



Youth Participation

The following are examples of what Youth have done for Habitat for Humanity

Affiliates:

Ages 5-7

- Make a welcome basket for the homeowner family.
- Sing a song at the home dedication.
- Stock the pantry for a new Habitat for Humanity partner family.
- Draw greeting cards to be sold at a Habitat fund-raiser.

Ages 7-10

- Draw messages or blessings on 2x4s before the house framing begins.
- Plant trees or shrubs in the homeowner's yard after the house is finished.
- Make wooden key holders, picture frames, or doorstops from construction scraps.
- Coordinate a birthday gift project for homeowner's children.

Ages 10-12

- Speak to or distribute materials to classmates about the mission of Habitat.
- Construct and paint window boxes to be used as housewarming gifts.
- Design a T-shirt to be sold at a Habitat event.
- Help fold or stuff newsletters or mailings.

Ages 12-15

- Design a Web page or write newsletter articles.
- Paint doors and baseboards off site before they are put into the house.
- Build picnic or lunch tables for the work site.
- Tutor homeowners' children.
- Provide babysitting for children of homeowners or volunteers.
- Organize and serve meals to construction volunteers.
- Talk to a partner family about how Habitat has impacted them. Write about their experience and publish one of their reflections in a newsletter.

Ages 16-18

- This age group is allowed to do certain construction work. Everyone on a Habitat for Humanity construction site must be at least 18 years old *or* have a Habitat for Humanity, Orange County "*Parental Consent and Waiver Form*" signed by their parent or guardian and delivered to our office. No one under the age of 16 is allowed on a Habitat site during construction activities.

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