Habitat for Humanity
GREATER BOSTON

Habitat Greater Boston was established in 1987 to serve the City of Boston and the surrounding 25 cities and towns as an independent affiliate of Habitat International.

We build low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing, and believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live in a safe, decent environment.

OUR MISSION is to help families help themselves by providing opportunities to break generational cycles of poverty through homeownership.

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Habitat for Humanity
INTERNATIONAL

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates safe affordable homes with the help of partner families.

Founded in 1976 by Millard & Linda Fuller, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people with safe, decent, and affordable shelter.

2 MILLION FAMILIES have been reached by Habitat for Humanity
Becoming a Habitat HOMEOWNER

Habitat families purchase their homes from Habitat Greater Boston.

We make the purchase possible for low-income families by providing affordable mortgage loans.

Family Selection
Habitat selects families on the basis of income, need for housing, ability to repay the mortgage and willingness to partner.

Sweat Equity
Every partner family invests 300 hours working on their future home or in other capacities.

Homeownership Classes
Each family must attend 10 classes taught by volunteers in the fields of financial management, investing, banking and credit.
Locations where Habitat Greater Boston has built or has homes in construction

- Arlington
- Belmont
- Boston
- Brookline
- Cambridge
- Chelsea
- Dedham
- Dover
- Everett
- Lexington
- Lincoln
- Malden
- Medford
- Melrose
- Needham
- Newton
- Revere
- Somerville
- Stoneham
- Waltham
- Watertown
- Woburn
- Winthrop
- Weston
- Winchester
VOLUNTEER With Us

Build with us

Thousands of volunteers come together each year to help Habitat Greater Boston build homes nail by nail, board by board!

Volunteer in the ReStore

ReStore volunteers help us achieve our mission by keeping our store operations running smoothly. Volunteers create a unique, fun, easy-going, creative work environment that encourages our customers to keep coming back.
Where We Are BUILDING 2019

DORCHESTER
Balina Place

MALDEN
Main Street
Habitat Greater Boston's Family Selection Committee has selected partner families for all three units. The partner families have been working alongside construction staff and volunteers to complete their 300 hours of sweat equity before moving into their new homes.

Located directly next to Habitat's most recently-completed duplex, also on Balina Place, each unit in this three-story building is approximately 1,300 square feet and features three bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room-dining room area, and an unfinished basement. Solar panels will be installed on the roofs to significantly reduce the homeowners' electricity bills.

Balina Place is located off Norfolk Street near Codman Square, and is less than a mile from the Shawmut T stop on the red line and the Talbot Ave commuter rail stop on the Fairmount line.
DIRECTIONS TO: 7 Balina Place
Dorchester, MA

**DRIVING: 93 North**
I-93 North to Exit 11 to merge onto Granite Ave
Turn LEFT onto Gallivan Blvd
Turn RIGHT onto Milton Ave
Milton Ave turns slightly RIGHT and becomes Edson Street
Turn LEFT onto Norfolk Street
Turn RIGHT onto Balina Place, #7 is on the right

**DRIVING: 93 South**
I-93 South to Exit 11B to merge onto Granite Ave toward Massachusetts 203/Ashmont
Turn LEFT onto Gallivan Blvd
Turn RIGHT onto Milton Ave
Milton Ave turns slightly RIGHT and becomes Edson Street
Turn LEFT onto Norfolk Street
Turn RIGHT onto Balina Place, #7 is on the right

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Red Line**
Red Line (Mattapan branch) to Ashmont Station
Take the 26 bus towards Ashmont Belt via Norfolk Street
Get off at Norfolk Street and Charles Rd
Head northeast on Norfolk Street
Turn LEFT on Balina Place, #7 is on the right
MALDEN
968 Main Street
Malden, MA

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston has begun construction on two single-family homes on Main Street in Malden.

Two partner families have been selected and will work alongside volunteers and construction staff to complete the required 300 hours of sweat equity before moving into their new homes.

These homes are the first of eight that Habitat is building at this location. The two homes currently under construction will be approximately 1,300 square feet each and will feature three bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen and 1.5 bathrooms as well as a one-car garage.

Located across from the Pine Banks Park, the site is a quick walk (less than half a mile) from the Oak Grove T stop on the orange line.
DIRECTIONS TO:  968 Main St. Malden, MA

DRIVING: 93 North

I-93 North to Exit 33 to merge onto MA-28 N/Fellsway W in Medford
At the traffic circle, take first exit and stay on MA-28 N/Fellsway W
Turn RIGHT onto Elm Street
At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit
Continue onto Highland Avenue
Turn LEFT at Fellsway E and then turn RIGHT back onto Highland Avenue
Turn LEFT onto Glenwood Street
Slight RIGHT onto Winter Street
Turn LEFT onto Autumn Street
Turn RIGHT onto Rosemont Street
Turn LEFT onto Main Street, #968 will be on the left

There is some parking on site and also on Main Street.

DRIVING: 93 South

I-93 South to Exit 33 to merge onto MA-28 S/Fellsway W towards Winchester
At the traffic circle, take third exit onto MA-28 N/Fellsway W
Turn RIGHT onto Elm Street
At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit
Continue onto Highland Avenue
Turn LEFT at Fellsway E and then turn RIGHT back onto Highland Avenue
Turn LEFT onto Glenwood Street
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Orange Line

Orange Line to Oak Grove Station
Walk across parking lot to Banks Place and turn north
Walk along Spot Pond Brook approximately 400ft
Turn RIGHT onto pathway to Fairlawn Street
Continue on Fairlawn Street to Main Street
Turn RIGHT onto Main Street, walk 200ft to 968 Main Street
## BUILD DAY SCHEDULE

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<td>Introduction and safety briefing</td>
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<td>Clean up of tools and construction materials</td>
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What skills are required?
We love experienced volunteers, but the vast majority of our volunteers have never had more construction experience than painting a bedroom or hanging a picture on the wall. Our site supervisors will teach you everything you need to know on your build day.

When can I volunteer?
Habitat Boston posts all dates we build with volunteers on our Online Volunteer Calendar. If you are an individual, look for dates marked “Individuals Needed” to find available opportunities.

Is there a minimum age requirement?
You must be at least 16 years old to work on our construction site. All 16 and 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult chaperone on your build day. If you are younger than 16 and want to get involved, check out Habitat for Humanity International’s Youth Programs page at http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/default.aspx.

Do you ask for a donation when we volunteer?
We do not require individual volunteers make a donation. However, making a donation helps us buy the materials and supplies that you will be using on your build day, as well as pay for our Construction Supervisors who ensure your build day is a success. Contributions help us build more homes for families who need our help!

Where do I build?
One week before your confirmed build day, the Volunteer Coordinator will send you the site location, required paperwork, guidelines for proper dress, and directions. All of our sites are in the Boston area, accessible by public transit, and generally have free street parking available.

What will happen when I arrive at the site?
At the beginning of each workday, a Habitat site supervisor will start the morning with an introduction, a safety talk and instructions. The group will then break into crews to work on the various building tasks. Activities range from hanging drywall, painting, stacking lumber, framing, sanding, demolition, cleaning, and anything else that needs doing.

Is my work day canceled if rain or snow is predicted?
You will be contacted by us if a work day is canceled for any reason. Generally, we build all year long—rain or shine. Our Director of Construction can be reached for emergencies at: Gerry Patton (774) 218-4323

What should I bring?
Proper Dress: Wear comfortable clothing and expect to get dirty. Closed toe shoes are a must and layers during the winter are key, as our homes are often not insulated or heated.

Food and Drink: Bring any food or drink you will need for the day including water. Convenience stores are within driving distance, but can be a far walk from some sites.

Waiver of Liability: All participants must sign the Waiver of Liability Form before participating in the build. The Group Captain should bring this to the work site on the day of your build (Please do not send these into the office).

No Tools or Supplies Required: Habitat Greater Boston will provide all tools and building materials for your build day.
At Habitat Greater Boston, we are proud to support a strong community by building homes for families in need and working to eliminate poverty. Since 1987, we have served more than 100 families. Proceeds from the ReStore will help us to serve many more.

Every donation that comes through our door is a promise to our partner families. With help from our donors, volunteers and shoppers, we can promise our families that they can have access to simple, decent, affordable housing in a happier, healthier, greener world. Our donors recycle, our shoppers reuse, and the landfills aren’t overflowing with durable, nonperishable materials... all in support of Habitat’s mission.
DIRECTIONS TO: Habitat ReStore  
1580 VFW Parkway  
West Roxbury, MA  
617-327-1170

DRIVING: From the South  
I-95 North to Exit 15A: Mass 1A/Dedham  
Merge onto Boston Providence Turnpike  
Continue onto VFW Parkway for approximately 2.5 miles  
ReStore is on the right in the Parkway Plaza at the end of the parking lot

DRIVING: From the North  
Take I-93 South to I-95 North  
Take Exit 15A: Mass 1A/Dedham  
Merge onto Boston Providence Turnpike  
Continue onto V.F.W. Parkway for approximately 2.5 miles  
ReStore is on the right in the Parkway Plaza at the end of the parking lot

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Orange Line  
Orange Line to Forest Hills  
Take the 36 bus toward Charles River Loop  
Go 29 stops to Charles River Loop  
From bus stop, turn left and walk to V.F.W. Parkway  
Turn left onto VFW Parkway  
ReStore will be on the left in the Parkway Plaza at the end of the parking lot
What to expect volunteering at the HABITAT RESTORE

Every day at the ReStore is a little different, and everything you do to help is important, so we appreciate your flexibility as a volunteer!

Your volunteer assignments at the ReStore may include:

- **loading** and **unloading** vehicles
- **receiving** donations
- **sorting** materials (like lumber, small hardware, tile, tools, furniture, etc.)
- **creating** store displays
- performing basic **maintenance** duties such as sweeping, cleaning and organizing our aisles

Occasionally, we’ll have a special project that comes up like **sorting bin tables**, **reupholstering** furniture, or **painting**.

Thank You for Volunteering at the Habitat ReStore!
Where do I volunteer?
The Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston ReStore is located at 1580 VFW Parkway West Roxbury, MA 02132 in a shopping plaza on the West Roxbury/Dedham line.

What should I expect when I first arrive at the ReStore?
At the beginning of each workday, the volunteers will be asked to sign in at the front register and fill out a volunteer waiver form. If you are under 18, the waiver will need to be signed by your parent or guardian. ReStore volunteers will be given an orientation and tour before they start their day’s task list.

What tasks should I expect while volunteering?
Every day will vary depending on what donations are received, but here are some typical assignments you might expect. Volunteers may load and unload vehicles, receive donations, sort various materials, create store displays, and do basic duties such as sweep, clean, and organize the aisles. Other activities may include reupholstering furniture, painting, or sorting bin tables.

If I need to cancel my scheduled volunteer day, what should I do?
You will be contacted by us if a volunteer day is cancelled for any reason. If you are sick or an emergency arises, do not hesitate to call ReStore Director, Mark Auterio at 617-327-1170 or email at markauterio@habitatboston.org. Our volunteers are very important to us and we depend on them, but we understand when special circumstances arise.

What should I bring?

- **Proper Dress**: Wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. Please note, you MUST wear close-toed shoes. Some areas of the ReStore are not heated and you may be working outside, so wear clothes that are appropriate for the weather. Also, please keep in mind that we serve a diverse audience. Please do not wear clothing that could be deemed offensive by customers or fellow co-workers. When you volunteer at the ReStore you are representing Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston.

- **Food and Drink**: Bring a water bottle while working and a lunch if you are going to be working all day.

- **Waiver of Liability**: All participants must sign the Waiver of Liability Form before beginning any tasks. If you did not receive one, the volunteers will be given a Waiver of Liability Form when they arrive and sign in at the ReStore.

- **Other**: Please leave your MP3 players and other valuable items at home, but bring a good sense of humor and a flexible attitude.

How old do I have to be to be a volunteer?
Unfortunately, we are unable to accept volunteers under the age of 16. If you are under the age of 18, you MUST be accompanied by an adult OR have your waiver signed by your parent or guardian.
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the “Release”) executed on this _____ day of ___________________, 20___, by _______________________________ (the “Volunteer”) in favor of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, and Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, their directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, “Habitat”).

The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for Habitat and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer (the “Activities”). The Volunteer understands that the Activities may include constructing and rehabilitating residential buildings (including, but not limited to, lifting and carrying construction materials, operating construction equipment, demolishing walls and removing trim and floors and may involve exposure to dust, mold, lead paint and other similar substances and allergens) and working in Habitat offices, at the Habitat Restore or at special events.

The Volunteer hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

1. RELEASE AND WAIVER. Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Habitat and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat.

Volunteer understands that this Release discharges Habitat from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against Habitat with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat, whether caused by the negligence of Habitat or its officers, directors, employees, or agents or otherwise. Volunteer also understands that Habitat does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or any other assistance, including, but not limited to, medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

2. MEDICAL TREATMENT. Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge Habitat from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat.

3. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK. Volunteer understands that the Activities involve work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, demolition, loading and unloading materials, transportation to and from work sites, and exposure to substances such as mold, dirt, dust and lead paint.

Volunteer hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm inherent in the activities and releases Habitat from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

4. INSURANCE. Volunteer understands that Habitat does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer.

Each Volunteer is expected to have his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.
5. **PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE.** Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto Habitat all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Habitat during the Volunteer’s Activities with Habitat, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

6. **OTHER.** Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of the Release which provisions shall continue to be enforceable in all respects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Volunteer has executed this Release as of the day and year first above written.

Signature: 
Name:  
*Please print legibly!*
Home Address:  
Street  
City/Town  
State  
Zip code  
E-mail:  
Phone:  
Emergency Contact:  
Emergency Contact Phone:  
Organization/Group Name:  
*(If applicable)*

Does your employer have a payroll deduction program for charitable giving? 
If so, does the program include an employer match for gifts? 

Please provide the name of your employer and any additional information you would like us to have:  

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*I would like more information about (please check all that apply):*

- [x] Individual construction volunteer opportunities  
- [ ] Upcoming and current building projects  
- [ ] Volunteering at our ReStore in West Roxbury  
- [ ] Stories of Habitat families  
- [ ] Other ____________________________