



Construction Volunteer Information

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County! The following information will help to answer any questions you might have regarding your volunteer experience. After reading through the information, if you still have further questions, please contact Bernadette Diaz, Volunteer & Family Services Coordinator, via e-mail at volunteer@habitatpbc.org or by phone at 561-433-3351.

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2010

Time: 8am – 3pm

Site Supervisor: Ernest Washington

Task: TBA

Location: 529 42nd Street
West Palm Beach, FL



Directions:

- I-95 to 45th Street
- Head East on 45th Street
- Turn Right (South) onto Broadway/FL A1A
- Turn Left (East) onto 42nd Street
- Look for 529 42nd Street (will be located on your left)

Volunteer Application: Each volunteer is required to fill out a volunteer application and to sign a liability waiver. These forms are kept on file, so a volunteer only needs to sign the form once every 2 years, no matter how many times they volunteer.

Construction Hours: Our construction sites are open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We recommend checking in at around 7:45am so that you can be assigned a task.

Where to Report: Once arriving on site, the site supervisor will meet with you at the front of the site, by the Habitat sign.

Skills: Construction volunteers are not required to have any building skills. However, it is very helpful to know what skills each volunteer possesses. For this reason, we ask that all skilled volunteers (those with prior building experience) inform the construction manager when arriving on site. Volunteers should be prepared to work on any aspects of housing construction including (but not limited to) framing, roofing, electrical, plumbing, drywall, painting, landscaping, loading and unloading materials, and cleaning up.

Age Restrictions: Federal law has very clear rules about the age of persons working construction.

- Children under age 16 are not allowed on construction sites.
- Young persons ages 16 and 17 may work in construction but may not use power tools or perform work involving wrecking and demolition, excavation or roofing.



Lunch: Lunches will not be provided by Habitat. You may either bring lunches to the worksite or go out to lunch during the lunch break.

What to Wear: Each volunteer should wear closed toe shoes (no flip-flops!). Regardless of what task you'll be doing, proper working attire will help make your day more comfortable. South Florida is typically hot and humid so dress accordingly.

What to Bring: Habitat PBC has all the tools your crew will need. If you have your own tools, however, you may bring them, as we have a limited number of power tools, extension cords and hand tools. A Basic Tool List is below. We recommend that each volunteer bring work gloves with them. It is also recommended that you bring a bottle of water. ***Be sure to put name tags on all your items!***

BASIC TOOL LIST

Hammer ♦ Work gloves ♦ Goggle ♦ measuring tape ♦ Nail apron ♦ Carpenter's pencil

On the Worksite

Restrooms: There is always a port a potty available on site.

Personal Valuables: While some monitoring will be provided at the work site, Habitat accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen items. We recommend that you not bring items with high monetary or sentimental value, that you remove all valuable items in your car from view, and that you put your name on any items you do bring.

Safety and Risk: Habitat PBC takes safety very seriously. Our construction supervisors are experienced, well trained specialists. For safety sake, we expect volunteers to follow instructions and cautions from the supervisors.

Illness or Injury: There always a First Aid Kit available on site for any worker who becomes ill or injured. You will be welcome to rejoin your work team after you recover and can again participate fully.

Communication and Supervision: Your volunteer crew will be supervised by members of our full-time construction staff. Once the crew is working, the Habitat PBC construction staff rotates through all houses under construction to provide technical assistance and additional direction where needed. Please be patient in waiting for assistance, as there are as many as 5 houses under construction at once.

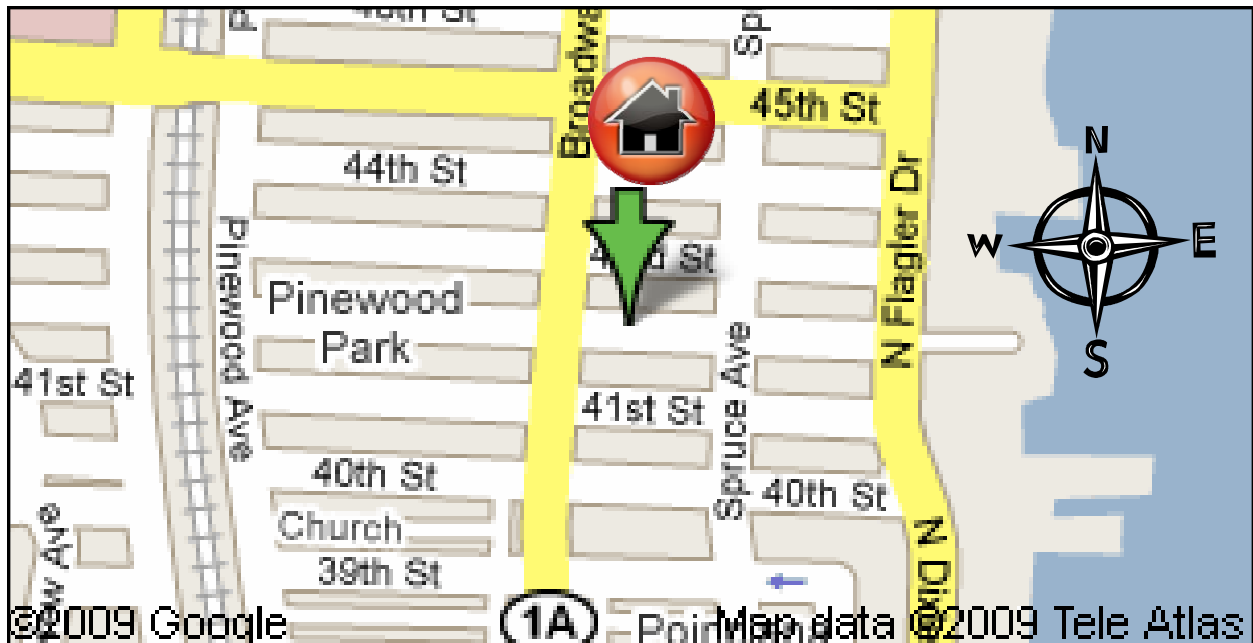


Northboro Project

529 42nd St.

West Palm Beach, FL 33407

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