

Partners by Faith

Partners by Faith is an outreach initiative aimed at involving congregations of all faiths, sizes and means in Habitat's ministry.

Richmond's faith community actively extends love and compassion to those in need. Richmond Habitat has many partnerships within this faith community. The Apostles' Build brings together 12 churches to sponsor a Habitat house. District 9 Presbyterian churches have partnered with Richmond Habitat and built 5 homes. Bon Air Friends of Habitat is an interfaith consortium of congregations that has built 11 houses in partnership with Habitat and deserving families. In 2006, eight diverse Christian and non-Christian congregations came together to build the second House of Faith.

Partners by Faith Program. This initiative provides five levels of involvement so each faith community can establish a productive partnership with Habitat to end substandard housing in metro Richmond. All five levels of partnerships will:

- Participate in Habitat for Humanity International's Building on Faith Week dinner help in September

LEVEL 1
Prayer Partners

- Collect a special offering for RMHFH once a year
- RMHFH will provide volunteer opportunities at least once a year
- RMHFH will provide the prayer and activities for Building on Faith Week

LEVEL 2
Faith in Action Partners

- Offer \$1000 gift to RMHFH once a year
- RMHFH will provide volunteer opportunities at least once a year
- RMHFH will recognize partners in HOMEfront, our bi-monthly newsletter

LEVEL 3
Apostles' Builders

- Contribute \$4,800 gift toward the Apostles' Build. (Part of these monies will go to the Tithe)
- RMHFH will provide volunteer opportunities through the Apostles' Build
- RMHFH will recognize partners on our website, www.richmondhabitat.org, including a link
- RMHFH will organize a celebration for the new homeowner and the partners
- RMHFH will recognize partners in HOMEfront and our annual

LEVEL 4
Faith Builders

- Collaborate with self-directed build enterprises, such as Bon Air Friends, House of Faith and Peace House for full funding of \$65,000.
- Provide all volunteer labor and finance a Habitat house
- RMHFH will supply speakers to promote the sponsorship with the congregation
- RMHFH will organize the house's dedication
- RMHFH will recognize partners in HOMEfront and our annual report

LEVEL 5
Faith Sponsors

- Provide \$65,000 to build a simple, decent, affordable house with Habitat and a partner family (Tithe fee not included)
- Supply volunteer labor for 8 weeks
- RMHFH will provide publicity – local news outlets, greater faith affiliation's publications (conference, synod, and diocese)
- RMHFH will provide speakers to educate the congregation about substandard housing and opportunities for the youth to volunteer and learn about the mission
- RMHFH will recognize partners in HOMEfront and our annual report