



## VOLUNTEERING

**Habitat for Humanity of Teller County (HFHTC) is a volunteer driven organization.** As a volunteer, you are participating in aiding HFHTC to accomplish projects, whether it's building homes, working fundraisers, or assisting with office administration. All volunteers are required to **register** on our web-site.

**[www.tellerhabitat.org](http://www.tellerhabitat.org).**

**While registering as a volunteer on the web-site don't forget to take the time to complete the safety video, which will allow you to provide labor on our build sites. Once on the site, all volunteers are required to check in with a crew leader & request and receive safety instructions before using power equipment.**

It's important to check our web-site for building site closures due to weather or otherwise. Our construction committee chair, Rick Iwamoto, will keep this information updated. Our Fundraiser Coordinator, will post event happenings that anyone can volunteer for. Our Volunteer Coordinator, will schedule you for office administration help needs and reach out to you with other volunteer communication.

Children, 16 years old & older, can volunteer on the build sites but must have a parent's permission. Older children, 18 and above will be allowed to operate power tools after safety training on site. All volunteers will be required to sign a waiver.

If you're a homebuyer volunteer or volunteering to earn hours for a specific applicant, you will need to indicate that on the registration information page. To get volunteer credit for hours on the job site, at fundraisers, or in the office, each volunteer must also sign in and sign out on the daily volunteer sheet.

Regardless if you are an applicant homebuyer, a friend or family helper toward sweat equity, or otherwise, it's important to get registered in our data-base, as a volunteer. If you need assistance with this, please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator ([volunteer@tellerhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@tellerhabitat.org) or 719-687-4447) who can walk you through this process.

**As a Homebuyer applicant, your volunteer hours will be earning sweat equity.** Sweat equity is a Home Buyer's contribution to the equity in their home in the form of physical effort, as opposed to a monetary investment. The sweat equity is the value added to a homebuyer's own house by unpaid volunteer work hours on any HFHTC project. **Sweat Equity hours** required are **300 minimum** hours for a single adult applicant & **400 minimum** hours for an adult applicant with a co-applicant.

Children of applicants, 16 years old & older, can volunteer to contribute to the minimum requirement as well. Also, the applicant(s) **circle of friends and extended family** may join the build site to volunteer **100 hours** toward the applicant's minimum requirement. Because it takes a while to earn the required hours, our **homebuyers & their family & friends** are expected to provide volunteer hours on a weekly basis until the home is completed. You can do that on our build sites, usually 8:30am – 4:30pm Wednesday - Saturday. Sometimes we can extend the workdays to accommodate the homebuyer when a deadline needs to be reached. Our Volunteer Coordinator, will track if you are putting in the required hours in a timely manner to qualify for the home. You may also be provided some alternative ways to get sweat equity hours.