Construction Roles & Lingo

**Regular volunteer** – A volunteer who makes a commitment to volunteer 2 or more times per month on the construction site for six months or more. Typically, this is a weekly commitment that lasts throughout an entire build.

**Team Build** – A designated volunteer day for volunteers who want to give back to the community as a group. They make a monetary donation to PVHH in addition to gathering a group of 4 to 8 people to build. The groups can vary from work colleagues, rotary club members or college clubs.

**Individual community volunteer** – Someone who attends an orientation and signs up to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis when they are available. Not a Regular or part of a Team Build.

**Site supervisor** – A volunteer who supervises the construction tasks of the day. The supervisor is in charge of checking in the volunteers, leading a safety talk and providing instruction on the job site.

**Crew leader** – A volunteer who supports the site supervisor in leading small groups of unskilled volunteers in a specific task.

**Build Team** – This is a group of volunteers who take leadership for the planning and implementation of a build. They meet regularly prior to construction and weekly during construction. Build team members bring a variety of skills for project management and construction.

**Building Committee** – This is a standing committee of volunteers that meets monthly to hear reports from build teams and develop organizational policy. The building committee helps to facilitate communication between different areas of the organization that deal with construction.

**Hospitality** – Volunteers who provide snacks or beverages to show appreciation for the construction volunteers.

**Construction Coordinator** – A part-time staff person at PVHH who supports the build team in prepping for build days and responding to warranty call-backs.

**Construction Manager** – A part-time consultant to PVHH who is the licensed construction supervisor on our building permit who has final say on any code related issues. They provide support to site supervisors and build teams on how to implement construction details.

**Intern** – A paid temporary staff person at PVHH who works in construction and administration.

**Future Homeowner** – A person who has been selected to partner with Habitat to build and purchase a home. Sometimes called a “partner family”. The Future Homeowner will complete “sweat equity” by volunteering on the construction site and in other roles for PVHH.