



# Youth CAN HELP!

For more information on how to get young people involved in Habitat's mission, visit [www.habitatyouthprograms.org](http://www.habitatyouthprograms.org). Click on "Teacher and Youth Leader Resources" to learn about great learning tools like these:

### Habitat for Humanity Curriculum

This set of lessons is designed to teach public and private school students about housing issues around the world. The HFH Primary Curriculum is for use in grades three through five; the HFH Secondary Curriculum is for use in grades nine through 12.

### Green Build Information

Help young people learn about environmental responsibility and Habitat's mission. Visit the Green Build page to see an interactive green-build house, find environmental-friendliness checklists and get project ideas.

### Welcome Home Housing Simulation

This resource engages groups of teenagers in role-playing exercises designed to help them better understand the plight of homeless people. Participants learn about the housing market as they experience some of the frustrations that low-income people encounter when they're looking for decent, affordable housing.

These resources and others are available for FREE on our Web site. Check it out today!

For more information, e-mail [youthprograms@habitat.org](mailto:youthprograms@habitat.org).

*Ideas for youth  
participation  
in Habitat for  
Humanity  
projects*



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# You're never too young to get involved with Habitat for Humanity!

Young people's enthusiasm and dedication are important to Habitat's work. There are countless ways for young people under 16, who are not allowed on an active construction site, to contribute to Habitat's mission.

You can see if your local affiliate has established a Youth United program or learn more about starting one at [www.habitatyouthprograms.org/youthunited](http://www.habitatyouthprograms.org/youthunited).



## Age-appropriate activities for youth include:

### Ages 5–7

- Make a welcome basket for the homeowner family and sing a song at the dedication.
- Stock the pantry for a new Habitat partner family.
- Make thank-you cards for volunteers and donors.
- Collect cans as a fund-raising tool for affiliates.

### Ages 7–10

- Draw messages or blessings on two-by-fours before the house framing.
- Landscape, learn about the local environment and plant environmentally friendly trees and gardens.
- Make wooden key holders, picture frames or doorstops from scraps on site.
- Coordinate a birthday gift project for partner family children.

### Ages 10–12

- Speak to classmates about the mission of Habitat for Humanity with the help of a local campus chapter or homeowner family.



- Construct and paint window boxes to be used as housewarming gifts or as fund-raising items.
- Help clear the construction site of debris before or after construction.
- Design a T-shirt to be sold at a Habitat event.
- Help fold or stuff newsletters or mailings.

### Ages 12–14

- Design an affiliate Web page or newsletter.
- Learn about another country where Habitat for Humanity builds, and coordinate a fund-raiser to help sponsor a home there.
- Register volunteers at the construction site information table.
- Paint doors and baseboards off site before they are put into the house.
- Make a scrapbook for a partner family.

### Ages 15–17

- Start a Habitat campus chapter.
- Build picnic or lunch tables for the work site.
- Tutor younger partner family children.
- Provide baby-sitting for children of homeowners or volunteers.
- Clean a Habitat house before the dedication.

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