

WOMEN BUILD FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions



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QUESTION EVERYTHING!

We have compiled the most common questions and answers regarding Volunteering, Participating, and Fundraising.

As always please reach out with any additional questions!

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VOLUNTEER AND PARTICIPATION QUESTIONS

What does a Women Build volunteer day entail?

Fun, hands-on, hard work!

Build site activities can include anything it takes to build a home from start to finish. Some typical volunteer activities include: **siding, painting, roofing, laying flooring, hanging doors or windows, trim work, landscaping, and cleaning**. All tasks are critical to a finished home and a healthier neighborhood.

Here is what you can expect while on-site:

- Toilets and first aid will be on-site at all times.
- We recommend volunteers come equipped with enough water for a full day of volunteering.
- You will work in project teams under the supervision of our construction leadership.
- During lunch, you will have the opportunity to learn more about Habitat Greater Portland and spend time talking with your crew. After lunch, you will return to a work to finish out the day.

We'll begin wrapping up before 3:30pm and send you home with some worked muscles and happy memories!

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How do I register to participate in Women Build?

Team Leader spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority being given to previous Team Leaders. If you are interested in becoming a Team Leader, please contact us!

If you are interested in participating as an individual builder or joining a team, registration will open on February 17th through May 4th. Until then, you can contact us to learn more and add your name to our interest list. We will then reach out (via email) when individual registration is open.

You can also register at our Women Build Kickoff meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesday March 11th - 659 Warren Ave, Portland ME 04103

Contact us at 207-772-2151 x 107 / david@habitatme.org

What if the day I want to build is full?

All build days are first come, first served. Volunteer days fill quickly, so the sooner you register, the better!

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Where is Women Build held?

Women Build 2026 will take place at our build site in Standish, ME.

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Do I need construction experience to participate?

No, we encourage everyone from professionals to novices to come build with us. There are a variety of jobs perfect for every level of skill. Trained Habitat Greater Portland Leaders provide on-site training and all-day guidance, as well as the tools and materials needed to complete the tasks at hand.

What should I bring to the build site? What should I wear? Do I need to bring my own tools?

Please bring enough water to last you all day, clothing appropriate for the weather (pack layers for the cold, rain coats for rain!), and a great attitude!

Volunteers must wear close-toed shoes and long pants. They must avoid loose clothing and jewelry. We recommend clothes you don't mind getting dirty and layering for the weather as many construction tasks will be outside.

We will be distributing Women Build t-shirts at check-in, so come ready to change.

We'll provide all the construction tools and materials on-site. Some people choose to bring their own tool belt or gloves for comfort, but please be sure to clearly label any personal tools/equipment you bring to the build site.

How old do I have to be to volunteer at Women Build?

You must be at least 16 years of age to volunteer on our build site.

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Does Habitat Greater Portland provide transport to the build site?

No, we'll meet you there!

There is free street parking near the build sites, but given the number of volunteers of Women Build, we encourage carpooling or using a ride share with other volunteers if possible.

How can I learn more about Habitat Greater Portland?

Check out our website at: habitatportlandme.org or visit our ReStore at 659 Warren Ave, Portland ME 04103

How can I learn more about Women Build?

[Click here](#) to learn more about why you should get involved with Women Build!

How can my business get involved with Women Build?

[Click here](#) to learn about volunteer and sponsorships options for your business!

Fundraising QUESTIONS

How much do I have to raise to participate in Women Build?

Each Women Builder commits to raising at least \$250 to hit our overall Women Build 2025 goal of \$60,000. A good stretch goal is \$500! Each Women Build team has a shared goal of \$250 per team member (e.g. 10 member team goal of \$2500).

This may seem like a lot now, but give it an honest effort and you'll be surprised at how easy it is to reach that goal. Make a genuine appeal to your friends, family, and coworkers - they'll most likely be thrilled to support your build!

If you truly feel like you will not be able to meet your \$250 minimum OR if you are looking for ways to expand your fundraising capacity, reach out to your Team Leader or Habitat Greater Portland to see how we can help!

Where does the money go?

A 4% fee per online donation goes to payment processing (which donors are given the opportunity to cover or not cover); the rest goes to home construction for partner families, covering things like foundation work, lumber, insulation, finishes, landscaping, tools, and other construction costs.

I'm a Team Leader! Where do I start?

Visit our [Resources Page](#) for our Team Leader packet and other tools specially made for you!

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What should I do if a check is written out to me personally?

If a check has been written out to you personally, you may endorse the back of the check and mail it in with a completed donation form to:

Habitat for Humanity Greater Portland
ATTN: Women Build 2026
659 Warren Ave
Portland ME 04103

Can I mail in a cash donation?

It is not a good idea to send a cash donation in the mail. Please contact us to drop off the cash at our office during business hours:

Habitat for Humanity Greater Portland
659 Warren Ave
Portland ME 04103
207-772-2151 x107

Can I enter a check online?

Unfortunately we cannot accept check payments online currently. Please mail the check or drop it off at the office during regular business hours.

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How quickly can I expect an online (credit card) donation posted to my page?

Any donation made online should post immediately though delays can happen. If your donation does not post within an hour, please contact us.

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Are donations tax deductible?

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law; no goods or services were received in exchange for your contribution.

We are here to help!

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