

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing body of Willamette West Habitat. All high-level decisions are filtered through this engaged, dedicated group of volunteers. These members understand the mission and importance of Habitat, and work on critical strategic planning to support the organization's goal to support hard-working Washington and Clackamas families achieve the dream of home ownership. Board members show these qualities:

- » **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.
- » Enthusiastic about **encouraging** others to give.

The Board of Directors meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at our office in Hillsboro. To learn more about board service, or to attend a meeting as a guest, contact Executive Director Mark Forker at 503-844-7606 x 106.



**Our Mission:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build houses, communities and hope. Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



**Get involved:** to learn more, or to contribute your time, talents or gifts toward the effort to eliminate substandard housing, visit our website, or contact us in the office or by e-mail at [office@habitatwest.org](mailto:office@habitatwest.org).

## Willamette West Habitat



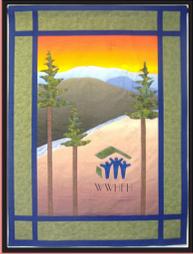
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## Volunteer Committees

*“If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that.”*



## Who We Are



Willamette West Habitat for Humanity is your independent, local, Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Our territory includes Aloha, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, SW Portland, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville.

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 & Clackamas Counties, 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 sky-rocketing home prices and little change in incomes of hard-working families.

## What We Do



Our work of generating homeownership and benefiting our community by building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with these families has resulted in 100 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.

## Committees

Habitat committee members are a vital part of our organization, working directly with affiliate staff and volunteers to help further our mission of building simple, decent, affordable housing.

As a committee member, you will attend monthly meetings, interact with like-minded individuals and see real change happening as a result of your contribution.

*"I consider it a privilege to work with Habitat and help others to help themselves advance their families... just the simple thanks you get from the homeowners is priceless." -- Habitat committee member*

**Land Acquisition.** Committee members help identify and evaluate potential properties that might fit our requirements for location, price, zoning, size, etc. These volunteers assist with the land purchase process and act as an advisory team.

**Home Building.** Not to be confused with on-site construction volunteering, the Home Building committee works with our Construction Manager to review construction practices, technology improvements and new techniques for home construction that help our families and our volunteer team build. This team also researches and becomes knowledgeable about up-to-date green building and Energy Star practices.

**Homeowner Selection.** Committee members play a vital role in the recruitment and selection of our partner families. Each year, this devoted group of volunteers work with the Homeowner Services Manager to plan, market and execute the community outreach meetings the public attends to learn about our program. They review financial documents and attend in-home interviews. This is a very hands-on, interactive committee who present final recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**Events.** Committee members help with event planning, focusing on outreach to sponsors and attendees, as well as 'day of event' support for our two annual fundraisers: Build a Home Frame a Future in May, and Golf Fore Homes in September.

**Homeowner Resource.** Committee members are partnered with one or more families after the selection process is complete. The purpose of this vital volunteer/family partnership is to be an advocate and liaison for the family. This interactive team works one-on-one with the family to ensure they are meeting all of our requirements, building sweat equity hours, and participating in financial classes. Ideally, once the family purchases a home, this important partnership continues for at least one year to support the family's transition to home ownership.

**Faith Relations.** Committee members are dedicated ambassadors from local churches and faith communities in the area. Volunteers work on ways to strategically involve more faith communities in supporting Habitat's goals of simple, decent, affordable housing for working families. They work with staff providing information on approaching church events, faith builds, outreach/partnership opportunities, and fundraising.

**Resource Development.** Committee members work directly with the Community Outreach Manager to advise and assist in areas of general fundraising, business development, donor outreach, and strategic planning. This is a collaborative and proactive committee where volunteers support Willamette West in recruiting and growing prospective donors and evolving methods of sustainable income streams through planned giving and major gifts. Works with Trustee Advisors.

## Other Opportunities

**Habitat Ambassadors.** Help us maintain a presence in the community. Volunteers will work as Willamette West Ambassadors at informational booths, attend local trade shows, farmers markets, community events, school fairs, corporate volunteer recruitment events and other outreach activities in the area as needed. Summer is the busiest time of the year.

**Office Volunteers.** We are always looking for office volunteers to do data-entry, stuff envelopes, do surveys, or research things. So if you are looking for something to do, whether it is short-term or long-term, a few hours a day or a several hours a month, we would welcome your help.

**Interested in volunteering? Call our volunteer services coordinator at 503-844-7606 x 102 or email [DanielleBaker@HabitatWest.org](mailto:DanielleBaker@HabitatWest.org) today.**