



Building on Faith Committee

If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:11

Overview

Habitat for Humanity and churches are natural partners - each seeking to serve God by serving those in need of simple, decent and affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity is an “active” cause, providing church communities a method to express their faith through actions. It is a mission focus that speaks to the part of us that wants to see results. We seek to invite more faith communities to join with us as long term partners in our home building ministry.

Charleston Habitat for Humanity (CHFH) serves an area containing approximately 430 church communities and places of worship. There is a full range of denominations, but less than 50 have any history of supporting CHFH. The Building on Faith committee is designed to raise awareness of the CHFH ministry, invite churches to participate in our work, and to build enduring relationships with churches throughout our service area of downtown Charleston, West Ashley, and North Charleston.

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The Building on Faith Committee is tasked with reaching out and partnering with other local faith communities and making the mission and vision of CHFH contagious in our community. The committee should represent the geographic and denominational diversity of the CHFH service area. CHFH staff will support the committee with the leadership of a committee chairperson, and members consist of representative liaisons from all partnering churches. These members should be enthusiastic supporters of the CHFH mission and willing to express their enthusiasm and energy in a manner that builds relationships with churches.

The role of the committee will evolve. Patience and steady positive interaction are crucial to long term success. Initially, the focus will be on identifying new partners. As progress is made, the role will become more focused on strengthening these relationships and engaging them with CHFH work.

What we seek from new partner churches:

1. Prayer support for the CHFH mission of providing housing to those in need
2. Appropriate access to the church communications tools: bulletin announcements, newsletter space, announcements during worship services and others.
3. A willingness to consider volunteer and financial support.
4. Selecting a Building on Faith leader. This person will be a lay volunteer from the church who will act as a liaison between CHFH and the church, as well as joining the Building on Faith committee. Their role will be to communicate CHFH activities to their church community, organize volunteers, and to assist in fund raising. This function will be a critical element of this plan's success

Volunteer Job Description: Building on Faith Committee Member

Goal of the Job: Members work to improve and facilitate Charleston Habitat's relationships with local churches.

Responsible to: Building on Faith Committee Chairperson

Staff liaison: Director of Development/Volunteer Coordinator

Time Required: Approximate Hours: 4-6 hours per quarter

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Does the job need to be done on a particular *date* or *day* of the week? NO

How many positions need to be filled? Approximately 12

Responsibilities (list the tasks):

1. In coordination with the chairperson, review and set the committee's goals each year.
2. Attend Church Relations committee meetings held once a month
3. Attend and meet with leaders of targeted partner churches to learn more about their church, their vision, and how they may best match with CHFH
4. When appropriate, attend church mission fairs; respond to requests for speakers, etc.
5. Assist in coordinating Day of Prayer and Action activities
6. For future success, assist in documenting efforts and contacts for CHFH database.
7. Create and innovate new strategies to ensure good and lasting relationships.