



The Future is Building In South Hampton Roads

(Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk & Isle of Wight County)

What is a Youth Build all about?

Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads, Inc. (Habitat SHR) is developing an exciting initiative that invites youth, ages 5-25, to work together to fund and build a house in our community. A Youth Build targets young, enthusiastic volunteers to build a house, develops leadership skills, engage in positive service activities and experience the joy of helping others.

What are the best reasons to participate?

It will benefit South Hampton Roads.

Young people energized by community service will become dynamic community members and leaders. Habitat SHR projects can unify diverse racial, political, sectarian and ethnic groups, and build lasting relationships that strengthen individuals and the community.

It will benefit each young person involved.

Working with Habitat SHR is a great way for young people to put their energy and commitment to good use and realize that they can make a tangible difference in the lives of others.

It will benefit a local family currently living in poverty housing.

Thanks to a group of youth volunteers, another family in South Hampton Roads will enjoy the blessings of a simple, decent home.

Could the young people you know/work with benefit from this project?

Can you help build the future of South Hampton Roads?

If so, please contact Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads, Inc.

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Youth Build Expression of Interest Form

- Please contact me. I am interested in participating in a Youth Build
- Please remove me from your contact list. I am not interested in a Youth Build.

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Best Time to Call: ____ a.m. ____ p.m. At Which Number: ____ H ____ W

Business/Organization: _____

I came today **(please choose from one of the following):**

- Representing myself (an individual).
- As a spokesperson for a youth-serving organization.
Name of organization: _____
- I am a Habitat homeowner.
- I am the child of a Habitat homeowner.
- I belong to an after-school club or a youth group.
Name of club/group: _____

I believe the following people would enjoy learning more about Habitat's Youth Build initiative:

1. Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Business/Organization: _____

2. Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Business/Organization: _____

3. Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Business/Organization: _____



Letter of Intent to Participate in Habitat SHR Youth Build: Youth Groups

Habitat SHR is committed to empowering young people in our community in ways that will have a lasting impact on their lives and our mission. Youth Build aims to serve this purpose.

As youth leader of _____, I agree to the following terms for the Habitat SHR 2010-2011 Youth Build:

- Contribute a group pledge of \$ _____ through fundraising efforts to help finance the Youth Build house.
- Commit to volunteer the group to _____ hours of service work toward the Youth Build house.
- Provide a volunteer workforce for successful completion of a specific construction goal.

It is the policy of Habitat SHR that children under the age of 16 not be allowed on a Habitat SHR work site while there is construction in progress. It is further the policy of Habitat SHR that, while children between the ages of 16 and 18 may be allowed to participate in construction work, ultra-hazardous activity such as using power tools, excavation, demolition or working on rooftops is not permitted by anyone under the age of 18. However, youth ages 5-15 can participate in fundraising and also be on site to help with serving lunches, help with landscape planting and other age-appropriate tasks. (See Age Appropriate Tasks handout for suggestions)

- Provide Habitat SHR with a representative from our group who will act as liaison and attend steering committee meetings.
- Help locate and provide adult supervision during construction, in the ratio of one adult per five youth.

For each participant, Habitat SHR will:

- Provide land, a build schedule, professional services, construction materials, trained construction leaders/attendants and homeowner family selection for the house to be sponsored and built by Youth Build participants.
- Empower youth by providing leadership opportunities during the Youth Build (Habitat SHR will provide specialized training for participants in the areas of construction, community/public relations and fundraising).
- Equip project participants by educating them about the mission and work of Habitat SHR.
- Facilitate the organization of the Youth Build and the formation of the partnership among youth-serving agencies and groups in our community by providing meetings once or twice a month (to be determined by Youth Build steering committee).
- Comply with all federal safety regulations regarding the involvement of youth in the construction process, and educate and train all youth according to the safety standards set by Habitat SHR.