

Syracuse Habitat for Humanity Youth United Application

Yeah for You! You have taken a look around your community and realized that there is a lot that needs to be done, and that you can do something about it. I can't wait to work with you on our exciting Youth United Project. There are so many things that you can do to help kids your age grow up feeling safe and well sheltered. Kids just like you are working hard to make this happen every day. So let's get started! First, I need to know a little bit about you:

Your name (and what you like to be called) _____

What is your address? _____

And your phone number? _____

How old are you? _____

What school do you go to? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

Now for the circling part:

These are the days when I can usually help:

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

The best time for me to work is:

Morning Afternoon Evening Overnight (Just Kidding!)

I want to help out for this many hours a week:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I'm a leader and I want to be on a committee! (committees meet once a month). Committees are groups of special people who get together and make decisions for the whole group. There is more information about committees in your folder to help you make the best decision. The committee I want to be on is:

FUNDRAISING

PUBLICITY

RECRUITMENT

CONSTRUCTION

UNDER 16

OR:

Hey I don't want to be on a committee, I have too much stuff to do! NO COMMITTEE

O.K, now that we've decided that- here's the next part.

A Habitat house costs \$65,000 to build. YIKES! Our goal is to build a whole house entirely funded by kids, so we have a lot of work to do. We call this work fundraising. What kind of fundraiser would you like to do: (Circle as many as you want)

These are things I can do by myself or with a couple of friends (or mom & dad):

Hold a change drive in my classroom

Help with the "cans for Habitat" Project

Write a letter to encourage people to help

Trick or Treat for Change

Draw a picture for Youth United

Write an article for Youth United Newsletter

Work with and help the younger kids in the group

Make a speech to my classmates about Habitat

MY OWN IDEA: _____

Everyone who participates will be involved with group activities and fundraisers and will get to help build or paint small construction projects like birdhouses, tool caddies, and playhouses. Only children age 16 and above can actually work on a Habitat house.

Whew! That was a lot of writing. Now all you have to do is sign below, and oh yeah, mom or dad has to sign it to since you need their help too!

MY SIGNATURE _____

Now, make your mom or dad read this part:

You have a wonderful kid! Your child has decided to serve their community by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. But we know they can't do it without you. Your child will need to commit to approximately four hours a month to Youth United Participation. We hold monthly meetings that last for one hour, committee meetings, which also last for one hour and a few hours of participation.

MOM OR DADS SIGNATURE _____

Dear mom and dad, we need you too. We are always looking for a few good adults to help us out. Any of you that are handy with the tools and want to show the kids how to be too would be great. We also need any of you who would be willing to coordinate special projects or help with food and snacks for meetings. BUT you must have your child's permission:

I give permission for my parent to participate too:

YOUR SIGNATURE

AGAIN _____

(just because it's fun to make your mom and dad get permission too!)

I'll be contacting you soon! Thanks again for being so terrific. I can't wait to show you just how important you are in making a difference in our world.

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