Corporate Team Build and Partnership Opportunities
**Why Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity?**

Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Since 1985, we have served close to 100 families in our local community through home construction and rehab. Homes are sold at the appraised value through a 20-30 year affordable mortgage. **Families are selected based on three criteria: housing need** (current housing is inadequate, substandard, or unaffordable); **ability to pay** (household income is between 30% to 60% of the HUD area median income and credit history shows ability to repay the loan); **willingness to partner** (must complete up to 240-360 hours of sweat equity and financial literacy certification).

**A Team Build Experience Like No Other!**

Through your partnership with Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, your employees will be part of a significant and profound team build experience and **your company will stand out as a leader in your community**. It is a wonderful opportunity to build a sense of camaraderie and friendship among employees while involving them in a truly meaningful community development effort to end substandard housing.

**Benefits to Your Company and Employees**

- Empowerment of staff
- Increased trust and communication
- Encouragement of leadership and problem solving skills
- Greater understanding of strengths and abilities
- Cultivation of a sense of community within your company
- Leveling of the playing field among employees
- Changing the lives of a family forever while helping to transform a community

**How Do We Get Involved?**

Groups consist of 5 to 12 people (per day/site) who join together and spend the day learning more about one another while building a Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity home. All **volunteers** will be required to register with us online to ensure safety on our worksites.

**What is a Typical Work Day and What Do Volunteers Need to Know?**

Volunteers will arrive on site by 8:15 a.m. ready to work! **Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity will provide all necessary tools and equipment in addition to a construction supervisor for a fun-filled, productive work day.** Upon arrival at the construction site, volunteers are given a brief Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity overview and safety orientation before work begins. Regular breaks will be given in addition to a lunch break. Some companies cater lunch to the worksite while other companies have employees bring their lunches. The work day wraps up around 4:00 p.m. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather and always wear closed toe shoes. They may wish to bring their own work gloves or favorite tools.

**What Leadership Roles are Available for Volunteers?**

Several leadership positions are available for groups. First, we ask each group to assign a main contact and ‘site leader’ (construction knowledge helpful). In addition, forming a planning committee is an ideal way to engage more employees at a higher level. Key roles may include: volunteer recruitment, fundraising, logistics, food and beverages, marketing, social networking and photography. Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity staff is happy to assist you in structuring a committee for full potential.
Partnership Opportunities

Platinum Partner $100,000 (House Sponsor)
All benefits below plus:
- Up to 8 volunteer work days* (up to 12 volunteers per day)
- Opportunity to speak at home dedication

Gold Partner $50,000
All benefits below plus:
- Up to 6 volunteer work days* (up to 12 volunteers per day)
- Co-branded t-shirts
- 10 tickets to our annual Gala

Silver Partner $25,000
All benefits below plus:
- Up to 4 volunteer work days* (up to 12 volunteers per day)
- Conspicuous recognition for 12-18 months on construction build site signage

Bronze Partner $10,000
All benefits below plus:
- Up to 2 volunteer days* (up to 12 volunteers per day)
- Press news release
- Acknowledgement on Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity’s website
- Acknowledgement on Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity’s online e-newsletter ‘Views From The Porch’ – 10,000 subscribers
- Use of Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity logo and/or name in your company communications
- Acknowledgement in dedication program

Team Build Day Blue Partner $5000
- One volunteer build day (up to 12 volunteers per day)
- Recognition in Fall newsletter’s Honor Roll
- Onsite photo opportunity
- Acknowledgement on social media

*exclusive to each level (not cumulative)

Why is there a cost associated with the program?
It takes both volunteer labor and financial support to keep Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity homes affordable for local hardworking families. The cost to build a new Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity home (without accounting for volunteer labor) is approximately $150,000. Without volunteers AND corporate partners, Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity would not be able to help as many families in need of a hand-up. Your financial support truly matters as we work to change lives and strengthen neighborhoods.

Get Involved Today!
Contact Bob Roetger, Director of Development at (978) 681-8858 or bob@merrimackvalleyhabitat.org to get started.