

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha: Faithful Builder Coalition

Address: 3019 Pratt Street

By Clyde Anderson

How to Sign Up - All volunteers must register online using Habitat's CERVIS registration portal. To register for your volunteer shift, go to <https://tinyurl.com/faithfulbuilders2019>.

If you used the Habitat website last year, login with your email address and password. If you are a new volunteer, enter your email address and click on the blue line "Don't know password". A new screen will appear requesting your First Name. Then click on the box "Email me my password." When that email arrives at your Inbox, use the new password to finish the login. If you are a new volunteer, follow the on-screen prompts to set up a profile.

Once you are logged in, a list of workdays will appear on your screen. Just click on the box in the left column for the work date you would like to sign up for. A reminder will be sent to your email address. Here is the remaining 2019 Work Schedule:

Faithful Builder's – Remaining 2019 schedule

House Address – 3019 Pratt Street

Day/date	Activity	Number of Volunteers
Saturday, August 31, 2019	Siding, deck	25
Friday, Sept 27, 2019	Drywall	25
Saturday, Sept 28, 2019	Drywall	25
Friday, October 11, 2019	Paint	20
Saturday, October 12, 2019	Doors and trim, kitchen cabinets	25
Saturday, October 19, 2019	Trim, finish work	25
Saturday, October 26, 2019	Clean up (1/2 day – no lunch)	10

In addition to Larry and Clyde, Craig Piquette and Nancy VanderSluis have volunteered to help with the Faithful Builders Habitat Project this year. Darrel Draper did the home blessing on July 27th.

We still need volunteers for the remaining workdays. See the schedule above.

Why is the October 12th construction day highlighted in yellow? Second Unitarian will be providing morning snack and lunch for the 25 workers. If construction skills aren't your thing, perhaps you would like to join our Food Team! Contact JoAnne Draper if you would like to help.

Workday Report – Saturday, August 31, 2019

Two volunteers from Second Unitarian helped with the Habitat Project on August 31st: Larry Kurtz and Clyde Anderson. There was a total of 15 volunteers on Saturday. Although it had rained earlier in the morning, workers were treated with mostly overcast skies and mild temperatures — great weather for the exterior work that had to be completed. This was the last workday before a four-week break when contractors will install the electrical, plumbing, and heating/AC system. When that work is completed, Omaha city inspectors will visit the site to verify that all the work completed meets City codes before volunteers start installing the drywall on Friday, September 27th.

8:00 AM Sat., Aug. 31 – This is how the house looked when volunteers arrived. The siding was mostly completed on the east and south sides and partially completed on the west and north sides. The roof is installed. Inside all the walls are framed ready for the plumbers, electricians, and HVAC contractors. This is view is from the street looking southwest.



Clyde Anderson photo

8:00 AM – View of the north side of the home. Workers are getting organized to complete the siding and other exterior trim work. Habitat for Humanity no longer uses vinyl siding on its homes because of its susceptibility to damage in hailstorms. Instead, Habitat now uses LP primed engineered lap siding. The ½” thick by 8” wide and 16’ long siding boards are a particle-board like material that is coated and pre-primed. It is easy to saw and carry, but it helps to predrill nail holes to fasten.



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It’s about lunch time, and workers are busy completing the siding over the front entrance. That’s the sawing workstation on the right, and Larry Kurtz in the gray shirt is getting a piece of siding cut for the west side of the garage.



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About 3:00 PM – Larry and I helped install the siding on the west side of the garage. There is only room for two workers to install the siding at the peak. Workers also caulked the siding seams and nails. The exterior walls will be painted later this Fall. The neighbor's home behind Larry is only about 8 feet from the new home.



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About 3:00 PM – This second sawing table specialized in cutting the angled pieces of siding to fit in the peaks. Here workers finish cutting the last few pieces needed to complete the west side of the garage. By now we enjoyed a hazy sunshine, and most of the mud from the early morning rain had dried up. It takes about 45" to clean up the site and put the tools away, and it's usually almost 4:00 PM before the last workers leave for home.

