

INTERFAITH BUILD GROUP UPDATE

OCTOBER 2018 NEWS & UPDATES

We had a beautiful afternoon for the Blessing of the Site, Sunday 30 September 2018, the sun filtering down through the trees into the clearing on the site off Glendale Road where two modular and one stick-build home will eventually be situated. We were joined by neighbors, Habitat volunteers, city officials, funders and supporters including representatives of the faith community. Members of the three freshly selected future homeowner families gave moving testimonies about what this opportunity means to each of them. Pastor Michael McSherry of Edwards Church spoke a little about the House(s) That Faith Built before Reverend Janet Bush of the Northampton/Florence Unitarian Society shared words of blessing and inspiration to end the ceremony.

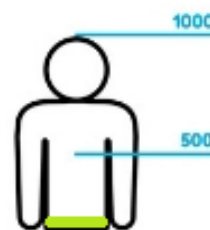
And with that...we're off! The modular boxes are being delivered from the factory in VT on October 17th and set on the 18th! Volunteers did work to prep the foundations to get ready for the delivery and volunteers will be needed to install siding in the coming weeks. The Unitarian Society provided a welcome dinner to the group of Caravanners who are here for two weeks to help on the site, and First Congregational Church of Hadley has offered to make lunch for work crews one Saturday a month, thank you. Share with us what your community is doing to raise funds and volunteer on/for the Interfaith Build!

Before volunteering on the Habitat worksite, we ask that individuals attend a new volunteer orientation session. New volunteer orientations are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm and the third Saturday at 9 am at the Habitat office. Prefer to do an orientation at your house of worship? If you have a group of ten or more interested individuals, contact Lindsay Berry, volunteer coordinator, at the Habitat office at 413-586-5430 to set up a time for her to visit. To date, we have received pledges from 7 faith organizations pledging a total of \$14,000 and close to 500 volunteer hours. That puts us almost halfway to the goal on both fronts! Including funds from the kickoff concert in June, we have received \$6,387.

Gingerbread Build: Saturday 1 December, 12:30 pm, Eastworks, Easthampton
Looking for a way to involve youth or others who are not interested in construction but would like to support the Interfaith Build? Register teams of four now for this fun afternoon of friendly competition and truly small home building. Go to www.pvhabitat.org/events/gingerbread-build for more information (including award categories) and to register.

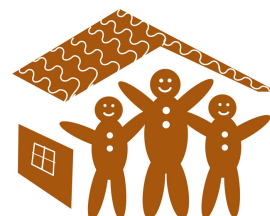
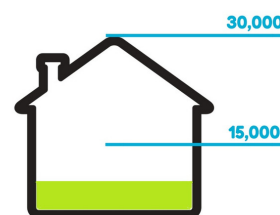


VOLUNTEER HOURS



Note: We are just starting to collect your hours! Enter them here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/wJVYDZD4jBYeO2dC2>

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