

# Welcome! To Glen Mar Church Habitat For Humanity

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Hello! Thanks for your interest in Glen Mar's Habitat for Humanity. Adrienne Taylor coordinates the volunteers, so contact her to be added to the email list of volunteers. Don Wecker directs our labors on work days. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have further questions. If you want to volunteer at Habitat but don't enjoy construction, there are many ways to get involved. The volunteer information at [habitatchesapeake.org](http://habitatchesapeake.org) will help you find a way to best share your skills and meet your interests.

We usually work on the second Saturday of the month. The exact time we start is dependent on which site we are placed. We meet at Glen Mar around 8:00 & return around 4:00, depending on our location that month. Volunteers must be 16 or older to enter the work site, 18 or older to use power tools. All skill levels are welcome. We love when folks with construction or handy skills sign up, but we are very happy to work with and teach anyone who wants to work. The work sites usually have jobs of various skill levels available, and all of the work at every skill level is important for completing the homes. Often our crew is divided into smaller work crews with different supervisors doing different tasks. Habitat is very good about providing instruction and supervision, but if you ever have a question about the work, ask it. If you feel you need more help or supervision, talk to Don, me, or the Habitat personnel. We want everyone to be safe, have fun, learn something new, and do good work done well.

Each month I send an email about 1½ weeks before the work days. I need a firm count of volunteers one week prior to the work day so that Habitat can plan for the right amount of tasks, materials, supervisors and sites. We are limited to a group of 10. **It is necessary for planning work and rides for you to reply to the email by the deadline**, telling me if you plan to work and if you want to car pool. When Habitat tells me where we are working, I send a second email to only those who signed up that month (by replying 'yes' to my first email) with the details of timing and work. Most of us meet at GMUMC and carpool to the site. Some people drive directly to the work site. **You will need to provide a liability release & info forms** from Chesapeake Habitat before your first work day. For adult volunteers, the 2020 link is [2020 Glen Mar Church Habitat For Humanity Adult Volunteer Form](#) You will complete the form online and return it directly to Habitat (I do not receive it) by the Wednesday before our work day. If you are bringing a youth 16 or 17 years old, there is special form for them that is signed then sent to Habitat. Contact Adrienne Taylor for that form if you need it.

Habitat provides tools & materials. You need to wear hard soled shoes or work boots and dress for work and the weather. There is usually no heat or air conditioning on the work sites. Bring plenty of water to drink and a bagged lunch. If there are other needs I'll try to let you know in advance. There are bathroom facilities (often porta potties) for every work site.

Don & I have volunteered with GMUMC's Habitat crew for several years and enjoyed it immensely: the work, the mission, and working with the Habitat families, employees and other volunteers. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity International check out [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org). Their focus is eliminating substandard housing and vacant buildings while building a community. It has been an incredible gift to watch the mission succeed over the years. Some people volunteer every month, some a few times a year. Habitat volunteers are a diverse group, from engineers and skilled builders to unskilled folks who are ready to learn. I've learned a lot from the other volunteers. If you share our mission, we have a spot for you! We need dependable and willing volunteers, both skilled and willing to learn. We hope you'll choose to join us.

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