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Our Mission: Willamette West Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to generating home-ownership and benefiting our community by building simple, decent, affordable housing, in Partnership with low-income people, volunteers, donors and organizations, with an emphasis on building neighborhoods.



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• ***Volunteer Opportunities:***

• ***Board of Directors***

• ***Committees***

Who We Are



Willamette West Habitat is your independent, local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We are dedicated to eliminating sub-standard housing and homelessness. We believe every man, woman, and child should have a simple, decent, and affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

The Need for Affordable Housing



Every day in Washington County, low-income, hard-working families struggle to find affordable places to live. Rapidly rising rents force these families to live in unsafe, unhealthy and crowded conditions. Often, these families move once or twice a year in search of rents that stay within their reach. Because of this, children transfer from school to school, affecting their learning and their self-esteem.

The American dream of homeownership is seen as simply unattainable, due to the skyrocketing home prices and little change in incomes of hard-working families.

What We Do

Our work of generating home-ownership and benefiting our community by building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with these families has resulted in over 50 families permanently escaping poverty housing. We believe in this mission, because we've seen first hand how affordable homeownership impacts families, children and communities.



- Families have a chance to experience stability, build equity wealth, and have something tangible to pass on to their children.

- Children are healthier and safer. They do better in school, have higher self-esteem, and feel more hopeful toward their future.

- Communities are improved, as homeowners tend to be more active in their communities than renters and pay into the Washington County tax base.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A successful Habitat affiliate requires an effective Board of Directors. The ideal board member has the following qualifications:

- » **Unbridled enthusiasm** and contagious passion for the mission and vision of Habitat.
- » A **reputation for integrity**, the ability to keep commitments, and willingness to learn.
- » Representative of a **diverse** part of the community and ability to influence that community.
- » Able to **dedicate time to work** with a committee, and able to encourage others to do so.
- » Able to **contribute financial resources** and enthusiastic about encouraging others to give.
- » Good communication skills, flexibility, and a **sense of humor**.
- » Emotional maturity with ability to build team spirit and **lead by example**.

The Board of Directors is made up of at least 13 but no more than 25 members. Board members serve three-year terms and are generally limited to two terms.



COMMITTEES

Serving Habitat for Humanity as a committee member is a good way to get involved in the operations of the organization at a grass-roots level. Some of the committees and their focus are as follows:

FINANCE: Manages the day-to-day financial activities of the affiliate, prepares monthly/yearly reports, and manages the budget. This committee is comprised of people with professional experience in legal, accounting, insurance and property management.



SITE ACQUISITION and DEVELOPMENT: Leads efforts to acquire land for construction and manages the pre-construction phase. Is comprised of people with engineering, real estate, and construction planning experience.

BUILDING: Coordinates labor, plans, materials and family interests to build the finished product, "a simple, decent house in a decent community for God's people in need."

FAMILY SELECTION: Organizes and carries out application, interview, and selection process. This committee finds the families who fit the criteria of need for shelter, with the ability to make no-interest loan payments, and the ability to partner with Habitat for Humanity in building homes.

FAMILY PARTNERING: Works with families through sweat equity, home ownership education, home purchase process, adjustment to new responsibilities and continued partnership with the organization.

FAITH RELATIONS: Cultivates Willamette West affiliate's relationship with local faith communities.