

Habitat for Humanity Build Volunteers
General Information

Thank you for volunteering to help build community, relationships and homes with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County and ReStore and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Welcome back to all of you who have volunteered in the past.

This year we ask that you bring a non –perishable item or two to the build site for the local food bank. Rantoul’s food bank serves 400 families currently and the need will increase.

All donations made on the Rantoul site will aide the Rantoul Community Center.
All donations made on the Champaign site will aide Eastern Illinois Food Bank.

Build address –Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Rantoul Build

Address: 1627 Lowry, Rantoul

Build address – Women Build Homes with Carle Clinic

Address: 1521 W. Healey, Champaign

Build Shifts

Start time morning shift: 7:50 a.m

End Time : approximately 12:00

Start Time afternoon shift: 12:50.

End time: approximately 4:30 p.m.

What to expect when you arrive on site

First, you will sign in and make a name tag. We will have a short meeting at 8 am to discuss the day’s tasks and safety concerns. Paul Zindars, our construction manager, will meet with the team leaders before dividing the volunteers in groups.

We can make adjustments in shift times and lengths. Please notify me when you sign up of any concerns you have regarding the start and end time of your shift.

Parking: minimal on-street parking, please car pool when possible.

Supplies to bring: work gloves, proper attire, shoes (as listed below), refillable water bottle, tie for your glasses, please wear sunblock – SPF 30 is recommended.

<p>Supplies available on site: water, granola bars, first aid kit, hand wipes, sun block extra waivers, extra gloves, safety goggles, ear plugs, hard hats, tools, port –a–potty.</p>
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Please do not bring any valuables to the build site. This includes cell phones, black berries, your favorite pen, and the like. Anything you carry in your pocket, on your belt,

or leave on our table may wind up under a pile of wood or in the dirt. Make certain your car keys are secured or place in the white box on the water table.

The build site, on the best of days, has uneven ground, nails under foot, dirt everywhere. Do not wear your favorite, or even second favorite, shirt to the build site. You will be most comfortable if you wear:

- ✓ Long sleeve shirt over a t-shirt
- ✓ Jeans
- ✓ Enclosed, thick soled shoes

It may be wise to have an extra set of clothes and shoes in the car, and newspaper to spread under grimy shoes.

The weather in Central Illinois is difficult to predict at the best of times. We want to minimize the possibility that a volunteer will drive out to Rantoul and find that we are unable to work. **Volunteers needs will be best served if each group (from a church, club, or business) develops a phone or e-mail tree.** On days when there may be a weather issue, we will be at the build site by **7:00 a.m.** to assess the situation. If we will not work, we will call the phone tree/e-mail tree leaders by **7:15 a.m.** to ask them to share that information with their groups. **I will phone all volunteers who are not coming as members of a group.** We do not have access to e-mail at the build site.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent and energy to make this miracle happen.

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