

Looking for an opportunity for members of your congregation who are interested in serving the poor in your community? Then participate in a **Faith In Action (FIA)** day where you will learn about Habitat for Humanity, see the great work that has been accomplished and participate in the building process. All are welcome to learn about Habitat and take the tour, while space is limited for the actual construction participation.

The time has never been better to put your compassion and enthusiasm to work. We want volunteers to have fun. We also want volunteers to help support our mission: to provide simple, decent housing to families in need. That's why we exist, and hopefully why your group is motivated to participate with MCHH.



Building houses requires a lot of funding up front. In order to continue to build houses for more families in need, **we ask that you help raise funds to support the group you are sending us for a Faith In Action day.** You might have the youth group hold a carwash, or the men's group might put on a spaghetti dinner or the women's group might hold an alternative gift market during the holidays. You could take up a special collection in support of the work your missions team will be doing in the community. **While we do not have a specified amount that we require, we ask that you make your best effort to support this ministry.**

In addition to volunteerism and fundraising, the third component of Habitat for Humanity is advocacy. We hope that you will serve as ambassadors for Metro Camden Habitat for Humanity within your congregation and your community to raise awareness that there are local families living in terrible conditions and to help make simple, decent housing for all a matter of conscience.

Together, we can make the case that it is politically and morally unacceptable that any of our brothers and sisters should have to live in substandard housing.

Typical FIA day

8:30 am – Meet at Habitat for Humanity office

8:30-9:30am – Learn about MCHH's mission, history, future plans and volunteer opportunities available, then tour the Clinton Street & 6th Street projects (MCHH's primary focus area).

9:30am -3:30pm - Participate on the worksite



A great way to start the morning! Groups are encouraged to begin their FIA day with a devotion, scripture reading, reflection, etc. to recall the higher purpose and meaning that inspired the work they are about to undertake.

Group size is limited to a maximum of 10* volunteers who will stay and work on the worksite after the morning educational piece. (*number may differ depending on the work to be done that day/ weather conditions, etc.) The entire congregation is welcome to attend the orientation and tour from 8:30-9:30am. The more who learn about Habitat the better since there are many ways to get involved off the worksite, which are outlined at this time. Those who stay to work must be at least 16 years old.

Scheduling is done on a first come-first serve basis. Workdays can be scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday (with an occasional Sunday every other month (actual dates to be determined by MCHH)). Groups will be able to book as far as 3 months in advance, and will be limited to booking once per quarter to allow as many people as possible to enjoy the Habitat experience. If you must cancel for some reason, please notify us ASAP so we may offer the day to others.



We ask that the contribution that your group has raised through its best efforts, be either sent by check in advance, or presented in person on the day you attend.

Other ideas to raise funds and awareness for Metro Camden Habitat for Humanity:

Hold a **FUNdraising** evening at a local restaurant (such as The Pop Shop, Forno's Restaurant, Silver Diner, etc.)*

Hold a raffle for items donated by local businesses, or items made by the youth group, such as bird houses.

Hold an **Alternative Gift Market***, where shares of a project or building materials that people purchase are guaranteed to never break, expire, be the wrong color, size, model, etc., and know that it will help others.

Hold a bowl-a-thon to **Strike out Poverty***. Or hold any type such as a walk-a-thon, dance-a-thon, etc.

Hold a Build A Thon – have people sponsor the individual who will be building on the site.

Hold a yard sale on MCHH's behalf.

Have the Youth group or Bible School collect coins through the **Pennies For Palaces*** program.

Raffle a **play house*** or dog house built by members of the congregation.

Dinner In* – have members contribute to having dinner at home with their families and donate the cost of what they would have spent at a restaurant for dinner that evening.

Have the Choir host a benefit concert

Host a movie night and show an inspirational movie such as *Pay It Forward*

Additional Resources available upon request:

Details * Fundraising ideas above

Display boards and flyers

MCHH representative available for speaking opportunity at your worship service

To schedule an FIA day or for more information, contact Amy by phone: (856) 963-8018 or by email: volunteer@habitatcamden.org