

“The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation.”

- Pearl S. Buck

#### About Us

Beaches Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in the Jacksonville Beaches. As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we work in partnership with local families and volunteers to build and rehabilitate simple, decent homes for qualified families in need. Recognizing the importance of education in breaking the cycle of poverty, we also offer college scholarships, after-school tutoring and rewards for academic excellence for our partner families.



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# Build hope.

## Help us build hope at the beaches.

Partnering with God and the community, our mission is to eliminate substandard housing in the Jacksonville Beaches. In addition to building quality, affordable homes for qualified families in need at no profit, we also guide our partner families through home ownership and provide educational opportunities so that they may build brighter futures for themselves and their children.

### All are welcome.

Habitat is a partnership founded on common ground - bridging theological differences by putting God's love into action. All who desire to be a part of this work are welcome, regardless of religious preference or background.

## The Habitat Model

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Beaches Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses alongside our homeowner (partner) families. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with zero interest loans. Homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.



## About Collegiate Challenge

Collegiate Challenge is a year-round alternative break program that offers groups of five or more students, 16 years of age and older, the opportunity to visit one of the 200 host affiliates throughout the United States. Students spend one week working in partnership with the local affiliate, community and partner families to help eliminate substandard housing in the area.



## How it works

During the months of February and March, Beaches Habitat hosts groups of 10 to 30 students from up to 10 colleges and universities. The students each make a small donation and commit to volunteering approximately 32 hours on the construction site. In return, Beaches Habitat provides the group with no cost housing, several meals, daily refreshments, construction skills training, and a safe and fun alternative to traditional spring break trips.



## We need your help!

Beaches Habitat relies on the support of local organizations, churches and businesses to provide each student group with the amenities necessary to make their trip a success.

- **Group Host:** Have a large activity center, meeting room or gymnasium with kitchen and shower facilities? Provide the students a place to rest after a hard day on the construction site. Group hosts are asked to make overnight facilities available for a full week.
- **Meal Host:** Hard-working volunteers need fuel to make it through the day. Prepare or provide a meal to keep hungry students motivated. We typically provide a "continental" breakfast on Monday, buffet lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and one "night out" dinner at a local restaurant, park or home any night of the week.

## Find out more!

To learn more about assisting during Collegiate Challenge, please contact:

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Learn more about the mission of Beaches Habitat for Humanity at [www.beacheshabitat.org](http://www.beacheshabitat.org).