



**Habitat**  
**for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
Greater Boston

## Habitat History, Mission, & Model



*Celebrating*  
**25**  
Years  
1987-2012



# Habitat for Humanity International



Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates safe affordable homes with the help of partner families.

Founded in 1976 by Millard & Linda Fuller, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people with safe, decent, and affordable shelter.

**2 million** families have been reached by  
**Habitat for Humanity**



# Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston

Habitat Greater Boston was established in 1987 to serve the City of Boston and the surrounding 25 cities and towns as an independent affiliate of Habitat International.

We build low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing, and believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live in a safe, decent environment.



Our mission is to **help families** help themselves by providing opportunities to break generational **cycles of poverty** through **homeownership**.

# Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston Service Area



- |           |           |            |            |           |
|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Arlington | Belmont   | Boston     | Brookline  | Cambridge |
| Chelsea   | Dedham    | Dover      | Everett    | Lexington |
| Lincoln   | Malden    | Medford    | Melrose    | Needham   |
| Newton    | Revere    | Somerville | Stoneham   | Waltham   |
| Watertown | Wellesley | Weston     | Winchester | Winthrop  |
| Woburn    |           |            |            |           |

# Giving Families a **Hand-up** not a **Hand-out**

Habitat families purchase their homes from Habitat Greater Boston. We make the purchase affordable for low-income families by providing no-interest 20, 25 and 30 year mortgage loans.



## The Habitat Model

### **Family Selection**

Habitat selects families on the basis of income, need for housing, ability to repay the mortgage and willingness to partner.

### **Sweat Equity**

As the down payment, every partner family invests 300 hours working on their future home or in other capacities.

### **Homeownership Classes**

Each family must attend 10 classes taught by volunteers in the fields of financial management, investing, banking and credit.



# 2012 Where We Are Building

Roslindale

Bradeen Street

Navarre Street

Dorchester

Blue Hill Place

Dorchester Terrace



## Our Newest Project!



Volunteers from the Fish Family Foundation raised the walls of Bradeen Street in October 2011 during a 4-day blitz build

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston is developing six new units of housing in three buildings on a 17,000 square foot parcel of land in Roslindale. The buildings will be three stories high made up of two townhouse-style units measuring approximately 1400 square feet. Each unit will have a kitchen, bathroom and living room-dining area on the first floor, two bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor and a final bedroom on the third floor.

Located between Bradeen and Fawndale (two short streets off Washington Street), the property is in a working class neighborhood less than a mile from the Forest Hills MBTA station.



# Bradeen Street

65 Bradeen Street  
Roslindale, MA 02131

## Directions

\*Street Parking is readily available in this area

### Driving: 93 South

- Take I-93 South to Exit 18 toward Mass Ave/Andrew Square
- Keep right at the fork and merge onto Mass Ave Connector
- Slight left to stay on Mass Ave Connector
- Continue onto Melnea Cass Blvs
- Turn left onto Shawmut Ave
- Turn right onto Malcolm X Blvd
- Turn left onto Columbus Avenue
- Slight right onto Washington Street
- Continue onto Hyde Park Ave.
- Turn right onto Ukraine Way/Washington Street
- Turn left onto Washington Street
- Turn left onto Bradeen Street; destination is on the right

### Driving: 93 North

- Take I-93 North to Exit 9 toward Adams Street/Milton/North Quincy
- Merge onto Willard Street
- Continue onto Granite Ave
- Slight left to stay on Granite Ave
- Turn right onto Adams Street
- Turn left onto Washington Street
- Take the 2nd left onto River Street
- Turn right onto Cummins Hwy
- Turn right onto Washington Street
- Turn right onto Bradeen Street; destination is on the right

### Public Transportation: Orange Line

- Orange Line to Forest Hills
- Get on the 36 Bus and go 4 stops to Washington St @ Mosgrove Ave (please check MBTA.com for most convenient bus route in the area)
- Continue walking down Washington Street and make a left onto Bradeen Street; destination is on the right

## **BUILDING HOPE by BUILDING HOMES**

**W**e are pleased to report that Habitat Greater Boston has recently purchased a foreclosed home in Roslindale.



This 1895 two-family farmhouse is currently undergoing a complete renovation. The house is structurally sound and the exterior is in excellent condition. The interior will be totally renovated including new heating, plumbing and electrical systems which conform to our green standards.

When the project is complete, there will be one 4-bedroom unit and one 3-bedroom unit which will be purchased by two deserving families who have been carefully selected.

## Exterior

The structural framing of the home is intact and in good condition. Habitat will be renovating the porches and doing touch-ups to the roof, siding, windows, and chimney systems.



## Interior

After demolishing the interior, leaving the skeleton of the house, and raising the roof, Habitat has begun the reconstruction process with volunteer groups.



# Navarre Street

51 Navarre Street  
Roslindale, MA 02131

## Directions

\*Street Parking is available in this area

### Driving: 93 South

- Take I-93 South to Exit 15: Columbia Road toward JFK Library
- Turn right at Columbia Road
- Turn left to stay on Columbia Road
- Turn left onto Blue Hill Avenue
- Turn right at American Legion Highway
- Turn right onto Canterbury Street
- Turn left onto Navarre Street; destination is on the right

### Driving: 93 North

- Take I-93 North to Exit 9: Adams Street/Milton/N. Quincy
- Merge onto Willard Street and continue on Granite Avenue
- Slight left to stay on Granite Ave, then slight right to continue on Granite Avenue
- Slight right onto Adams Street
- Turn left at Washington Street and take 2nd left onto River St
- Turn right onto Cummins Highway
- Turn left onto Canterbury Street
- Turn left onto Navarre Street; destination is on the right

### Public Transportation: Orange Line

- Orange Line to Forest Hills
- Take the 32 bus from Forest Hills to Hyde Park Ave @ Canterbury Street
- Cross over Hyde Park Ave toward the car dealership and walk down Canterbury Street
- Turn right onto Navarre Street; destination is on the right



**Habitat Greater Boston** is beginning construction of Phase V, the last building of our Blue Hill Place neighborhood revitalization project. Phase V will have three townhouse-style units: two 4-bedrooms and one 3-bedroom.

This site of the Blue Hill Place project has been a vacant lot since the 1960s, after the buildings here were burned down in riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Fortunately, Habitat was able to acquire the land and has completed 4 of the 5 planned buildings, with hopes of stabilizing the neighborhood and strengthening the Dorchester community!



UPDATE 2012



**THE SIDING IS ON!** With the help of volunteers and our Habitat Construction Crew, the Blue Hill Place project has been sided and is starting to look like a real home. There is still plenty of interior work to be done throughout the Boston winter.



Here is where we started in September 2010!



Delta Airlines volunteers built with us for 3 weeks in the fall of 2010 to get the entire project fully framed

# Blue Hill Place

350 Rear, Blue Hill Avenue\*  
Dorchester, MA 02121

*\* The worksite is not located on Blue Hill Avenue. It is behind the building and cannot be seen from the street. It can be accessed just around the corner at 24 Intervale Street, Dorchester, MA 02121*

## Directions

### Driving: 93 South

- Take I-93 South to Exit 15: Columbia Road
- Turn right onto Columbia Road and follow for 0.4 miles
- Turn left to remain on Columbia Road (straight is Mass Ave)
- Take 1st right onto E Cottage Street and bear left at Diamond Doors to continue on Cottage; East Cottage becomes West Cottage
- Turn left onto Blue Hill Avenue and follow for 0.6 miles
- Our site is on the left at the corner of Creston St and Blue Hill Ave
- The site can be accessed by taking the next left onto Intervale St and turning into the semi-private parking lot behind the condominiums
- The parking lot is reserved for residents; street parking is available

### Driving: 93 North

- Take I-93 North to Exit 15: Columbia Road toward Edward Everett Sq
- Turn right onto Columbia Road and take the 4th exit in the traffic circle to stay on Columbia Road; follow for 0.6 miles
- Turn left to remain on Columbia Road (straight is Mass Ave)
- Take 1st right onto E Cottage Street and bear left at Diamond Doors to continue on Cottage; East Cottage becomes West Cottage
- Turn left onto Blue Hill Avenue and follow for 0.6 miles
- Our site is on the left at the corner of Creston St and Blue Hill Ave
- The site can be accessed by taking the next left onto Intervale St and turning into the semi-private parking lot behind the condominiums
- The parking lot is reserved for residents; street parking is available

### Public Transportation: Orange Line

- Orange Line to Ruggles Station
- Take the 45 bus from Ruggles to Blue Hill Ave/Intervale St
- The worksite is on this corner and can be accessed by walking down Intervale St and turning left into the semi-private parking lot



Habitat Greater Boston is renovating three condominium units off of Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester. These units are being stripped down to their framing and then rebuilt with new drywall, windows, doors, fixtures, plumbing, electrical, and paint - all with volunteer help!

Increasing the efficiency of these units is especially important to us at Habitat, and we will be working to build these homes to be more green than required by today's energy efficiency codes!

We are in the process of selecting partner families for these units who will work on them throughout the year.





**Renovations of the final three condominium units at our Dorchester Terrace project are progressing.**

**Two units have been completed, and the remaining three have been demolished, with sub floors ripped up, interior partitions deconstructed and framing pulled down.**

**The rebuilding has begun and insulation in many of the units is complete along with framing and stairs.**



# Dorchester Terrace

31 Ashton Street

Dorchester, MA 02124

## Directions

\*Street Parking is readily available in this area on Ashton and Arbutus Streets

### Driving: 93 South

- I-93 South to Exit 11B toward Granite Avenue
- Merge onto Granite Ave toward 203
- Turn left onto Gallivan Blvd/203 and follow for 1.3 miles
- Bear right to continue onto Morton Street for 0.7 miles
- Turn right onto Blue Hill Avenue
- Turn right onto Woodrow Street
- Turn left onto Ashton Street; destination is 2 blocks down on the left

### Driving: 93 North

- Take I-93 North to Exit 11 toward Granite Avenue
- Turn left onto Gallivan Blvd/203 and follow for 1.3 miles
- Bear right to continue onto Morton Street for 0.7 miles
- Turn right onto Blue Hill Avenue
- Turn right onto onto Woodrow Street
- Turn left onto Ashton Street; destination is 2 blocks down on the left

### Public Transportation: Orange Line

- Orange Line to Ruggles Station
- Take the 28 bus from Ruggles to Blue Hill Ave/Arbutus St
- Cross over Blue Hill Ave and walk up Arbutus St one block
- Turn right on Ashton St; destination is on the right

# Volunteer with Us

Thousands of volunteers come together each year to help Habitat Greater Boston build homes nail by nail, board by board!



# COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERING

## What skills are required?

We love experienced volunteers, but the vast majority of our volunteers have never had more construction experience than painting a bedroom or hanging a picture on the wall. Our site supervisors will teach you everything you need to know on your build day.

## When can I volunteer?

Habitat Boston posts all dates we build with volunteers on our [Online Volunteer Calendar](#). If you are an individual, look for dates marked “Individual Needed” to find available opportunities.

## Is there a minimum age requirement?

You must be at least 16 years old to work on our construction site. All 16 + 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult chaperone on your build day. If you are younger than 16 and want to get involved, check out Habitat for Humanity International’s Youth

Programs page at <http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/default.aspx> or contact Lee Hofrichter at [leehofrichter@habitatboston.org](mailto:leehofrichter@habitatboston.org)

## Do you ask for a donation when we volunteer?

We do not require that individual volunteers make a donation but pledging a donation helps us to buy the materials and supplies that you will be using on your build day, as well as, pay our Construction Supervisors who will be working with you. Ultimately, contributions help us build more homes for families who need our help!

# COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERING

## Where do I build?

Once you have scheduled and confirmed your build day, the Volunteer Coordinator will send you the site location, required paperwork, proper dress, and directions. All of our sites are in the Boston area, are accessible by public transit, and generally have free street parking available.

## What will happen when I arrive at the site?

At the beginning of each workday, a Habitat site supervisor will start the morning with an introduction, a safety talk and instructions. The group will then break into crews to work on the various building tasks. The activities range from hanging drywall, painting, stacking lumber, framing, sanding, demolition, cleaning, and anything else that needs doing!

## Is my work day cancelled if rain or snow is predicted?

You will be contacted by us if a work day is cancelled for any reason. Our site supervisors can be reached for emergencies at:

Weekday Builds: Gerry Patton (774) 218-4323

Weekend Builds: Lyh-Hsin Lam (617) 717-4292

## What should I bring?

- **Proper Dress**: Wear comfortable clothing and expect to get dirty with spilled paint, dirt etc. Closed toe shoes are a must and layers during the winter are key as our homes are often not insulated or heated.
- **Food and Drink**: Bring any food or drink you will need for the day including water. Convenience stores are within driving distance but can be a far walk from some sites.
- **Waiver of Liability**: Sign the Waiver of Liability Form and bring this to the work site on the day of your build (Please do not send these into the office).
- **No Tools or Supplies Required**: Habitat Greater Boston will provide all tools and building materials for your build day.

# BUILD DAY SCHEDULE

Habitat schedules volunteers for full day shifts, 9:00 am–3:30 pm or split days shifts with a morning 9:00 am–12:00 pm session and afternoon 12:30–3:30 pm session. Please refer to your confirmation email to see the hours you have been scheduled for. This depends on number of volunteers scheduled for the day and the type of work to complete at that time.

## MORNING SHIFT 9:00 am–12:00 pm

**9:00 am**

Arrive at site and locate Habitat Construction Staff  
Introduction and Safety Briefing  
Begin volunteer construction

**12:00pm**

Depart the worksite. Thank you!

## AFTERNOON SHIFT 12:30 pm–3:30 pm

**12:30 pm**

Arrive at site and locate Habitat Construction Staff  
Introduction and Safety Briefing  
Begin volunteer construction

**3:30 pm**

Clean up of tools and construction materials  
Depart the worksite. Thank you!





## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!**

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Volunteer") in favor of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, and Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, their directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, "Habitat").

The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for Habitat and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer (the "Activities"). The Volunteer understands that the Activities may include constructing and rehabilitating residential buildings (including, but not limited to, lifting and carrying construction materials, operating construction equipment, demolishing walls and removing trim and floors and may involve exposure to dust, mold, lead paint and other similar substances and allergens) and working in Habitat offices, at the Habitat Restore or at special events.

The Volunteer hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

1. **RELEASE AND WAIVER.** Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Habitat and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer's Activities with Habitat.

Volunteer understands that this Release discharges Habitat from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against Habitat with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Volunteer's Activities with Habitat, whether caused by the negligence of Habitat or its officers, directors, employees, or agents or otherwise. Volunteer also understands that Habitat does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or any other assistance, including, but not limited to, medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

2. **MEDICAL TREATMENT.** Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge Habitat from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer's Activities with Habitat.

3. **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK.** Volunteer understands that the Activities involve work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, demolition, loading and unloading materials, transportation to and from work sites, and exposure to substances such as mold, dirt, dust and lead paint.

Volunteer hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm inherent in the Activities and releases Habitat from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

4. **INSURANCE.** Volunteer understands that Habitat does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer.

***Each Volunteer is expected to have his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.***

5. **PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE.** Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto Habitat all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Habitat during the Volunteer's Activities with Habitat, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

6. **OTHER.** Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of the Release which provisions shall continue to be enforceable in all respects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Volunteer and, if applicable, the parent/guardian, has executed this Release as of the day and year first above written.

Signature of Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_