



## CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

### **What we build and where:**

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity builds two single-family houses per year. Each house comes with a shed. We build energy efficient houses and obtain 5-Star Energy ratings and excellent HERS index scores from Efficiency Vermont.

In our Jennifer Lane neighborhood (Manchester), the first seven houses we built were two-stories with full basements. In 2016, we built a one-story, three-bedroom house with a full basement in this neighborhood.

At our North Branch Street development in Bennington, we build one-story, single-family houses, slab-on-grade.

Construction volunteers help in all aspects of construction, except the following, for which we hire subcontractors: foundation work, plumbing, heating, and electrical. Depending on the pitch of the roof, volunteers will do the roof work. (We do not allow volunteers to work above a single-story.)

### **What we provide and expect on the work site:**

Bennington County Habitat provides all the tools and gear volunteers need for a build day. Please feel free to bring your own favorite tool belt, if you wish. Also keep in mind the following:

- Appropriate attire is required. Please wear a T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt.
- Sturdy boots or shoes are required on the construction site.
- No jewelry or loose clothing is permitted.
- No smoking is permitted.
- No cell phones are allowed on the work site.

### **Who you will build with:**

Bennington County Habitat hires a Construction Supervisor for each work site. This person will direct the construction work each day of the build. The Construction Supervisor will begin the day by bringing everyone together as a group to go over safety and explain the work for the day.

### **Safety is our number one priority:**

Please watch the [Safety Video](#) produced by Lockton Affinity for Habitat affiliates at this website:

<http://hfhaffiliateinsurance.com/safety-managers>

To test your safety knowledge, consider taking the short four online safety courses offered by Lockton Affinity on the same website page as the safety video under the link titled: *Online Safety Training Courses, Begin Now.*

Thank you for your good work building homes in partnership with people in need of safe, decent, energy-efficient houses. Thank you for putting your hearts and your hands in to action to make affordable homeownership a reality. We are grateful to you.