

# VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

**The Goals of Rock the Block** are to beautify a neighborhood block through small projects that boost curb appeal for both owner occupied and rental homes. The project also connect neighbors, those who live nearby and those who live on the other side of town. Lastly we hope to inspire people to become active participants in their neighborhoods and support a sense of community including having a block party on the day of the event.

**Hours:** Rock the Block hours are **9am-3pm**. A timely arrival is important, as a Habitat representative will provide task instructions & safety guidelines at the beginning of the shift.

**Weather:** Unless you hear otherwise from a Habitat staff member (typically via email), plan to volunteer rain or shine. You will be working outside and so you may want to bring and wear sunscreen.

**Type of Work:** Volunteers on Rock the Block will likely be working either on landscaping, painting or some porch repairs. However, thank you in advance for your cooperation & flexibility!

**“Release of Liability” Waiver Form:** All volunteers are required to submit one completed “Release of Liability” waiver form each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). You should have been prompted to read & electronically sign this waiver while registering through Habitat Milwaukee’s volunteer portal. If you did not register through our online system, you must complete & submit a hardcopy (provided on our website or available at the jobsite.) In addition to the “Release of Liability” form, 14-17 year old volunteers must submit a “Release of Liability for Minors” form (see below).

**Age Restrictions:** For Rock the Block only, the minimum age of volunteering is 14 years old. 14-17 year olds will be assigned to do landscaping. Please email [bvangorp@milwaukeehabitat.org](mailto:bvangorp@milwaukeehabitat.org) for a copy of the minor’s release of liability or if a parent or guardian are coming with the young person they can sign the waiver at the job site.

**Clothing:** Wear comfortable work clothes that you don’t mind getting paint or dirt on along with proper footwear (work boots or athletic sneakers). No open-toed shoes!

**Tools:** We recommend that you bring work gloves. Also, If you have them available please plan to bring landscaping tools such as hand pruners, shovels, hard tined rakes, knee pads or a gardening pad, etc. We do have some supplies, but providing your own would be a big help. Please label all personal tools with your name.

**Community Service:** Please email [bvangorp@milwaukeehabitat.org](mailto:bvangorp@milwaukeehabitat.org) for a copy of the community service form to bring with you to the job site if you will need a letter verifying your volunteer hours

**Lunch & Water:** Water is provided on site. We encourage volunteers to bring a water bottle to re-fill. A simple lunch will be provided to volunteers and to the community. We may also have some fun activities for the kids in the neighborhood too.

**Parking & Valuables:** In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we encourage carpooling! This also helps when there is limited parking space available. Be sure to lock your cars and keep valuables at home or out of sight! We also request that you be mindful of any neighbors and do not park in front of driveway entrances.

#### **Additional Questions:**

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