

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE



Habitat Interfaith Build

Beth El Social Action Committee is co-sponsoring another interfaith build

Beth El has partnered with members of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities to sponsor another Habitat home. Please consider volunteering!

What is Habitat for Humanity of Durham?

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit housing organization that builds homes for working families in Durham whose housing is unsound, unsafe or overcrowded. Habitat builds new homes and sells them at no interest. The no-interest loan as well as donations of time and money allow Habitat to offer an affordable mortgage payment to families who don't qualify for traditional mortgages. Since 1985 Habitat of Durham has broken ground on more than 225 homes!

Who are the partners?

The following congregations and organizations are participating in the project:

Beth El Synagogue	St. Philip's Episcopal Church
Duke Center for Jewish Life	St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Hillel	St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Duke Episcopal Center	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
Duke Muslim Student Association	St. Titus Episcopal Church
Islamic Center on Fayetteville Street	Durham Congregations in Action

Who is the house for?

Habitat homeowners seek a hand up, not a hand out. Families contribute a minimum of 250 hours of "sweat equity" toward their homes. This time spent building their homes and the homes of their Habitat neighbors is given in lieu of a financial down payment. Habitat homes are sold at their appraised value and families repay their mortgage in full. Homeowner mortgage payments help build future Habitat homes.

The Interfaith sponsored home will be built in partnership with Dul Rahlan and Bop Siu who emigrated from Vietnam with their eight children. Dul has been a permanent resident since February 2005. Bop and their children joined him in Durham two years ago. They have five sons and three daughters ranging in age from 4 to 21. The family currently lives in a three bedroom house that is too small for their large family.



The Rahlan Family
left to right

Chau (18, yellow shirt), Kam (15, white shirt), Justin (21, blue plaid), Dul (dad), Bop (mom), Be (7, pink pants), Kim (9, white shirt), Sam (13, green shirt), Thahn (4, in mom's lap), and Jon (20, gray shirt).

Where will the house be built?

The Rahlan's home will be built at 1009 Carroll St. in Southwest Central Durham (directions below). This is the back-yard community to Duke's West Campus and an area with great historic pride. There are five local neighborhood associations that comprise Southwest Central Durham. They are connected through a grassroots neighborhood association called the Southwest Central Quality of Life Project which leads the redevelopment of their community. Habitat builds here in partnership with the community and in partnership with Duke University, the Durham Community Land Trustees and Self-Help Community Development Corporation. Habitat of Durham has built over 40 homes in this community helping to transform the community. With rebuilding there has been a 50% average reduction in reported crime.



Build site...



and design of Rahlan's home

How can you participate?

1. Come to the dedication and first day of work

Construction of the Rahlan's home will begin on Sunday, October 18. We invite you to join us at 1009 Carroll St. at 1 pm for an interfaith blessing of the build which will be followed by a short work-day until 3 pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

2. Work on the house during Sundays between October 18-December 13.

Although there will be work on the house on other days of the week, Beth El will be providing part of the crew for the Sundays listed below. The shift is 10am-3pm, with lunch provided by one of the co-sponsors.

3. Provide lunch.

Beth El is responsible for providing snacks and lunch on November 8 & December 13, enough to feed about 25 people. Habitat provides bottled water. On other dates, those who provide lunch will be asked to provide foods appropriate for observant Jews and Muslims.

4. Each build day there will be a prayer leader from one of the co-sponsoring faith communities to help us learn about each others' traditions. Beth El members can volunteer to help plan for the days we provide that leadership (same days we provide lunch).

5. Make a contribution.

Whether or not you can help in any other way, money is always helpful! Please make contributions to the Beth El Social Action Committee, Attn: Habitat project.

Beth El build dates:

Day	Date	Time	Beth El provides lunch
Sun	18-Oct	1-3 pm	-
Sun	25-Oct	10 am – 3 pm	USY WILL PROVIDE!
Sun	1-Nov	10 am – 3 pm	-
Sun	8-Nov	10 am – 3 pm	YES
Sun	15-Nov	10 am – 3 pm	-
Sun	22-Nov	10 am – 3 pm	-
Sun	6-Dec	10 am – 3 pm	-
Sun	13-Dec	10 am – 3 pm	YES

Can kids participate?

Habitat rules are clear and are for your safety:

Under 14: not allowed on the site

14-16: can work on landscaping and other non-construction activities

16-18: can do construction, but no power tools

What skills do you need?

None!!! Honest!! Habitat provides skilled crew leaders and experienced co-workers who will provide all the on-the-job training we need. People who have never hammered a nail can do this! Ask someone who's done it before.

How do I sign up or get more information?

Please contact Laura Svetkey: Svetk001@mc.duke.edu or 919-942-3162

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT !

Directions to build site:

From the Durham Expressway/Hwy 147 take exit 13. Turn onto Chapel Hill St., driving away from downtown. After passing over 147 (or after turning onto Chapel Hill St.) get into the left lane and turn left at the light onto Buchanan Blvd. Go 1 block and turn right onto Jackson St. Take your next left onto Carroll St. When Carroll St. seems to dead end into Morehead Ave., turn left and then take a quick right to continue on Carroll St. 1009 Carroll St. is on the left.