



**Chemung County**  
**Habitat**  
**for Humanity**®

# VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All volunteers are required to view this orientation. At the end of this presentation, you will be asked to verify that you completed the requirement.

Thank you for volunteering!



# You are Part of a Larger Effort

Each year, across all Habitat for Humanity organizations, we...

- Mobilize millions of people to join the cause of affordable shelter.
- Help more than half a million people around the world improve their shelter situation.



# A Brief History

- Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide, nonprofit, non-proselytizing, ecumenical Christian organization.
- Started in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller at Koinonia Farms
- Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter got involved in 1984.
- International headquarters in Americus, Georgia.



# At Work in Chemung County...

Chemung County Habitat for Humanity began in 1989.

- We provide homes to low-income families in need.
- We organize volunteer events such as:
  - Woman Build and
  - Cities RISE neighborhood clean up
- We coordinate hundreds of local volunteers at our build sites every year.



# Our Partner Families...

Partner Families are selected based upon the following three criteria:

- **Need** – The family has a need for safe and affordable housing.
- **Ability to pay** – They have the ability to save for a down payment and pay an affordable mortgage.
- **Willingness to partner with us** – Must perform at least 250 hours of Sweat Equity and attend an approved homebuyer education class.



# How You Can Help

- Habitat relies heavily on volunteers to help us build safe, affordable housing for families in Chemung County.
- Donations are a vital part of our organization. Chemung County Habitat for Humanity accepts donations of cash, tools and construction materials.
- Click here to donate:  
<https://chemungcountyhabitat.org/donate>



# Volunteering

Community groups, individuals, and corporate groups are welcome to volunteer with us.

## Benefits of Volunteering

- You learn new skills.
- You meet new people.
- You feel good about helping others.



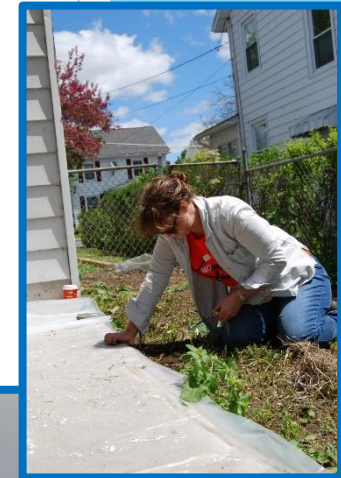
# A Typical Day at Our Build Sites

- Volunteer workdays are Weekdays and Saturdays by appointment, between 8:30 and 2:30.
- Work tasks are chosen or assigned based on the volunteer's skill level.
- Wear clothes that can get dirty.  
Personal protection equipment provided.
- Age requirements:  
18 and older – all tasks permitted.  
16 to 17 – construction work, no power tools.  
14 to 15 – painting/landscaping away from active construction is happening at site.



# Build Site Volunteer Jobs

- General cleaning and clearing of trash and debris
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Carpentry work: drywall, cabinets, doors, framing, installing fixtures.
- Flooring
- Electrical, plumbing and HVAC



# Basic Build Site Safety

- Wear old clothes that can get dirty; long pants recommended.
- Wear gloves.
- Wear goggles when working with power tools.
- Wear a mask when working with dust, mold, or trash.
- **Do Not** wear open toe shoes.
- **Do Not** place tools/power cables in walkways or in front of stairs where others could trip.
- If you're not sure how to use a tool...**ask**. We'll be happy to teach you.
- **Do Not** leave tools on top of ladders.
- Wear hard hats when you or others are working above head level with heavy/dangerous materials or tools.
- Make sure ladders are secure and/or have another person holding the base.



# Volunteering at Our Office

- Office volunteers can help with data entry, mailings, etc., depending on skills.
- By appointment
- Attire is business casual.
- Email: [info@chemungcountyhabitat.org](mailto:info@chemungcountyhabitat.org)
- Located at: 219 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St  
Elmira Heights, NY 14903
- Phone: (607) 734-1361, option 3

# Expectations for Volunteers

- Habitat for Humanity International adheres to a Volunteer Code of Conduct with an emphasis on the following areas:
  - 1) Promoting a respectful community
  - 2) Prioritizing site safety
  - 3) Upholding a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol, drugs and weapons
  - 4) Model behavior that respects the human rights of all people.
  - 5) Safeguarding Habitat for Humanity assets
  - 6) Maintaining confidentiality

# Your Volunteer Commitment

Habitat welcomes volunteers who can make a one-time or regular commitment... all day or just a few hours. We're flexible about working within your time constraints.

Keep in mind that once you are scheduled to volunteer, our construction staff plans accordingly. If you need to cancel, just let us know!

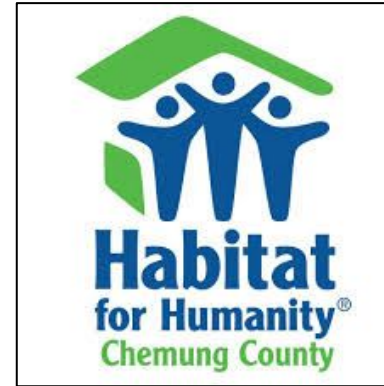
# Let's Get Started!

- Join hundreds of other Habitat volunteers who help us build homes, communities and hope! Sign up to be a volunteer today.
- One more step: Verify completion of this orientation on the next page, and we will reach out to you to schedule a time to volunteer.



# Thank you for choosing to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity!

To verify completion of this orientation, click here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/92393689276172>



*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*  
~Elizabeth Andrew