

Southwest Wake Faith Coalition Rock the Southwest Wake Region

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Partnering with the Southwest Wake churches, we will work with up to 10 Southwest Wake families to help them preserve their homes over two consecutive weekends. We are inviting the Southwest Wake faith community to provide the labor and funding for this project. We will need approximately 60 volunteers each day for 6 days to repair roofs and siding, paint and landscape. We will also need to raise approximately \$40,000-50,000 to cover the cost for this project.

PARTNER FAMILIES:

We will work with approximately 10 Southwest Wake home owners that qualify for the Home Preservation program. Families needing help on exterior repairs can apply by completing this application https://www.habitatwake.org/sites/default/files/2018-08/Home-Preservation-Application_Updated-8-8-18.pdf and mailing it to 2420 North Raleigh Boulevard, Raleigh 27604. For more information contact Tamesia Wright at 919.744.2436 and tamesia.wright@habitatwake.org

COALITION WEB PAGE:

<https://www.habitatwake.org/faith/southwestwake>

Find the build schedule and events, Hub link, Photo Album and FAQ's on this web page.

ROCK THE REGION SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Opening Ceremony:** Thursday, February 21 at 8:15 am St. Augusta Missionary Baptist Church, located at 605 Bridge Street in Fuquay-Varina
- **Church Staff Work Days:** Thursday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 28 from 8:15 am-4 pm

PROJECT LOCATION

The up to 10 home repair projects will be in the Southwest Wake region. Volunteers are asked to come to St. Augusta Missionary Baptist Church each day at 8:15 AM. St. Augusta is located at 605 Bridge Street in Fuquay-Varina.



Volunteer Registration

Dedicated Volunteer Registration Link: <http://vhub.at/southwestwake>

IMPORTANT: Reserve your work days early. If spots are not filled, they are released for other volunteers 3 weeks prior to the work day to maintain the construction schedule. If you have any registration issues, contact Caroline Del Do at caroline.deldo@habitatwake.org. For coordinators to see who has registered on the Volunteer Hub, [click here](#) for directions.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

60 VOLUNTEERS EACH DAY

Day 1: Thursday, Feb. 21

Church Staff Work Day

Each church sends church staff:

Meet at St. August at 8:15 AM:

Volunteers bring their own lunch

Day 2: Friday, Feb. 22

Each church sends volunteers:

Meet at St. August at 8:15 AM:

Volunteers bring their own lunch

Day 3: Saturday, Feb.23

Each church sends volunteers

Meet at St. August at 8:15 AM:

Volunteers bring their own lunch

Day 4: Thursday, Feb.28

Church Staff Work Day

Each church sends church staff:

Meet at St. August at 8:15 AM:

Volunteers bring their own lunch

Day 5: Friday, March 1

Each church sends volunteers:

Meet at St. August at 8:15 AM:

Volunteers bring their own lunch

Day 6: Saturday, March 2

Each church sends volunteers:

Meet at St. August at 8:15 AM:

Volunteers bring their own lunch

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Southwest Wake Coalition Structure

Coalition Coordinator:

The Coalition Coordinator works to help set up and support coalition participant churches with Habitat's Faith Engagement team. The Coordinator also works with the Habitat's Volunteer Engagement team to help churches enroll their groups and individuals in the project.

Individual Church Leaders

Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for promoting the project, recruiting the volunteer teams and inviting groups (discipleship, mission youth and children's groups) and individuals to participate in the project. The Volunteer Coordinator will keep the church aware of the project by submitting pictures and build stories for the church's communication tools, particularly inviting the church to events (ground blessing, dedication). Once the build starts, the Coordinator will look ahead to verify that people are signing and encourage those who have not to make use of the Volunteer Hub.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do when I arrive? It is extremely important to show up on time. Find the Volunteer Sign-In Station at the construction site. Checking in is your first priority when you arrive on the site.

What if bad weather is in the forecast? We are first and foremost concerned with the safety of our volunteers. We do not cancel work days in the event of rain. We will find as much work to do indoors as possible. If there is a threat of winter weather or other potentially unsafe conditions, we will inform all volunteers of delays or cancellations via text and email. If you are concerned about the weather forecast, please make sure to check your text and email for updates by 7:00 a.m. the day you are scheduled to volunteer.

What should I bring? We will have all the necessary tools onsite, so you are not required to bring any tools with you. If you choose to bring your own (work gloves, hammer, tape measure, tool belt or nail apron, pencil) label any tools you bring with your name. We will have big coolers of water and cups on site, but it is helpful to bring your own water bottle. You may want to bring sunscreen and bug spray.

When is lunch? Please bring lunch (or plan for your group to provide it) and a cooler, if needed. We'll break for lunch around 11:30am. If you have food delivered, please have it delivered no later than 11:15am.

What is the bathroom situation? There are portable toilets (porta-potties) on every site.

What is the minimum age for volunteers? Volunteers for Construction must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers who are 16 or 17 must also have written parental consent.

Child labor laws restrict Habitat from having volunteers under age 16 on a construction site. If a child comes on the site, such as during lunch, all construction must stop in order to ensure their safety.

How many volunteers can work on one house at a time? It depends on what tasks we have scheduled for the day. Early in the build schedule we can take as many as 40 volunteers on day 1 and 25 volunteers on subsequent days, but once we are done with the siding that number decreases to 20. Homeowners and construction staff will also be on site, increasing the total number of people, so it is important not to exceed your reserved volunteer spots.

*What should I wear? **Wear good work shoes** – boots are best, sturdy sneakers are fine. No sandals, thin canvas sneakers (Keds or Tom's for example) or open-toed shoes. **Wear clothes that can get dirty**— you get dirty.*

Do I need to have construction experience to volunteer? Nope! We will train you to safely complete all the tasks for the day. Safety is our highest concern. When you arrive, staff will provide a safety talk and instructions on how to perform the tasks. If you feel uncomfortable with a task or tool, be sure to ask for help or ask to be re-assigned to a different task. We value quality over speed. Relax and have fun! We are happy to teach you! We can have as many as 75 volunteers at our work sites, so it may take some time for staff to assign you a task. Please be patient with our process.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY WITH HABITAT WAKE

What Can You Expect From Us?

- **A Safe Work Environment** - You'll start the day with a Safety Orientation, and all safety equipment will be provided.
- **A Productive Work Day** - Your tools, supplies, and work plan will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive.
- **Leadership** - When we say "No experience necessary", we mean it! Our staff is trained to work with volunteers and teach you everything you need to know.
- **Patience, Perspective, and a Sense of Humor** - We work hard, and we laugh a lot.

What Do We Expect From Volunteers?

- **Prompt Arrival** - It is crucial that we get the day off to a safe, productive start by presenting the Safety Orientation and tasks instructions to the whole group at the designated start time.
- **Safety** - Attend the Safety Orientation, adhere to safety protocols, and use the tools and equipment as instructed.
- **Commitment** - If you sign up, we're counting on you!
- **Flexibility** - Sometimes it rains, or gets too hot, or we finish a task faster than anticipated or we ask everyone on site join forces to rally around a crucial task – it's cool! We'll roll with it.

Workday:

Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of your shift. Staff will be on site to begin volunteer check-in beginning 15 minutes before the start of each shift.

Schedule

8:00am - Volunteer Registration Desk opens

8:00-8:15am – Volunteer Check-in and Registration

It is very important to arrive promptly so we can begin on time!

For safety reasons late-comers may be turned away.

8:15am – Volunteer Orientation and Safety Overview, tasks assigned, work day begins

11:30am - 12:00pm – Lunch Break (lunch not provided unless otherwise indicated)

3:30-4:00pm - Site Cleanup

4:00pm - Work Day Ends