

# Habitat for Humanity

# Youth

Seeking to put God's love into action Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

In addition to home construction for volunteers age 16 and up, and retail work in the ReStore for ages 14 and up, Habitat St. Tammany West, Habitat STW, believes that the youth of our community are a key element to the future fulfillment of our mission. With this in mind, below we have provided samples of creative activities which engage and retain youth involvement and support. If you are interested in an activity that is not listed below please let us know, we may be able to help facilitate it.

## Learn

- Attend a home dedication! For times/dates contact Katie at [kmelucci@habtiatstw.org](mailto:kmelucci@habtiatstw.org)
- Read one of the children's books produced by Habitat International: Grandpa's Hammer, Raising the Rood, Doorway to the World, or Building Friends
- Play SPENT at <http://playspent.org/>

## Volunteer

- Provide and bring lunch to volunteers on the construction site.
- Decorate candy bags with thank you messages for future volunteers.
- Organize a group to clean a homebuyer's home before a dedication or before they move in.
- Provide a prayer, national anthem, or play music at a home dedication.
- Help make announcements at your school or church to spread the message of Habitat or Humanity.
- Make beautiful housewarming gifts for homebuyers. This can include planter/herb boxes, picture frames, birdhouses, and even a bench for their front porch.
- Help decorate and address thank you post cards for volunteers. Contact Katie at [kmelucci@habtiatstw.org](mailto:kmelucci@habtiatstw.org) for more details.
- Volunteer in the ReStore, you must be at least 14.
- Build on the construction site, you must be at least 16.

## Donate

- Hold a bake sale to raise money for Habitat STW
- Challenge your friends and family to save their pennies and donate them to Habitat STW.
- Participate in Habitat's Lent donation calendar. Contact Katie at [kmelucci@habtiatstw.org](mailto:kmelucci@habtiatstw.org) for details.
- Every time you get a new toy or article of clothing, challenge yourself to donate one of your old items to the Habitat STW ReStore.

## Stay in Touch

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