



# Faith Builds

## Virtual & Remote Volunteer Ideas

You're not in this alone! We are excited to work with you to help identify, plan and execute the volunteer and fundraising activities that are the best fit for your congregation. Habitat and Thrivent also have resources available to help you, your Missions Director or Missions Volunteer to fully define the work and communicate it to your congregation. Working with our Development Director, Wende and Volunteer Coordinator, Leslie will also help ensure that all the bases are covered when it comes to Habitat and Thrivent guidelines (registration, sign in sheets etc.). The following are some of our virtual and remote volunteer ideas;

### **Prayer Circle**

Organize a virtual prayer circle.

### **Donate Lunch**

Schedule a day to donate lunch for volunteers on the Faith Build home. Take up collections for restaurant gift card/s or plan to cook and deliver lunch on a build day. Meet volunteers or engage with your fellow congregates volunteering on the build.

### **Meet and Greet the Sagissor's**

Host a virtual meet and greet with the Sagissor's. Learn about the process to become a Habitat partner family and the impacts of owning a home.

### **Virtual Mother's Day Gala**

Create and promote an online campaign **event page** with all information and desired actions complete with **text-to-donate** so donors can give anytime, anywhere, from any device.



## Act! Speak! Build! Week 2021

Coordinate with Habitat admin to register and participate in Act! Speak! Build! Week - Act! Speak! Build! Week goes beyond the build site as volunteers advocate for decent, affordable shelter by engaging elected officials and their community to help shape policy in a way that supports people in need of safe, healthy and affordable housing. **Act! Speak! Build! Week takes place April 11-17, 2021.**

Act: [Become an online advocate](#) with Habitat for Humanity and learn about the issues related to poor housing conditions.

Speak: Challenge peers to become advocates through Act! Speak! Build Week events and partner with Habitat for Humanity of NW Indiana to provide a true understanding of how Habitat partners with families in your community and in other countries.

Build: Build awareness in your community about poor living conditions through events that engage local officials, such as scheduling visits with local representatives about housing issues, letter-writing and phone call campaigns to U.S. representatives.

<https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/near-you/youth-programs/act-speak-build-week>

## Voting Contest

Work with Habitat admin to host a Voting Contest to raise funds and awareness for the Faith Build home.

**WHAT:** Host a virtual competition where **donations count as “votes”** to determine the winner of your contest

**HOW:** Determine how much each vote is worth (\$1, \$5, \$20) then track winners through votes or total amount of donations received

**IDEAS:** best dancer or dance move, best chef, favorite bartender, house decorating, best holiday lights, the possibilities are endless!

## Celebration Days

Supporters receive donations to your organization in lieu of presents for their birthday, wedding, graduation, anniversary, and other special events for the Faith Build home.

**HOW:** Work with Habitat to create individual fundraising pages online with **text-to-donate**

**IDEAS:** Create promotional campaigns for universal celebration days (Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Valentine’s Day, Christmas) to recruit fundraisers.



### **Virtual Run**

Work with Habitat admin to organize and promote a virtual run/walk to fundraise for the Faith Build home.

**WHAT:** Supporters pledge to run or walk any number of miles, steps or laps they choose wherever they choose: treadmill, elliptical, neighborhood, dog walking, in spirit

**HOW:** Work with Habitat to create individual fundraising pages online with **text-to-donate**

**IDEAS:** Supporters pledge and fundraise per mile, per lap, per step, number of consecutive days 'run'

### **Peer to Peer Challenge**

Work with Habitat admin to organize a Peer to Peer fundraising challenge for the Faith Build home.

**HOW:** Work with Habitat to create individual fundraising pages online with **text-to-donate**

**IDEAS:** Have weekly challenges and provide fun and inexpensive rewards for most raised, biggest increase week-over-week, highest number of new donors, most social media posting

### **Virtual Mentor**

Work with Habitat admin to share your knowledge with one of our partner families! Are you a small business owner? Help a fellow entrepreneur cover the steps needed to start a small business. Are you a chef or have a winning recipe you can share? Record a selfie-video of you creating your dish and we'll share with our Habitat partner families!

### **Build a Little Free Library**

A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. They function on the honor system. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you take a book or two from a little library, try to bring some to share to that same library, or another in your area, when you can. Make a little free library for a neighborhood where a Habitat partner family lives.

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/start>



### **Social Media Volunteer**

Work with Habitat admin to develop relevant posts to reach Habitat for Humanity of NW Indiana's target audience. Raise awareness of Habitat through your personal social networks such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn. Social media has proven to be one of the most effective marketing tools!

### **Affordable Housing Advocacy (AHA)**

Work with Habitat for Humanity of NW Indiana admin to help educate and bring awareness to the housing needs of people that are low income. Get the chance to engage with your local community in conversations about affordable housing and how it benefits the entire community as a whole. Let our local politicians know what the issues are and educate them through phone-calls, letters and emails that this is an issue you care about.

### **Build your own hands-on project at home for a Habitat for Humanity of NW Indiana homebuyer**

- Complete a small craft project at home (building templates available on request) and donate it to the Faith Builds Habitat homebuyer. Kids can help too! Projects ideas include:
  - [Birdhouse](#)
  - [Key holder](#)
  - [Platform bird feeder](#)
  - [Tool caddy](#)
- Any other small building projects you can imagine (must easily fit in a car).

### **Hold a Stud A Thon Fundraiser**

Work with Habitat admin to host a Stud a Thon Fundraiser with your church. Raise funds per stud (2x4) and decorate it with you best wishes, favorite scripture and artistic designs. Studs will be used in one or more upcoming new home builds.



### **Activities for Children**

Create a display in your church as a visual reminder of the Faith Build. Update it frequently to show progress and photos of activities.

Make a welcome basket or other housewarming gifts for the homeowner family.

Take a selfie video of your children's choir singing a special song for the Faith Build homeowners.

We are open to any other ideas you have 😊