



Habitat for Humanity Tool Drive!

A simple service project that can be done at your school, church or temple, with your Boys Scout or Girl Scout troop, through your Kiwanis, or Rotary Club, or as a fraternity/sorority is a **Habitat for Humanity Tool Drive!**

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is typically working on ten or more new Partner Family jobsites during the course of the year, making repairs on properties that we own, and repairing and restoring the long-neglected Historic building that houses our ReStore and program operations center. **We engage thousands of volunteers throughout the course of the year, and our professional tool sets need continuous replacement and repair.**

We also operate a recycled building materials store that places much-needed tools and materials for home repair and renovations into the hands of the community at a fraction of their original cost, while keeping tons of material out of local landfills.

New tools and many used tools in good condition are placed directly into service on our job sites. All other tools are sold through the ReStore, providing income to support our mission to eliminate poverty housing!

Habitat Tool Drives are easy to manage. As the tool drive organizer, you devise a way to post materials and pictures about Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, promote the tool drive, publish and distribute our “needs list”, and provide barrels, bins or boxes for collecting donations, typically for several weeks. The needs list provides a “shopping list” for the folks who will purchase one or several new tools to donate, depending upon their means. At the same time, you encourage folks to go through their workbench, tool kit, and garage looking for duplicates, items they haven’t used in years, and that perfectly good power tool that has been collecting dust ever since they got a newer, better version for Christmas or Father’s day! This is also a great opportunity to put a departed loved one’s treasured tool set back into good hands, for the benefit of the community. Once the collecting is completed, you arrange to transport the donations to us at a pre-determined time, help unload the materials into our intake garage, take lots of pictures, and celebrate!

A typical needs list includes items such as: *hammer, pliers, tin snips, ratcheting screwdriver with multiple bits, twenty foot tape measure, framing square, carpenter's pencils, adjustable open-end wrench, cat's paw, buddy bar, exact-o knife, drywall knife, drywall rasp, keyhole saw, wire brush, chalk line set, extension cords, carpenter's level, cordless drill/driver, reciprocating saw, circular saw, DeWalt driver bit set, Contractor Series paintbrushes and rollers, gas-powered edger/line trimmer, etc.*

New tool donations are also the perfect alternative for donations in lieu of wedding, anniversary or condolence gifts, at Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah celebrations, or as admission to your group’s annual event!

We will provide a current needs list, literature, and display materials when you are ready to get started. Thank you for helping us to *create hope by building homes, strengthening neighborhoods and reweaving communities!*

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