



Veterans Build

Our mission:

Habitat for Humanity provides homeownership, critical home repairs, employment and volunteer engagement opportunities to U.S. veterans, military service members and their families.

Since 2013, Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build has served the housing needs of returning veterans. Habitat empowers military and veteran families in nearly 300 communities to achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance to build better lives for themselves. We focus our efforts in five areas:

1. Safe, decent, affordable housing is the centerpiece of Veterans Build. In many communities, Habitat has expanded programs to maintain and preserve homes and make them more energy-efficient and affordable. In partnership with the Home Depot Foundation, Habitat developed the Repair Corps program to offer critical home repairs to veteran homeowners.
2. We are training Habitat employees and volunteers in communities throughout the U.S. to better understand the military culture and increase effectiveness in interacting with veterans and military families. We offer financial education and literacy programs to support successful homeownership among veteran and military homeowners.
3. We capitalize on skill sets gained from military service by recruiting military veterans to work with Habitat for Humanity International or the Habitat office in their community as employees, board members, extended volunteers, National Service members, interns or fellows.
4. We provide volunteer experiences that can bring together veterans and military families with their neighbors, bridging the gap and easing the transition to civilian life with fulfilling community engagement.
5. Throughout the year, we host and participate in special events that pay tribute to veterans, raise awareness and mobilize volunteers.

To further our work in the Chicago area, Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity is hiring a Veteran Engagement Specialist based in Chicago, Illinois.

- In this newly created position, you will be responsible for developing the capacity of Chicagoland-area Habitat for Humanity affiliates to serve the housing needs of the veteran community.
- Experience with Veteran organizations is critical because you will be responsible for identifying and developing partnerships with veteran organizations, state and local government entities, and other non-profit organizations.
- To ensure sustainability, you will develop training tools that serve Habitat's affiliated organizations in their outreach to and service with the veteran community. This position is based in Chicago, Illinois.

Please see the full job description at www.chicagolandhabitat.org

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter and resume to ves@chicagolandhabitat.org by September 25, 2020



Veteran Engagement Specialist Job Description August 27, 2020

About Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity (CHFH) is a support organization for the eight Habitat for Humanity affiliates serving the Chicagoland area (i.e., Cook County and the five collar counties of northeastern Illinois). These Habitat affiliates build and repair homes in their communities and support families, in collaboration with the community. CHFH supports affiliates and leverages Habitat's regional capacity by providing financial resources, organizational assistance, shared services and metro-wide communications and coordination of efforts.

About the Position

Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity (CHFH) is currently seeking a full-time dedicated professional to serve as a Veteran Engagement Specialist (VES). The VES is responsible for developing the capacity of Chicagoland-area Habitat for Humanity affiliates to serve the housing needs of the veteran community. The VES will be responsible for identifying and developing partnerships with veteran organizations, state and local government entities, and other non-profits to strengthen relationships that will enable Habitat to better serve veterans. Solid-line reporting to the CEO of CHFH and dotted-line reporting to the HFHI Director of Veterans Build, the VES is also responsible for developing training tools that serve Habitat's affiliated organizations in their outreach to and service with the veteran community. This position is based in Chicago, Illinois.

Position Responsibilities

** Map resources and analyze current affordable housing context for veterans, including other veteran-serving housing supports

** Work in collaboration with HFHI, CHFH and area affiliates to implement a successful program

** Identify/develop close working relationships with organizations that will strengthen Habitat's work in the veteran community

** Identify/promote and/or facilitate regular meetings with veteran-serving organizations and support groups

** Develop close working relationship with the Habitat affiliates, and an understanding of the context in which each is working, then collaboratively outline program goals and strategies that can be leveraged to better serve veterans' housing needs.

** Work with other HFHI and CHFH staff to outline marketing and communication pieces for the Veterans program

** Identify and secure funding sources to support CHFH's veteran program expansion

** Outline metrics to define success, and track and measure progress



Position Requirements

- ** Bachelor's Degree or equivalent education and experience
- ** 4 years of experience with veterans' organizations or military experience. Candidate who is a veteran or a veteran's spouse preferred.
- ** 3-5 years of experience in a program coordination position preferred
- ** Demonstrated experience in developing and delivering training
- ** Excellent written and oral communication skills
- ** Detail oriented with strong organizational skills and ability to meet deadlines
- ** Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- ** Strong interpersonal skills and a positive attitude
- ** Strong problem-solving skills and ability to multi-task
- ** Ability to analyze data in service of strategic planning preferred
- ** Critical analytical skills, especially in situations where the issues are not fully defined preferred
- ** Working knowledge of Microsoft software, internet and basic office equipment
- ** Current Driver's License and ability to drive a car. Position may require travel within the Chicagoland region, and occasionally, out of state.

Position Benefits

- ** Annual Salary of \$55,000-\$65,000 plus health and dental benefits, vacation package

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