



## Beaumont Habitat for Humanity Visiting Volunteer Information

**Upon Arrival:** There are two options for lodgings: Holiday Inn hotel, or YMCA. The Holiday Inn Midtown (2095 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street at IH-10) is giving our Habitat volunteers a discounted rate of \$39.99 / night. The hotel has a restaurant and bar and is very close to the freeway. The other option is to stay at the YMCA in Port Arthur (6760 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Port Arthur 77642) at a rate of \$30.00/week per person. At this location, you would be sleeping on a cot in a large room with other individuals and using the YMCA's shower facilities and kitchen.

Please let us know your lodging preference and we will make the necessary reservations. If you choose to stay at the Holiday Inn, you simply tell the front desk that you are with Beaumont Habitat and inform them of your room choice (single/double).

At both facilities, upon arrival you will find an orientation packet for you that includes directions to the build site, entertainment information about Beaumont, construction safety tips, general information about the city and contact information for our affiliate.

Please note that we do NOT provide local transportation. You will need to arrange transportation to and from the worksite. Please do not plan to rely on public transportation (bus) since this is very limited and unreliable.

**Work Schedule:** Beaumont Habitat for Humanity operates a six-day build schedule – Monday through Saturday. For visiting volunteers we leave Saturday open as your return travel day and assume that you will be working with us Monday through Friday. If you choose to work on Saturday, we would love to have you, but we plan this day usually as a “local volunteer day” when more of our partner families and local community volunteers come out.

Each day, we start the workday at 8:00 am and work until 3:00 pm. At 3:00 we begin packing up the tools and cleaning the site for the evening.

**Monday:** Please be at the build site (directions will be in your orientation packet) by 7:45 am. If you have not already sent in a liability waiver, you may turn it in at this time to the staff members on site. You will sign in and receive a name tag (these help our construction staff learn your name). The Beaumont Habitat Construction Superintendent,

or one of his Construction Managers, will provide a detailed safety orientation and explain the day's tasks. After a morning devotional, you will be assigned to a work group for the day.

**Things to bring with you:** Please bring your own work gloves. If you have a favorite tool belt and hammer, feel free to bring them along, but do NOT bring your own power tools. Bring loose-fitting lightweight clothing for spring through fall. For winter, layers are best since the weather is variable. Make sure that your footwear is sturdy and suitable for a worksite (NO open toe, flip flop, or slip-on footwear is allowed on the site.)

**What we provide:** We provide all needed tools (hand and power), along with protective eyewear, sunscreen, water and Gatorade. We also provide lunch (usually sandwiches, sometimes more exciting fare) onsite.

**Age requirements:** In order to work on the Beaumont Habitat for Humanity construction site, you must be at least 16 years of age. If you are under the age of 16 you will NOT be permitted on the worksite. Youth groups with members younger than 16 must make prior arrangements with our affiliate so that alternate activities can be arranged (shed builds, etc).

*Thank you for choosing Beaumont Habitat for Humanity as your volunteer location!  
While we have done much to rebuild from hurricane Rita, there is still so much work to  
be done! God bless!*