need as many volunteers as possible. Everyone involved on the planning end is fully aware of any potential health concerns and game-planning accordingly:) Those that have concerns about their health and/or fall into the demographic representing elevated levels of concern...are encouraged to just support the efforts through the prayers and well wishes. Per descriptors below, we will need a smaller group of mildly skilled volunteers on Friday evening and a large group of volunteers on Saturday morning. The only criteria for participation on Saturday...is that volunteers have a giving heart and that they are at least 16 years of age. There will be a dedicated team from 'Crossroads' present throughout the weekend that will manage and guide the entire process.

Friday evening there will be a gathering of approximately 16-20 individuals to do all the "prep" work for Saturday's build. We will gather at the front entry at 5:00 and need approximately 2-3 hours to complete the tasks. We need 3-4 individuals comfortable operating miter saws to do measuring and cutting of lumber. We need an additional 8-15 volunteers to pull lumber, organize it for the cutters, and then label the cut pieces with templates (stapled tags) and place them in organized stacks. Ideally we have four cutting stations with 4-5 individuals at each one. New Hope will be providing an informal meal (pizzas?) for volunteers as part of this smaller Friday effort.

Friday group doesn't HAVE to be the same leaders designated for Saturday's build...but there is a notable advantage to doing that so it is strongly recommend that this be our objective. Ideally we will have enough volunteers to form 15 crews of 4-6 people with a leader assigned to each group. Our fifteen volunteers from Friday will lead the crews and it would be great if we had 4-6 additional leads as backup. Effectively, we should be shooting for 90 volunteers for Saturday. We have the luxury of an enormous amount of parking lot real estate to ensure that 15 stations can easily be setup with a lot of space between them.

Volunteers should all arrive before 8:30 on Saturday morning (I am assuming we will all wear masks). Please eat breakfast prior to arriving. There is a sign-in process, but my hope is that we can identify all volunteers in advance...and have them fill out the required paperwork online before the event. The program officially begins with general information and a "safety talk" and the building process follows.

The indications are that there are perhaps 50 wall segments to be built and our goal is to align (15) crews each assigned to construct 3-4 wall segments. Effectively, the task is simply to follow the leaders instructions to layout the wood pieces in the lot, and nail them together. The build time will depend on the number of teams we have, but we are hoping our task can be completed in 3-4 hours from arrival. If you are not able to be present at the start of the event or unable to stay to completion, please just let us know that so we can accommodate your needs and still give you the opportunity to serve. New Hope will be providing boxed lunches from Jimmy John's for all volunteers. This will mitigate any needs for food prep and service...all individuals will eat from their own pre-boxed container and cleanup is simply dropping into a waste receptacle.

Please utilize 'SignUp Genius' link to register for the event and feel free to reach out to Jeff Bartula (614-327-6015) or LeAnne Siddell if you have any questions or concerns. We will approach this event with grace, God's guidance, and the utmost acknowledgement of any potentially compromised health concerns.

Thanks for making New Hope a real example of God's presence in our community!