



Dear Future Volunteer,

Thank you so much for showing your support of Sea Island Habitat for Humanity (SIHH) by volunteering your time and efforts to support our cause. Currently SIHH has built over 265 homes on and around Johns Island, SC in an effort to eliminate poverty housing in the area. It was not until the 1950s and 1960s that steel bridges were built going out to Johns Island and several of the other barrier islands. This construction led to an influx of people moving to the Islands and the surrounding areas. In the 1970s two islands were developed on the end of Johns Island. As a result of the development of the area, the prices of homes and land on and around Johns Island has increased dramatically, making affordable housing a rarity. It takes over 2,000 volunteer hours to build just ONE house. Volunteers are the backbone of our ministry and we couldn't do it without you, so we appreciate you giving us your time and love to help fund homes for people in need.

We are usually working on several houses at various stages of construction at any given time. Just a few of the tasks you might work on when you come to volunteer are:

- digging foundations and laying rebar
- framing
- roofing, shingling
- installing windows, doors, appliances, fixtures
- vinyl siding
- insulation
- sheetrock
- painting
- landscaping

Below is a "what to do" list for your day of volunteering:

1. Confirm your worksite location and work times with the Volunteer Coordinator.
2. Read the Release form, fill it out in advance, and bring it with you to the worksite the day you volunteer. Be sure to turn it in to a construction supervisor. Minors must have their Release form signed by a parent or guardian.
3. The workday begins at 8am (7am weekdays during the summer) with introductions, the work plan for the day, a safety talk, and a devotion. On any given day we may have as many as 70 volunteers from different groups. We need your help to keep everything organized, so please be on time. (Please note, it takes about 35 mins to get to our worksites from downtown, 45 mins from N. Charleston, and 1 hr from Summerville or Goose Creek.)
4. The day will end at 4pm (3pm weekdays during the summer). Please note we are currently only working morning shifts on Saturdays.
5. Please abide by our dress code: sneakers (preferably boots), shorts and sleeveless shirts should be modest, and wear clothes you can get dirty.
6. Remember to bring a water bottle, work gloves, safety glasses, and a lunch or lunch money. (Check which site where you will be working to find out if there are places to eat nearby.) Lunch is from 12-1 (11-12 weekdays during the summer).

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you and God Bless!

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