

Subject Area

Home Owner Activities

Topic

Sweat Equity Hours

Policy

Dual Habitat partner families (2 adults) must provide a minimum of 500 sweat equity hours before moving into their home.

Single Parent Habitat partner families must provide a minimum of 250 sweat equity hours before moving into their home.

Accountability

All Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity partner families.

Purpose

As part of the Family Selection criteria, families must agree to partner with Habitat in order to purchase a Habitat home. Part of this partnership is the set hours of "sweat equity".

Definitions

Sweat Equity - defined as time actively working on Habitat's mission. For example, home construction, office work, ReStore work, attending classes etc.

Procedures

Below are minimum requirements only; family is encouraged to continue volunteering after hours are completed.

Single Parent Family -

<p>175 hours - Immediate family member who will live in the house.</p>	<p>Seventy five of these hours must be done on something other than their own home. (Office or committee work, ReStore, workshops, construction or rehab of another Habitat home.) Fifty of the seventy five hours must be completed before construction begins on their home.</p>
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Policies & Procedures

	One hundred of these hours must be done on their own home.
75 hours - Persons not a part of the immediate family.	Seventy five of the hours can be worked by the family member or friends and relatives.
250 total	

Dual Parent Family or 2 Adults -

350 hours (175 per person) - Immediate family member who will live in the house.	One hundred fifty (seventy five per person) of these hours must be done on something other than their own home. (Office or committee work, ReStore, workshops, construction or rehab of another Habitat home.) One hundred (fifty per person) of the 150 hours must be completed before construction begins on their home. Two hundred (one hundred per person) of these hours must be done on their own home.
150 hours - Persons not a part of the immediate family.	One hundred fifty of the hours can be worked by the family members or friends and relatives.
500 total	

Disclosure

All exceptions will be made on a case by case basis, approved by Executive Board.

Additional Resources

HfHI guidelines for Family Partnership.