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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley! The following is general information regarding volunteering on the Construction Worksite...

<u>WHEN:</u> We build from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM. We ask that our volunteers commit to a full day. Volunteer Safety Orientation begins promptly at 8:30 AM the morning you volunteer. Please plan to arrive about 10 minutes early to sign-in and take care of paperwork.

FORMS: Please read our *Work Crew Safety Manual* and complete the *Release and Waiver* before arriving at the site. The *Release and Waiver* must be witnessed by a Habitat employee at the site when you arrive to volunteer. <u>Minors (ages 16 and over) must have their *Release and Waiver for Minors* signed by a Parent/Guardian and their Parent/Guardian's signature must be witnessed before they are permitted on the worksite.</u>

<u>WHERE:</u> The Poplar Grove Construction Site does not have an exact address yet. You can navigate to **814 S Coffman Street using google maps**, but this is not a real address. See directions below. Parking is available along S Coffman. Please be careful not to block driveways or mailboxes.

Heading South on Main St/287: Turn Right on Jersey St (just after the CO DMV) and Right on S Coffman.

Heading North on Main St/287: Turn Left on Jersey St (just before the CO DMV) and Right on S Coffman.

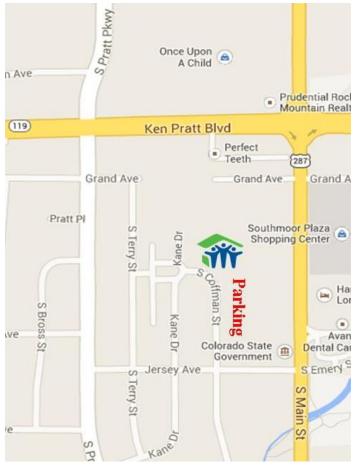
<u>WHAT:</u> If you would like to get a general idea of what tasks will be done on the day you've signed up for, check out our the Work Plans on the Construction Information page of our website:

http://www.stvrainhfh.org/BodyStyle.asp?mmid=192&cmid=38, plans are usually updated on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

<u>SUPPLIES</u>: Volunteering requires neither experience nor supplies. We try to provide enough equipment for everyone, and instruction is provided.

equipment for everyone, and instruction is provided. If you do, however, have your own tools that you would prefer to use, we ask that you please make sure that they are labeled so that we can return them if they become misplaced. **Items that are helpful to have on hand are tool belts, hammers, pencils and measuring tape.** Additionally, **it is handy to bring work gloves and safety glasses, if you have them**. We have water jugs on site, but **volunteers may want to bring a water bottle** to fill up and carry with them.

<u>ATTIRE</u>: It is always a good idea to wear sunscreen and to dress in layers for the unpredictable Colorado weather. **Close-toed shoes are required on the worksite at all times.** Volunteers should wear clothing that is appropriate for getting dirty and for painting, as this is a possible task performed while volunteering at the site. Clothing should not be too loose-fitting, as baggy clothing can cause a safety hazard.





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<u>LUNCH:</u> Lunch is provided to our volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays by generous donors, volunteers and partner restaurants. (As lunches are often provided by volunteers and donors, we are unable to accommodate food allergies or special dietary needs.)

WEATHER: It is not often that we are forced to cancel due to adverse weather conditions. However, it is a possibility if the safety of the volunteers a concern to the Construction Site Supervisor. Therefore, **if you are scheduled to volunteer on a day on which weather conditions are questionable, the office phone voice mail will be updated by 7:15 AM** to indicate whether or not construction will take place as scheduled. Please call the office at <u>303-682-2485 (Ext. 6)</u> should this become the case on your scheduled volunteered day.

<u>SCHEDULING</u>: We ask that volunteers <u>please register in advance</u> so that we may ensure that there are enough work and supplies for everyone. Individuals who have not scheduled in advance will not be accommodated on the worksite.

PRAYER: Habitat was founded in 1976 as an ecumenical Christian organization to assist low income individuals in purchasing simple, decent, affordable homes that they would otherwise not have the opportunity to own. In keeping with this non-denominational Christian history, a prayer is typically said at the beginning of the workday and a blessing is offered before lunch. Of course, participation is always optional.

THANK YOU! We appreciate your interest in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley! If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing you out at the worksite!

Thanks again!

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