



VOLUNTEER AND DONOR Q & A

For Volunteers Going to Houston

Question - What are the dates?

Answer - We will travel to Houston on November 10 and return November 19. We will be working from November 11 to November 18. You needn't stay the entire time—we are happy to have you for whatever time you can commit.

Question - What if I have no building skills?

Answer – You don't need to be handy with a hammer to help. We need all types of volunteers, from those with building skills; to people who can make a house a home (with beds, mattresses, chairs, pictures on the walls); as well as support volunteers to gather supplies, manage housing and cook for the work teams. Spanish-speaking volunteers are encouraged.

Question - What can be done in a week?

Answer - The destruction is massive from the hurricane. Over 60,000 homes were damaged. If we can impact 4 to 5 families, allowing them to move from shelters back into their homes, we will have made a small impact for all of Houston, but a large impact for those families.

Question - As a volunteer, what are my out-of-pocket expenses?

Answer - Volunteers are responsible for their travel expenses and incidentals. All housing and food will be provided while in Houston. Currently there are 3 airlines providing round trip fares from Chicago O'Hare to Houston for under \$200. We will pick you up at the airport and bring you to the community center, and will provide transportation to and from the job site each day.

Question – What do I need to bring with?

Answer – Each volunteer will be responsible for his/her own personal care items and sleeping materials—air mattress, sleeping bag, pillow. If you have them, please bring your own tool belt, tape measure, box cutter and battery hand drill. We'll provide

transportation for these items and provide instructions on where to drop off prior to the trip. Food and transportation will be provided for you in Houston.

Question - Where will I sleep?

Answer - We will stay in BakerRipley Community Center, which has showers and kitchen facilities. We will sleep on the gym and classroom floors. (Please provide your own air mattress/bedding). Nothing luxurious about this trip, but it might be one of your best vacations ever. For those interested, there are local hotels with discounted rates under \$100 per night.

Question – Won't volunteers be taking jobs from local builders?

Answer – No, because we will operate in the poorer communities where the contractors are not working as the homeowners can't afford to pay for repairs and rebuilding. This is why the well-off neighborhoods are back up quickly and the poor neighborhoods take years.

Question – How old does a volunteer need to be?

Answer – For our trip to Houston, we require that volunteers be at least 18 years of age.

Question – What if I can't make the November trip?

Answer – An additional trip is being considered for spring of 2018, likely to coincide with District 220's Spring Break. Details to follow.

For Those Wishing to Donate

Question - How will the donations be spent?

Answer - For every \$1 of donation, we can provide \$4 worth of home repair. The first \$25,000 donated will be matched by the Foglia Family Foundation, so your \$1 now becomes \$2. A typical building project is 50% labor and 50% material. Because our labor is 100% donated through volunteers, we gain an additional \$2 in donated labor.

Question - How will my donation be used?

Answer - Charitable donations will be used to buy building supplies, appliances, beds, chairs, food for the volunteers and rental vehicles, if needed. 100% of all donations will go directly to Barrington Regional Hurricane Relief. All administrative or overhead costs are donated.

Question - Is my charitable donation deductible?

Answer – Yes. Because donations will be made through The Build Team's 501C3, all contributions are tax deductible.

Question – How can I make a donation?

Answer – Go to The Build Team web site at www.BRHRelief.org. Or make checks payable to “The Build Team NFP” to be mailed or hand-delivered to:

The Build Team NFP
495 W. Northwest Highway
Barrington, IL 60010

Still have questions? Contact Dawson Builders at 847-846-4463 or via email at Alana@dawsonbuilders.com. You may also contact Tom Malia at thosmalia3@msn.com or Bob Lee at photobylee@mac.com.

Thank you for supporting this community effort!