

Court Ordered Community Service Policies and Procedures (Construction)

Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity (FWHFH) welcomes volunteers who are required by a court to do community service. FWHFH reserves the right to deny ANY individual in need of court ordered community service hours the ability to volunteer with the organization based on the nature, type and/or specifics of their offense. FWHFH will not be a party before the specific Court which orders the service, there is no jurisdiction over the organization and the Courts cannot order FWHFH to allow an individual to volunteer with our organization. Individuals will be judged solely by their offense(s) and not by any other means, including, but not limited to: age, race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

Court Ordered Community Service Application Process

FWHFH will not accept a volunteer for community service credit who is 'being charged, pleading guilty to or having been found guilty of certain serious offenses including but not limited to:

Acceptable Offenses	Unacceptable Offenses
Contempt of Court	Armed Robbery
Perjury	Assault
Child Support	Aggravated Assault
Minor Traffic Violations	Battery
License, Tag and Registration	Kidnapping
Violations	Arson
Minor Drug and Alcohol	Robbery
Violations	Sexual Abuse
Truancy	Sexual Assault
	Rape

Certain offenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis as to whether or not an individual will be allowed to volunteer with FWHFH. Such offenses include but are not limited to: (Drug Possession, Drug Sale Offenses, Violation of Probation, Burglary and Theft).

To apply to complete your court-ordered community service at Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity please submit the following documentation to the Community Engagement Manager, via fax at (260)424-9272, email at loberholtzer@fortwaynehabitat.org or mail to 2020 E Washington Blvd. Suite 500 Fort Wayne, IN 46803:

- 1.) Written documentation from the courts, probation officers and/or their lawyer stating that you are required to complete court ordered community service hours, as well as the specifics of the offense.
- 2.) Court-Ordered Community Service Volunteer Application

NOTE: At minimum it can take up to 3-4 business days for the approval process to be completed once all documentation has been received.

Court Ordered Community Service Volunteer Process

After receiving approval from FWHFH to complete your volunteer hours with us, you will need to complete the following requirements in order to schedule and complete your volunteer hours:

- **Sign Waiver:** You must complete and sign a liability waiver. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you must complete the Minor Liability Waiver and have it signed by a parent or guardian.
- **Schedule Volunteer Opportunities:** All volunteer opportunities can be found on our website <http://fortwaynehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index> or by calling our Volunteer Coordinator. You must sign up in advance for the days you would like to volunteer. As volunteer opportunities may vary, please allow yourself plenty of time to complete your required hours before your due date. We have limited space and want all of our volunteers to have meaningful work when they volunteer with us. With this in mind, if you show up unannounced at the construction site without scheduling in advance, you will be asked to leave.
- **Sign In on the ReStore /Work-Site Sign-in Sheet:** Aside from tracking your hours personally and having them signed by a staff member, we ask that all of our volunteers sign in on our general volunteer sign-in sheet.
- **Work Registered Hours:** If you are unable to work a schedule shift, you will be able to remove yourself from the schedule by cancelling your events up to 24 hours prior to that event. This can be done through the Volunteer Calendar (<http://fortwaynehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index>) or by calling the Community Engagement Manager. After the second date you are scheduled and do not show up without notice, you will be removed from future volunteer dates and no longer able to complete your hours with FWHFH.
- **Record Your Hours:** You are responsible for tracking your hours. If the organization you are doing community service for does not provide you with a sheet to record your hours, you will be required to use a FWHFH tracking sheet to record the date, the time you arrive, the time you leave, and a staff signature.

Once you have acquired the needed hours, please notify the Community Engagement Manager and submit your Community Service Hours tracking sheet. The Community Engagement Manager will sign any documents needed and submit them to you and/or the court and provide a validation letter within five business days. The letter will be on letterhead stating how many hours you completed, and in what capacity. ***Note: No validation letters will be prepared without a validated time sheet. No Exceptions.**

For any questions about the FWHFH Community Service Policy and Procedures, please contact Laura Oberholtzer, Community Engagement Coordinator at loberholtzer@fortwaynehabitat.org or (260)422-4828.



Court Ordered Community Service Application (Construction)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ H W C Email: _____

Offense: _____ Case Number: _____

Hours Needed: _____ To Be Completed By: _____

Supervising Officer: _____ Phone: _____

Guidelines

- **Work Ethic:** We expect that all of our volunteers show up to work on time, respect staff members, and do the work that is needed to be done. We appreciate our volunteers being flexible in this regard. If you are found to be unproductive on the construction site, you will not earn any volunteer hours for that day. If you have completed a task and need something to do you, are required to seek out Habitat staff to be assigned your next task.
- **Breaks:** Breaks are taken on the construction site as needed and lunch is provided. If you have special dietary needs please plan to provide your own lunch.
- **Dress Code:** Please wear boots or sneakers; open-toed shoes are not allowed. Wear appropriate work clothes (shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh and shirts should cover shoulders). Close-toed shoes (tennis shoes or boots) are required. Please do not wear any loose hanging jewelry.
- **Code of Conduct:** We do not permit the use of foul language, drugs or alcohol, or any kind of physical or verbal abuse. If you are caught doing any of the above you will be asked to leave and will not have the opportunity to finish your hours with us.

FWHFH reserves the right to terminate the agreement for community service if the participant is unproductive, fails to adhere to the guidelines, is disruptive or in any way negatively impacts the accomplishments of the organization's mission.

By signing below you agree that you have read the above guidelines, that you understand them, and that you agree to abide by them while volunteering with Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity.

Signature

Date