

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity volunteer position:

Family Support Committee Member

Description: The Family Support Team Member is committed to carrying out the stated purpose of the committee and Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity. The position's primary importance is to guide the approved Partner Families by empowering them through the Homeownership program. The Family Support Committee (FSC) is an all-volunteer committee that helps families become successful partners and homeowners with Habitat.

Expected Commitment:

- Attend monthly committee meetings
- Each member is assigned to one or more partner families until one year after the homeowner moves in

Responsibilities:

- Build a rapport with the partner families who you are assigned to work with
- Serve as a liaison between the partner family and Habitat to ensure they understand Habitat's partnership agreement
- Keep in contact with your partner family. Provide the Family Support Committee with a report that shares the partner family's sweat equity status
- Provide support and guidance for the following:
 - Sweat equity
 - Preparing for the house dedication
 - House details and options
- Search for opportunities to integrate Habitat families into Habitat activities
- Involve the partner families in "building community" by meeting their prospective neighbors and other Habitat families
- Assist the Family Services Coordinator in media interviews. It is vitally important that the dignity and respect of the potential homeowner and their household be honored
- Mediate in times of conflict
- Encourage your partner family to tap into appropriate community resources and homeowner support programs.
- Work with Family Services Coordinator to develop and lead special projects to improve outreach and support.
- Special projects include, but are not limited to event planning for family gathering events, home maintenance education, sweat equity opportunity development, community event tabling, and applicant outreach.

Members should:

- Have good social/people skills
- Understand the philosophy of Habitat for Humanity Family Partnership
- Know Green Mountain Habitat's sweat equity guidelines
- Be familiar with Green Mountain Habitat's homeowner selection process and orientation procedures
- Know the volunteer sign-up procedures
- Be comfortable communicating over online channels
- Have an interest in community development
- Be respectful and patient

If you are interested in this role, please email me at mlooney@vermonthabitat.org with a short description of why you are interested. Thank you!