

# 2024 Veteran Build

November 18th - 22nd

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Honoring Service, Building Futures

# Greetings!

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is thrilled to announce our new Veteran Build! We are excited to grow our Specialty Build programming with this exciting week of highlighting the local heroes in our community. This event is a week long chance for local veterans, VFWs, American Legion's and other veteran groups to come together and raise awareness of the challenges veterans face in finding housing after returning from service, especially during a housing crisis; all while helping us build an affordable home in the area!



Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is focused on building a community where everyone has a decent place to live. We understand that the need for safe and affordable housing impacts everyone differently, and for some of our neighbors that means they have additional barriers to housing that we must work to address. Data shows that for many veterans, a secure and consistent living situation is pivotal in managing and recovering from mental health issues like PTSD and depression. According to an article by VA News, veteran homelessness increased by 7.4% in 2023, with 15,507 veterans experiencing homelessness. This increase is a reminder of the ongoing struggles faced by veterans in finding housing and the need for continued support and resources. Stable housing provides a safe environment for healing and growth, offering veterans the mental space to process their experiences and plan for the future. It also allows them to establish a support network and connect with other veterans, strengthening their sense of community and belonging.

Our Veteran Build provides a fun, safe and inclusive opportunity for all veterans to not only learn new skills with their fellow veterans and peers but also a chance for hands-on support in their local community. By building with us, individuals can come together to learn more about the unique housing challenges faced by veterans and how to join Green Mountain Habitat in advocating for better housing solutions for all our neighbors.

We invite you to join us for Veteran Build 2024 to help us highlight the importance of our local heroes here in Vermont. Your support will enable us to expand our reach, providing more opportunities for families to achieve their dreams of homeownership. Help us honor those who served by building better futures.

In partnership,  
Caitlyn Conibear  
Volunteer Manager

# What your sponsorship means

## Our mission and vision

Since 1984 Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity has been helping low-income, working families leave substandard housing and purchase Habitat built decent and energy efficient homes thanks to local financial donors and volunteers.

We believe that no matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve a decent place to live. We deserve to feel strength and stability day after day. We deserve to know we have the power to take care our ourselves and build our futures. At Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, this is what unites us. Through shelter, we empower.

## How you'll help

The support we receive from businesses and our local community serves two important purposes:

- Allows us to continue building affordable, low-income housing in Northwest Vermont
- Gives local families a chance to achieve their dream of homeownership



# What is Veteran Build?



Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is excited to announce its first-ever Veteran Build initiative! Our Veteran Build provides a fun, safe, and inclusive opportunity for all veterans to not only learn new skills with their friends and peers but also a chance for hands-on support in the local community. This special build event aims to bring together local veterans, VFWs, American Legion's and other veteran groups to come together and raise awareness of the challenges veterans face in finding housing after returning from service.

This year's event will take place from November 18th - 22nd. On the next page, you will see the Home Builder sponsorship option. Individuals/Teams are responsible for raising money to cover the cost of their spot which includes lunch, a "Veteran Build" t-shirt and other Habitat swag.

While fundraising is integral to achieving our mission, our events are not designed to center around raising money. The central purpose of Veteran Build is to bring people together to build homes for local low-income families and bring attention to the housing insecurities our state faces. We hope to speak to the varying housing needs of our Vermont students and highlight how our work changes lives and can grow local community resilience.

Priding ourselves on being allies to all, we believe that a person is shaped by multiple overlapping identities, creating a reality greater than the sum of its parts. Gender, race, age, location, disability status, income, sexuality, and citizenship are a few of the many identities that shape our experiences and needs. We encourage all to volunteer with us.

# Sponsorship opportunities



## **Veteran Build Dates: November 18th - November 22nd**

Home Builder - \$30 per person

- [Peer-to-peer fundraising model available](#)
- Individuals or teams of up to 10 volunteers allowed per day
- Habitat t-shirt and lunch provided
- Shoutout on social media post

## **About Peer-to-Peer Fundraising**

Peer-to-peer fundraising allows individuals to crowdfund for Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity. Interested volunteers will be able to create their own donation page through our donation platform, so they can raise money to help offset the cost of their own participation or raise additional funds for Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity.

# Sponsorship agreement

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Builder Sponsor

Estimated # of Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Site location: \_\_\_\_\_

Peer-to-peer fundraising option

Payment Method:

Check: Mail completed agreement and check to PO Box 1436, Williston, VT 05495.

Credit/Debit Card: Caitlyn will send a link for payment if this method is selected.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Information:

Please email your completed sponsorship agreement to [cconibear@vermonthabitat.org](mailto:cconibear@vermonthabitat.org). Sponsorship Agreement forms and logo files are due no later than November 11th. Payment is due no later than November 15th. If you need an invoice before payment, please email Caitlyn. Other questions should be sent to Caitlyn, Volunteer Manager, 802-598-0355 or [cconibear@vermonthabitat.org](mailto:cconibear@vermonthabitat.org).

If you have individuals in your group that would like to opt-in to our peer-to-peer fundraising opportunity, please designate on your form if you are interested in this option.

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; EIN 22-2558923

# About us

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit homebuilder that partners with donors, local families, and volunteers to build and sell affordable homes in Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, and Lamoille counties. Habitat homebuyers help build their homes alongside community volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Green Mountain Habitat receives no funding from HFHI and raises all funds locally. Since its founding in 1984, the affiliate has built over 115 homes in the region and now operates three Habitat ReStores in Williston, Milton, and Swanton.



## Fast facts

- We sell the homes to the families at cost, and their mortgage is often less than what they were paying in rent!
- The partner families must agree to do 400 (for two adult households) or 200 (for one adult households) hours of work on their house, which is called 'Sweat Equity'
- We have over 50 projects in the pipeline!

## Community reach

**8k**

Facebook followers

**1.7k**

Instagram followers

**7.1k**

Newsletter subscribers

**4k**

Volunteers in 2023

**12k**

Average monthly website views

**313k**

Population of service area

## Get in touch!



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