



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A Higher Purpose

Build homes for families in need. Councils are asked to donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to Habitat for Humanity projects in their community. A featured program, Habitat for Humanity counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

Overview

Knights of Columbus councils work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes for families in need at substantially reduced costs. Each year, councils throughout the Order donate a considerable number of volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause. In order to satisfy program requirements, councils are asked to donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to Habitat for Humanity projects in their community.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Develop a calendar of Habitat for Humanity project dates and provide information to council members and parishioners well in advance of each upcoming project.
- Promote your council's Habitat for Humanity initiatives in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

Action Steps

1. Contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in your area for information on upcoming projects. (Contact information can be found at www.habitat.org or by e-mailing volunteer@habitat.org.)
2. Develop a calendar of Habitat for Humanity project dates.
3. Provide information to council members and parishioners well in advance of an upcoming project so that they can participate and prepare.
4. Build public interest for each event! Promote your council's Habitat for Humanity in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
5. On the day of the event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director bring brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards* #921). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!



6. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
7. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Please note: councils must donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to Habitat for Humanity projects in their community to satisfy program requirements. Retain copies of all reports for your council records.