

Asheville Area HFH | Asheville, NC



In late September 2024, Hurricane Helene struck western North Carolina, bringing destructive winds and record-breaking rainfall. It became the costliest natural disaster in the state's history, claiming more than 100 lives, destroying homes and infrastructure, and leaving communities without power, transportation, and communication for weeks.

Despite experiencing damages of their own, Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity quickly emerged as a beacon of resilience and hope. Within just one month, they launched an application portal for disaster-related home repairs and maintained nearly every closing date for homes already under construction. They are committed to rebuilding 60 homes in the next 3 years and expanding access to affordable housing in a region where the need is now greater than ever.

Lend your hands and heart to the recovery effort—help rebuild with a community rising stronger than before.



Estimated program donation range

Thrivent benefit members: \$695 - \$845

Thrivent associate members and all others: \$1,145 - \$1,295

About your program cost

There are two components to your program donation: program location expenses and a donation to the local Habitat affiliate.

Thrivent's contributions help offset program costs for domestic builds, making participation more affordable. In addition, Thrivent helps fund the donation portion on behalf of all participants, covering the donation in full for Thrivent clients with benefit membership and in part for all others.

Number of days

7 – Sunday-Saturday

Type of build

Home construction

Program description

When you join this build, you will work alongside Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity to build homes, community, and hope with their new construction team, local volunteers, and other supporters. Depending on the stage of the home, volunteers can expect to:

- Form foundations
- Frame and raise walls
- Install windows, doors, and siding
- Paint siding and the home interior
- Lay flooring
- Install interior doors and trim
- Assemble cabinets
- Build fences and sheds
- Landscape

Off the work site, you will have the opportunity to explore the local area including local parks, markets, and other activities your team leader arranges.

Lodging and meals

You will stay at a local hotel. Meals will vary slightly from day to day. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel. The affiliate will provide lunch on build days. Dinner will be at local restaurants. We are fully prepared to adjust meals for dietary restrictions.

Itinerary

Sunday: Arrive. Arrive at Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) by 4pm. Meet the team at the airport and head to the hotel. Check into the hotel and enjoy your first team dinner.

Monday: Welcome & Build. Meet the Asheville Area HFH staff for orientation on-site and your first build day.

Tuesday-Thursday: Build. Spend the day on the build site, breaking for lunch, snacks and water. You'll have free time and team activities in the evenings. *Wednesday only:* Teams work a half day on site, with lunch on your own, and a dinner with staff and Habitat families.

Friday: Build & Explore. Spend the morning on the build site and break at lunch with the afternoon for team activities.

Saturday: Goodbyes. Continue your journey independently or depart for home.

