

Habitat for Humanity: Build Site

About the program

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 and builds affordable homes overseas using volunteer labor and donations. Prospective homeowners in the program spend hundreds of hours alongside other volunteers in constructing their own homes and those of others. The affiliated but autonomously operated Santa Cruz chapter of Habitat for Humanity is 25 years old, averaging more than one home per year with the 39th being completed in 2014. Going forward, Santa Cruz's chapter hopes complete 2 homes every year with the help of volunteers new and old.

Quotes:

"A fun learning experience for a lot of people, some of whom have never even picked up a hammer in their life"



How interns fit in:

Interns working at the Habitat for Humanity build site will be involved in the ground-up construction of a residential home. There is no prior experience required with construction tools because there are many skilled volunteers from whom you can learn on the job. While a very small portion of the work has to be done by licensed contractors, interns work side by side with other volunteers to contribute to the assembly of a home where a grateful family will eventually reside. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to gain handyman experience and work with tools.