



Youth Program Opportunities

Our youth program works to get students and youth involved with Milwaukee Habitat off the construction site, since there is a firm 16+ age restriction for volunteers. This unfortunately limits the amount of work youth can do on our construction sites, so we have come up with other ways to get youth of all ages involved with us.

Presentations and Field Trips: We offer this as a way for youth to learn about Habitat for Humanity, why we are needed in Milwaukee, and how we build and help our habitat homeowners. For the field trips we have had groups come out and tour our warehouse, the neighborhoods we are building in (they get to meet homeowners and regular volunteers), and/or our ReStore.

Habitat Clubs/Chapters: This is a great way for a group of students to get involved, plan and run the events and ideas that really inspire them.

Other Volunteer Opportunities: Since we still want youth to volunteer with us, and not just learn about us, we can plan different volunteer opportunities that would most interest your group. But to give you a few ideas:

- **ReStore Volunteer:** Volunteer at our ReStore (ages 14+). Two locations available: 420 S 1st St, and 3015 N 114th St. Flexible scheduling and various opportunities available.
- **Mini-Build Days:** Youth can fundraise to build their own birdhouses or other small projects. Or they can design their own miniature home (with furniture) out of a cereal box
- **The Lunch Bunch:** Volunteers who support the efforts of Milwaukee Habitat by donating/providing, delivering, setting and cleaning up lunches for Habitat volunteers and partner families at the construction site. Great for school groups!
- **Up-cycling:** Taking donated goods from our ReStore and decorating, painting, or otherwise improving upon the items to increase sale value. Great for creative, DIY art students.
- **Gift-a-family:** Youth can make welcome baskets, greeting cards, miniature homes, and other fun gifts for families and present them to the homeowners.
- **Fundraiser Competitions:** Have some fun with a friendly grade wide or school wide fundraiser. Compete with other classes to see who can raise the most money. (Ask about cool fundraising ideas)
- **Milwaukee Habitat Mentors:** Students (14+) working with Habitat families and neighborhood children as mentors and tutors.
- **Building on Youth:** Three-step program for students interested in gaining a holistic view of Habitat for Humanity. (Learn, Act, Reflect)
- **Create Your Own Event:** Coordinate an event at your school or business of choice and Habitat for Humanity is willing to assist with any details necessary.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities above or know someone who might be, please contact Tiandra Coleman at tc Coleman@milwaukeehabitat.org OR by phone at 414-316-5616.