CHURCH support

Bulletin and Newsletter Information

On our website we have information you can include throughout the year in your bulletins and newsletters. Or, if you prefer, we can provide copies of bulletin inserts for you to include.

Volunteers for a Build Day & Bring a Meal

Coordinate a group to come for a day. Must be at least 18 years old to work on site. But, consider having the youth group, or other group, provide the lunch time meal for the crew.

Habitat Sunday or Designate a Holiday offering

Designate a Sunday were a special offering is received for Habitat. Direct your Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving offerings, or a portion of, to Habitat.

Forum, Sermon, Other Meetings

Habitat staff is happy to come share our story at your forum, through a Sermon, or another appropriate meeting (council, committee, etc.)

Bible Study/Book Study

We could recommend some books that you could do a study on. One is <u>The Theology of the Hammer</u> by Millard Fuller (founder of Habitat for Humanity).

Include Habitat in your Annual Benevolence Budget

Your faith community probably has a committee that is dedicated to social concerns and/or benevolence. Encourage this group to engage in the ministry of Habitat. Consider dedicating a portion of your benevolence budget to Habitat

Thrivent Choice

Many congregation members have Thrivent Choice dollars they can designate to non-profits. Encourage members to direct their Thrivent Choice dollars to Rice County Habitat.

Share the Habitat Story with someone in need

You may have colleagues, friends or family who need a more affordable place to live. Tell them about Habitat and encourage them to contact us to apply.

Did you know we TITHE?

We tithe 10% of our unrestricted income to Habitat for Humanity International. This goes to build houses worldwide! Ask a Habitat staff person for more information.

Become a FAITH BUILDER with Habitat:

- 1. Designate 2-3 people who will be Faith Builders for Habitat within your congregation.
 - These Faith Builders work within their congregation to share the mission of Habitat. Specifically:
 - Faith Builders will receive our e-mail's and will ensure our information gets in your bulletin/newsletters.
 - Advocate for Habitat to be included in annual benevolence budgets
 - Coordinate volunteers to come to a Build Day and coordinate volunteers to provide snack and lunch for the day.
 - Review all the ideas provided above and plans ways the congregation to become more engaged with the ministry of Habitat.
- 2. Commit to congregation members volunteering in some way throughout the year.
- 3. Commit to a financial contribution annually.

